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Kayanne Horgan, left, Anne Clifford, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Michelle Costelloe, Aisling Costelloe Thérèse McDonagh, enjoying the Racing at the May Festival meeting at Killarney Race Course on Monday night. Photo:Valerie O'Sullivan



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Aisling Crosbie.

## FROM THE EDITOR

With the town expecting a bumper weekend with the clash of Kerry and Mayo on Sunday, we have a bumper magazine for you this week.

Killarney Races May Festival was a fabulous success, we have a call to let the wild flowers bloom and the Lions Club teed off for their 40th anniversary.

The First Holy Communion season continues, Kelsey has been chosen as the Kerry Rose and St. Brendan's have preserved the past.

Killarney Celtic Girls have won the inaugural Padraig Harnett Memorial Tournament, Kerry FC claim their first win and Kayleigh Cronin has been announced as the Player of the Month.

Hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

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# MayFest got the season off to a flying start at Killarney Racecourse



**M**ayFest at Killarney Racecourse took place on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, kicking off the season at the popular track in great style.

Sunday was an all jump racecard with the feature race being the Tote Killarney National, won in impressive fashion by Pont Aval. Sean O'Keefe rode a patient race, making steady headway before racing away after the last fence. This was the final leg of Willie Mullins' treble on the card.

The opening day of the festival was also Family Day which saw record-breaking crowds, where The Art House got all the kids involved in the activities on offer and Racecourse Ambassador Bryan Cooper was on hand to meet all the upcoming junior jockeys in attendance.

Shecouldbeanything won the Easy Clean Tourist Attraction Mares Hurdle (Listed). On her previous start, she won at the Punchestown Festival, while before that she was sixth in the Jack De Bromhead Mares' Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham. Shecouldbeanything is a quality mare and looks to have a bright future ahead of her. The valuable Oyster Tavern Handicap Hurdle went the way of Mighty Tom, who is trained by Kerry native Cian Collins. The Galway Hurdle is the next big target for the horse.

Monday was an evening meeting, all jump racing again with the feature race being the An Ríocht Steeplechase won by Saint Sam, who is likely to receive an entry in the Galway Plate and there is plenty more improvement to come from this six year-old. Willie Mullins went one better on Monday and enjoyed a fantastic four-timer. Absurde, a €260,000 purchase from France, made a successful start over hurdles and looks to be an exciting prospect.

Tuesday closed MayFest in fine style with an all-flat card and beautiful sunshine. Trainer Joseph O'Brien won the opening three races on the card, completing the feat in the Fesco Maiden with Arniemac at 4/1. The feature race The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Fillies Race was won in dramatic style with Ma Belle Artiste winning by just a head in the end to beat the 2/1 favourite in the race Impact Warrior.

Chairman of Killarney Races, Billy O'Sullivan commented "What a start to the season here at Killarney Races, a great few days were enjoyed by all. There was a real sense of community, lots of families enjoying the facilities and top-class racing, it was superb. Now it's onwards and upwards for our July Festival!"

With three more festivals to look forward to in July, August and October if you haven't been it is well worth checking out, visit Killarneyraces.ie where you can book tickets, hospitality, group packages, club membership and more.



Pictured at Killarney Races on Sunday were Billy O'Sullivan, Secretary, Pam Treacy, Killarney Races Ambassador, retired jockey Bryan Cooper and Con O'Mahony.  
Photo: Don MacMonagle



Editor of Killarney Outlook, Aisling Crosbie presents Richie Galwey with the winning plate for the last race at the May Meeting at Killarney Race Course which was sponsored by Outlook Publications. The winning horse Taipan is owned by Jessica Harrington.

## KERRY STARS TOP FUNDING ALLOCATION AS €4,403,073 WELCOMED

**K**erry Stars, the Special Olympic Club based in Killarney is one of 42 projects across Kerry to benefit from the first ever Community Recognition Fund with a massive €992,022 allocated to the group for a social and leisure activity hall for sport and fitness of the special needs athletes.

The Government has announced €50 million in funding for over 880 projects as part of the Community Recognition Fund.

The major initiative is designed to support and reward communities that have welcomed families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries.

There has been a broad welcome for the funding, the details of which were made during a visit to Lourdes Parish Hall on Dublin's Sean McDermott Street by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys, Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly and Minister of State Joe O'Brien.

Other projects in Killarney to benefit are

**Listry GAA** - Upgrade existing walking track and make walking track more accessible to all community members - €20,000

**Listry Community Council**-

Upgrade outdoor play facilities

for members of community €20,000

**Christmas in Killarney Festival** - New Christmas street lighting for all to enjoy - €40,000

**Ballyspillane Community and Family Resource Centre** (Killarney)

- Transform storage space into a new consultation therapy / meeting room with ancillary works included €22,000

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**Killarney Immigrant Support Centre (KASI)** -

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# TIME TO LET WILD FLOWERS BLOOM

**A** Killarney beekeeper with a huge interest in nature has called on the local council to allow wild flowers bloom in Killarney.

Niall Keogh took photographs of these rare orchids close to the entrance to Killarney Sports and Leisure centre on the bypass road on Monday evening, however they are in danger of being mowed by the local council.

"The area from there down along the Pike Hill is rich in glorious wild flowers, a true haven for our beleaguered and increasingly endangered pollinators", Niall told Killarney Outlook.

"In late April I noticed for the first time since I began living in this area in 1987 cowslips just beginning to bloom on the road side verge. The following day they and the other emerging wildflowers were mown. This despite a recent campaign in which all households received literature via An Post promoting "No Mow May" to drive home the importance of allowing wild flowers to bloom during late spring and summer in our lawns to halt the perilous ongoing decline in our pollinating insects of all kinds", Niall added.

"I presume this campaign stems from our national government's declaration of a BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY.

Surely our local government should be striving to do its utmost to promote this campaign and lead by example. Alas I fear the beautiful orchids on the bye-pass Road may not get the chance to be pollinated and set seed for future years", he said.

Reducing mowing will allow summer wild flowers to blossom and help tremendously in saving our pollinators from further decline.

"In my own garden I've allowed islands of uncut

grass to grow after the spring bulbs have faded and what I've noticed is over the last few years

an increasing variety of wild flowers are emerging of their own accord. No mowing, weeding or transplanting required only let Mother Nature get on with it", Niall said. "The area on the by-pass road if left alone will shortly be embellished with, birds-foot-trefoil, red and white clover, daisies and ox-eye daisies, bugles, self heal, cuckoo flowers, black medick, speedwells, buttercups, pig nuts and as of recently cowslips and orchids and possibly more", he said.

"All these native wild flowers have evolved with our native pollinators over thousands of years. There will be no need to employ anybody to "look after" these wild flowers thus a saving in money and CO2 emissions. After these wildflowers have finished blooming and set seed they can be mown then. Couldn't Killarney proclaim itself as a town doing its best to tackle the biodiversity emergency by stopping mowing or reducing it to help our vital pollinators. Perhaps little information placards could be placed strategically informing passers-by what wild flowers are growing in any particular place and what pollinating insects are attracted by them. Wouldn't such an initiative be much better than the continual mowing".



## LUNA IS FOUND SAFE AND WELL

**A** much loved family pet who went missing in the Faha area on Friday night has been found safe and well after four days.



Luna was posted on many websites including Killarney Outlook Facebook and was spotted in a field near Faha National School by a local couple who were out walking. Luna was staying with relatives while her family were on holidays when she went missing and her family feared she was trying to make her way back to her home in Kilcummin,

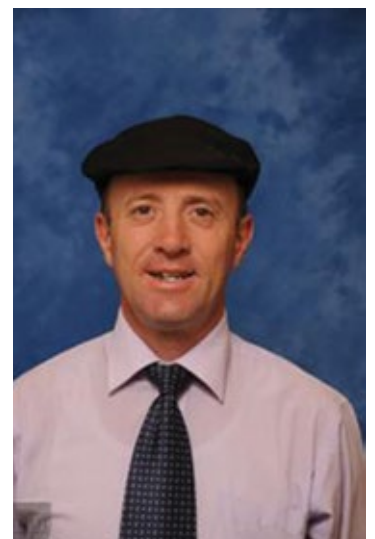
Speaking to the Killarney Outlook, Luna's owner Anne O'Shea said she was absolutely thrilled with the news that Luna was found safe and well and is so grateful to everyone who shared the post and who helped in the search.

## WELCOME NEWS ON LAND TAX

**M**ichael Healy Rae has welcomed very much the fact that the Taoiseach has given a commitment that farm families will be exempt from the residential zoned land tax.

"I have raised this in the Dail and he has now confirmed that the annual tax which would be calculated at 3% of the market value of land will apply from next year. It will not be applied on what would be classified as functional farmers. He has stated on the record of the Dail that if there needs to be a change to primary legislation to allow this exemption to go ahead they will actually pursue this as it is the right and proper thing to do", Michael told Killarney Outlook.

The Independent T.D Michael Healy Rae said he was glad to raise this important matter and he warmly welcomes this u-turn.





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# 40TH ANNIVERSARY LIONS CLUB CHARITY GOLF EVENT *A BIG HIT*

**K**illarney Lions Club's annual golf fundraising event, played last Friday 12th May at O'Mahony's Point golf course, was a fantastic success with 30 teams playing on the day. This was the 40th running of the charity event and to-date it has raised in the region of €400,000 for local charities. This year the key beneficiaries are Kerry Mountain Rescue and Kerry Cancer Support Group.

Denis Doolan, President of Killarney Lions Club, said "We would like to thank all our sponsors for their continued support of our golf day. I would also like to thank the Lions members who organised it for the time they put in to make it a great event, and of course all the golfers who took part this year. The money raised will benefit two fantastic local charities who do important work that we are proud to support".

## Prize winners in the competition were:

- 1st Prize: The Dromhall Hotel (99 points)
- 2nd Prize: Tadgh Galvin Financial (96 points)
- 3rd Prize: Dunloe Lodge (96 points)
- 4th Prize: National Tile (91 points)



*Pictured at the Killarney Lions Club's 2023 Charity Golf Day were (l to r): Mike O'Leary, Joe Scally, John Ivory, Donie Broderick*

Longest Drive: Kate O'Leary, David O'Donoghue

Nearest the Pin: 7th Billy Sherlock, 18th Bernard Jones

The Killarney Lions club, through its members, assists various groups and individuals in and around the community. Lions do this through voluntary activities, fundraising and by holding various types of events in support of a great many local causes.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE....

# Family Carers Ireland Launch Kerry Heart of Gold Fundraising Campaign



*Katie Buckley and Michael Healy-Rae pictured at the launch of Heart of Gold Day.*

**F**amily Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family carers across Ireland, is proud to announce the launch of their national fundraising initiative, Heart of Gold, in Kerry this week.

Supported by Horizon, Heart of Gold is a special fundraising initiative dedicated to raising vital funds, awareness, and appreciation for family carers who selflessly provide care and support to their loved ones such as children or adults with additional needs, physical or intellectual disabilities, frail older people, those with palliative care needs or those living with chronic illnesses, mental health challenges or addiction.

The purpose of the day is not only to raise funds for Family Carers Ireland's critical programs and services, but to also raise awareness about the challenges faced by family carers. The proceeds collected will enable the organisation to provide crucial resources such as information, support, and advocacy for family carers, as well as drive policy changes that improve the quality of life for both carers and their loved ones.

The funds raised will be utilised to sustain the provision of essential and complimentary services that family carers rely on to care for their loved ones safely. These services include the National Freephone Careline, counselling, and respite, which are invaluable lifelines for family carers. In addition, Family Carers Ireland facilitate support groups, social events, training, and carers' forums to help family carers feel less isolated in their caring responsibilities.

Heart of Gold Day initiative is a chance for the people of Kerry to show their support for family carers by simply donating and wearing a special Heart of Gold pin. The pins will be available for purchase from volunteers on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June.





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Over a ten-year period Mike and Billy gathered, collated and catalogued a photographic collection of school images stretching back to the 19th century. These images – in their hundreds – are a compendium of life in the College since its foundation. Denis O'Donoghue began to research the past presidents of the school in the late '90's. This initial research led to a detailed 70,000 document on the social history of the school from the 1850's through to the 1970's. They are a rich and valuable storehouse of the school's traditions and storied past and a treasure store for the curious past pupil, the historian or indeed our future students and teachers.

Everyone at the school, students and Board are hugely grateful for this "labour of love". We look forward to placing it on permanent display in the near future.



Michael Leahy (left) and (right) Denis O'Donoghue presenting the Archive Collection to the St Brendan's Chairperson Board of Management Lorna Larkin and Principal Sean Coffey in a special ceremony at St Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. Mike Leahy, Denis O'Donoghue and Billy Condon gathered and collated the Archive Collection. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Dr Gary Stack and his wife Ella at the presentation of the St. Brendan's Archive Collection to the Board of Management St. Brendan's College in a special ceremony at St. Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Catherine and former teacher Denis Brosnan, Paul Bardon and Mary O'Donoghue at the presentation of the St. Brendan's Archive Collection to the Board of Management St. Brendan's College in a special ceremony at St. Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. Mike Leahy, Denis O'Donoghue and Billy Condon gathered and collated the Archive Collection. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Paul Kelliher, Darren Riordan and Julianne O'Keeffe at the presentation of the St. Brendan's Archive Collection to the Board of Management St. Brendan's College in a special ceremony at St. Brendan's College Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin







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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



## The cuckoo: a whole month late on Mangerton

I had a mournful piece written and all guns blazing about the non-arrival of the cuckoo to Mangerton. But sure as he read the copy I filed to Editor Aisling Crosbie only hours earlier on Wednesday, what do you think? He landed at about ten minutes to seven. A case of Stop Press!

The Coolies cuckoo had called in April and so has the Loughquittane cuckoo. But not the Mangerton cuckoo. I was announcing his non-arrival.

I have been logging him since 1987 and this is the first time since 1987 he has not called in April.

Spot on the 19th to 21st April, except for the Leap years, he has arrived to sing his full throated song then rest jet lagged for two or three days. Resuming, there would be no stopping him to mid June.

Until recent years, there were two cuckoos on Mangerton. One year, there were three cuckoos and it was too much entirely and we were nearly deaf.

It seems the cuckoo is patchy all over Ireland this year. I got responses from everywhere to a post last week on wild birds of Ireland.

It has arrived late or not at all. It is in numbers to Leitrim and Offaly and East Galway. Limerick has reported the cuckoo too. People are blaming the decline in small bird nests where the female cuckoo lays its eggs. And of course, the now old reliable climate change was trotted out.

But there is also the outstanding factor here on the foot of Mangerton: that huge fire of Saturday February 25th burned the ground nests for the cuckoo, and everything else too. The smoke was choking. But for the brave fire service who had to intervene the whole Scots Pine Wood would have gone. A rare moth habitat went up as did lots of other habitats.

A whole patch of woodland is dead now. I was astonished to see that fire being started as 'a controlled burn' on an area that really is not a grazing area. Then I learned that the NPWS actually gave the go ahead for it. Farmers and the conservation agency of the

NPWS are supposed to be the guardians of the environment, is my point.

To be honest if he had not arrived, I would not have been too surprised. Because increasingly I listen for him in trepidation. In 40 years here I have seen increasing fires, and interference with the commonage which is a special area of conservation and an archaeologically important landscape too. The rhodo is spreading everywhere. The frockins in the wood are chewed to stumps by deer, the clumps of orchids and butterworth and chamomile have gone. There is a chasm where there was a meadow on the mountain itself.

The deterioration of the environment on Mangerton is visible on several fronts. Down to one cuckoo, and now a very late cuckoo. The cuckoo is a harbinger of joy. But his almost absence in 2023 and tardiness is a strong reminder that the natural world as we know it is changing rapidly and we need to be especially careful.

There are many old Killarney stock over the decades who have parked right at the foot of Mangerton to hear him call. And some are no longer with us, sadly. And I think of them this time of year and know they would have been very disappointed were he not to call at all. Better late than never.

## Grid Lock continues in Killarney:

### Answers being sought.

The TII is being pressed for an answer on the N22 Farranfore to Killarney and Muckross bypass - now only about 24 years late. New rules brought in before Christmas mean that road engineers will have to show a 51 per cent decrease in emissions to justify any new major road project. It leaves me wondering if the Killarney bypass is out of reach. As Cllr Niall O' Callaghan asked: 'How do you even begin to prove a 51 percent decrease in emissions?' That legislation was brought in by stealth and went unnoticed, he said.

Money for consultants has run out too. Cllr Maura Healy-Rae has called on Green Minister Eamon Ryan for a statement.

'It is the bypass that will solve our traffic issues and until we have that we will continue to have traffic issues and we will continue to have safety issues. We deserve clarity at this stage. Minister Ryan needs to make a statement,' Maura said.

Tourists are complaining loudly about the traffic in Killarney. One French family this weekend said they loved Killarney but the traffic was so bad, they cancelled plans for a meal in the town.

As I write, Listowel, a town half the size of Killarney is getting a 61 million euro bypass; Milltown bypass is progressing; Cahersiveen has major plans, and more luck to them.

Killarney is not on the priority list of anyone these days and is at the back of the class. It clearly lacks political clout at senior Government and TD level. It is necessary at this stage that our own local authority, Kerry County Council, too gives a public statement on the road and grid lock in Killarney.

## St Finan's - architectural importance and its social importance above all else

The council has issued a report on the motion by Cllr Brendan Cronin to delist St Finan's to facilitate housing.

Basically Moira Murrell, manager and Paul Neary, acting director of planning, have said a loud no, highlighting its architectural national heritage value, and bizarrely to me, its social value.

'The social significance of the building is intrinsically connected to its use of providing support for the population,' their report said, referring to its great help after the Famine 'a time of significant social need'.

'Before its opening these members of our society had nowhere to go. It demonstrates the beginning of institutional care of members of society that are in need...'

This is all news to me. To me, Finan's represents the worst kind of Victorian philanthropism where the upper classes stooped to do something for 'the less fortunate' mainly for appearance, an approach which was mocked even in its own day by the likes of Dickens.

And I can't understand how this part of the reply went unchallenged.

If you are going to make this kind of claim, then you need to balance it with the irrefutable fact that ship loads of grain left this island while people starved. And fine buildings were put up. And you are going to have to point out that what caused the famine in the first place was a failure in governance. And then that our mental asylum was part of a necklace of institutions that saw more people incarcerated than anywhere in the world, even in the early years of this State.

I am with Cllr Cronin who said the huge social need today was for housing.

Finan's should be an opportunity to do something positive to address a local need, not a shell to preserve a questionable past. I have strong views on this!



Moira Murrell has denied the decision to delist St. Finan's.



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# MINI GREENWAY PROPOSED TO CONNECT KILLORGLIN AND MILLTOWN ALONG WITH VIEWING POINT



*Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill is proposing that a mini-greenway be put in place between Killorglin and Milltown*

**W**ith a 15 acre Town Park proposed for Killorglin, and the commencement of construction of the South Kerry Greenway, local Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill is proposing that a mini-greenway be put in place between Killorglin and Milltown, which would be highly welcomed by locals and visitors alike. Councillor Cahill is also proposing that a viewing area be installed at the highest point of the new section of road at Kilderry for everybody to enjoy the fantastic vista that is Castlemaine Harbour.

"This Cycle and Walkway could eventually connect North and South Kerry through the Kingdom of Kerry Greenways, which, in the long term would tie in to Sliabh Luachra via Killarney and Corca Dhuibhne via Dingle" stated Councillor Cahill.

"We have a beautiful county and we should open it all up to walkers and cyclists and utilise it to its best advantage, which is also good for our

health and that of the environment. Castlemaine Harbour is wonderful in its beauty, but on the present route, mainly seen only by passengers of vehicles. A viewing area with parking would allow everybody take it in and enjoy it" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"I have heard numerous favourable comments from both locals and tourists to our county about the majestic views from the top of the new road, majestic views that I have witnessed many, many times myself and I am proposing that Kerry County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland develop a proper viewing area with car parking along with a footpath connecting Milltown with Killorglin that will be used by walkers and cyclists in a safe environment" said Councillor Cahill.

"Funds should be sourced, plans drawn and viable projects like this will make Kerry blossom even further" added Councillor Cahill.

## Mental Health Matters IN RATHMORE

**A**s part of Rathmore LGFA's Lidi " One good club initiative and Ajjgsaw's 5 a Day for your mental health Rathmore Ladies Gaelic Football club organised a Mental health Matters talk.

"It was part of our " keep learning " activity and it's aim was to raise awareness & improve the understanding of mental health in our community", Jodie O'Sullivan Monson, one of the organisers told Killarney Outlook

"We had an exceptionally great turn out and our line up on the night was Michael Anthony Reen ( Mental health Lecturer MTU); Mari Kelleher

( Mental health Nurse); 3. Claire Thornton ( Caoi/ sports psychologist); Music by Eileen & Eleanor Cronin' Joanne O'Riordan ( No limbs no Limits) and Shane Ryan ( Kerry footballer).

"This is our final stage of the Lidi " one good club initiative. We have worked so hard in the past 10 weeks to embrace the programme and bring some fun and positivity to the club and community. We are so proud of our whole community in rathmore and would like to thank you for being part of it", she added.



*Guest speakers Shane Ryan and Joanne O'Riordan*



*The attendance at the Mental Health Talk in Rathmore*





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A group of Alder being surveyed (left) and pruned (right) by crown-thinning to let more light into the property.



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## BBQ SET TO RAISE FUNDS FOR KERRY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

**G**reat Southern Killarney are getting behind the Kerry Mountain Rescue Team and will host a fundraising charity BBQ on June 11th from 4-6pm.

The event will be hosted in the picturesque gardens of Great Southern Killarney and promises a wonderful evening of food, live music and more.

Made up entirely of volunteers, Kerry Mountain Rescue Team was formed in 1966 following the deaths of two climbers on the mountains of Southwest Ireland, and since then has come to the assistance of climbers and walkers in distress throughout the years. Speaking on the event, Michael Jacobi, the Managing

Director of the Hayfield Family Collection, 'We are delighted to be able to support the amazing volunteers that make up the Kerry Mountain Rescue Team. We are very grateful for their work, they are true local heroes. We look forward to hosting the upcoming event at Great Southern Killarney for what promises to be a great evening!'

Pre-Booking is recommended, with tickets available from the Great Southern Killarney on 064 6638000 or by email at [events@greatsouthernkillarney.com](mailto:events@greatsouthernkillarney.com). Tickets are priced at €30 for adults and €15 for children under 12.



*Pictured at the launch of a fundraising charity BBQ in support of Kerry Mountain Rescue Team which will take place in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney on June 11th from 4-6pm are Michael Jacobi Managing Director, Hayfield Family Collection, Aoibheann O'Leary, Sales & Marketing Executive, Mick Long and Gerry Christie from the KMR Team. Photo: Don MacMonagle*

## Pavers Foundation Trustee Visits Beneficiary Charities in Kerry

**T**rustee of the Pavers Foundation Rachel Paver has recently visited a number of past beneficiary charities in county Kerry. The Pavers Foundation, charitable initiative of multi-channel footwear retailer, Pavers, makes grants to charities and good causes that make a difference in areas of health, education and community, the vast majority of which are nominated by its colleagues. Rachel visited colleagues at the Pavers store in Killarney, before heading out to catch up with the charities they had donated to in recent years.

Charities visited included Kerry Cancer support, a vital service providing a link bus from Kerry to Cork, transporting cancer patients to appointments. The charity received a donation in 2018 from the Foundation, which has since helped them to transport thousands of cancer patients across the county.

Additionally, Rachel met with Shirley Morris and Gerard O'Carroll, the President of Down Syndrome Ireland, in a visit to Down Syndrome Kerry,

to find out about how our donation of €1000 was used to by a specialist postural chair for patients.

At the store in Killarney Outlet Centre, Rachel and the Pavers team were met by representatives from My Canine Companion, a therapy dog service, matching children and families with assistance dogs to help with autism and disabilities. This charity received €1,000 from the Foundation in 2021, allowing them to improve the lives of those with learning disabilities and autism.

The Pavers Foundation is delighted to catch up with beneficiary charities to find out just how much difference they have made to causes and charities close to the hearts of their colleagues. The Foundation has donated over £1.6million to date and is committed to following up on donations made to measure the impact and meet with beneficiaries and grantees alike.



*Rachel Paver, Trustee of the Pavers Foundation with Breda Dyland and Trisha Kelly, Kerry Cancer Support*



*Colleagues at Pavers Store in Killarney with the team from My Canine Companion and Rachel Paver, Trustee of the Pavers Foundation*



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## FarmElder Research Group visits Kerry Social Farming

Over 80 people came to learn more about social farming at the farm of Michael Joe & Brid Murphy in Slaheny, Kilgarvan on Thursday 11th May. Farmers, social farming participants, service providers, social farming projects from across Ireland, support services and local representatives were among the large attendance, who heard from a range of speakers about how social farming in Kerry is operating and its potential to expand to assist older people and those living with dementia. The event, organised by South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) through Kerry Social Farming (KSF), was part of a visit by FarmElder research group, who are studying the role of social farming for older people at a European level. The research, funded by EU Erasmus+, has partners in Ireland, Belgium, Portugal, Slovenia and Germany and representatives from all countries travelled to Kerry for a three-day visit 10th-12th May. SKDP and TUS (formerly Limerick Institute of Technology) are the Irish project partners.

Speakers included Claire McAuliffe (Teagasc Advisor) Dr Brendan O'Keeffe (O'Keeffe Research) Anni and Josef Hindelang, who run a social farm in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps, Chairman of KSF Working Group and Kilgarvan native Éamon Horgan along with Danny Healy-Rae TD and Mayor of Kenmare Municipal District, Cllr Patrick Connor-Scarreen. The attendance brought together the groups operating social farming across Ireland, with Rachel Budd (IRD Duhallow social farming), Debbie Kelleher (Field of Dreams, Cork) and Eadaoin O'Connell (Social Farming Ireland Development Officer, West Limerick Resources) among the attendance. A much coveted trophy was produced which proved popular with young and older guests!

The FarmElder group then travelled on to Kenmare Community Garden, which is being

developed as an inclusive space for young and old. The Garden is a Case Study for FarmElder, focusing on the part played by in its development by local resident Denise McClure. Manager of Taobh Linn Centre, Tanya O'Sullivan and Patricia Holbein (SKDP Board/ Kenmare Community Garden Committee member) explained how the site has progressed from vacant waste ground to what is now a haven of activity with a polytunnel, a large number of raised beds and recently planted native trees and fruit trees. Work is ongoing to develop the garden as a space for local school students to learn about nature and how to grow their own fruit and vegetables. This work is being done with the assistance of SKDP Rural Social Scheme members and supervisor Donal McCarthy. Goran Milošević from Mosaic (Slovenia) spoke about a similar project in Slovenia.

On Wednesday 10th May, the group visited Breeda & Pat O'Sullivan's sheep and suckler farm in Glencar, which is also a Case Study in FarmElder. The O'Sullivans have hosted

social farming since 2017. Breda O'Sullivan, supported by St John of God Services Killorglin, comes to the farm and has become part of the family. She helps out with feeding cattle and sheep and at lambing time. Farmer Breeda was interviewed by FarmElder team and gave her insights into her own continued involvement in social farming and her enthusiasm for the project. A number of Kerry Social Farming host farmers and participant Tara O'Sullivan (Killarney) attended and the group had a most enjoyable exchange of views and experiences. FarmElder is examining how social farming works as an option for older people within European partner countries and is developing a free online training course for those involved in this area. More information about the project is on their website [www.farmedler.eu](http://www.farmedler.eu) and information on Kerry Social Farming can be seen at [www.kerrysocialfarming.ie](http://www.kerrysocialfarming.ie) and by contacting Joseph McCrohan (087) 284 9165 or [jmccrohan@skdp.net](mailto:jmccrohan@skdp.net).



*Joseph McCrohan (South Kerry Development Partnership) on left and host farmer Éamon Horgan (Chair of Kerry Social Farming Working Group) on right, provide a Kerry welcome for FarmElder group with members from Ireland, Germany, Portugal, Slovenia and Belgium to the Murphy farm in Kilgarvan on Thursday 11th May'*



## Killarney Camera Club

**K**illarney Camera Club's penultimate competition of this season had the theme 'Accessories' with a total of 21 very creative entries.

Congratulations to Anne Kelly who won both the Unrestricted and Novice categories. Her iconic photo was inspired by Audrey Hepburn in the classic movie 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'. Anne gave the following insight into her winning image: "In the film, she wears big hats, black gloves and lots of pearls. As neither Audrey nor my daughters were around to model the accessories, I chose this pose so I could remain incognito! My Olympus camera has a facility that allows me to use my phone

as a remote control with live view where I can focus, adjust the shutter speed and aperture and activate the shutter, as in this shot. It's shot in daylight with flash bounced off the ceiling"

Here are the top three in each category.

### **Novice category:**

1st Place: Anne Kelly, B&W Movie  
2nd Place: Lisa Daly, Skinny Dipper  
3rd Place: Maryann Heidtke, Sunglasses

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Sean Moriarty taking it al in his stride.. enjoying the Racing at May Festival Races at Killarney Race Course on Monday night. Photo:Valerie O'Sullivan

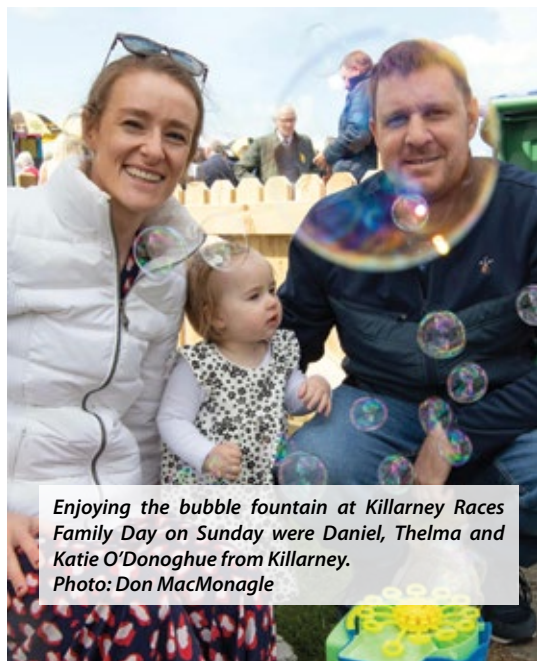


Reddin Coughlan and her Brother Dio Buckley, enjoying the Racing at May Festival Races at Killarney Race Course on Monday night. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Green and Gold forever...Billy O'Sullivan, Chairman of the Killarney Races wearing his Kerry Colours with pride, with Pam Treacy, Markeing Director, Killarney Race Course, at the Racing May Festival meeting at Killarney Race Course on Monday night. Photo:Valerie O'Sullivan

Pictured at Killarney Races on Sunday were Edyta Hernas and Con Duggan from Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Enjoying the bubble fountain at Killarney Races Family Day on Sunday were Daniel, Thelma and Katie O'Donoghue from Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle

# Killarney Faces at The May Races



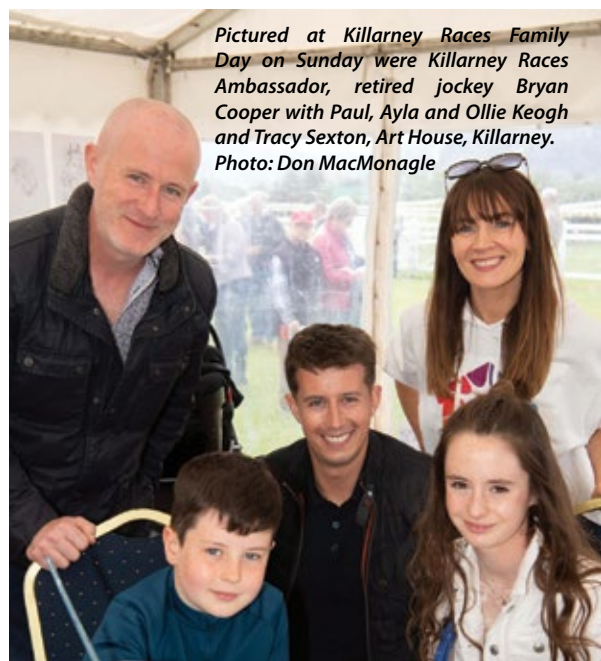
Choosing a horse... at the Racing May Festival meeting at Killarney Race Course on Monday night. Photo:Valerie O'Sullivan



Charlene Brosnan, and Horse racing Legend and champion Byran Cooper, Brand Ambassador of Killarney Races, enjoying the Racing at May Festival Races at Killarney Race Course on Monday night. Photo:Valerie O'Sullivan



Pictured at Killarney Races on Sunday were Gillian O'Keeffe and Elaine Kelly from Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at Killarney Races Family Day on Sunday were Killarney Races Ambassador, retired jockey Bryan Cooper with Paul, Ayla and Ollie Keogh and Tracy Sexton, Art House, Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle





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## Cruinniú na nÓg Kerry Programme 2023 launched

Following the national launch of Cruinniú na nÓg by Creative Ireland on the 11th May, the Kerry programme was launched on 15th May in Tralee. Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of free creative activities and events for under 18's. This year it is taking place on Saturday 10th June.

Earlier in the year, the Creative Ireland Kerry Office carried out an online consultation with the young people of Kerry to see what they liked making, doing and going to, and the results of this have informed the 2023 programme. Events are taking place from 9am to 9pm so participants can make the most of the day and there are events in every major town in the county, with 34 in total, so there is something for all ages and tastes.

For the first time, Fanzini are coming to Dingle, putting on Guido Fanzini's Thunderous Entertainment Haberdashery in the beautiful setting of An Díséart Gardens. In Castleisland, there is a sock puppet-making workshop, in Killorglin, an outdoor drumming workshop and in Cahersiveen, STEAM workshops, including using Green Screen technology which features in all the latest blockbusters. There is a full day acting workshop and a concert in Kenmare, and art, dance, drumming, heritage and wildlife workshops, and teenage film screenings in Killarney. In Tralee, there are craft and music workshops, a fashion exhibition and youth theatre performances. There are arts and craft workshops and a storytelling session in Listowel, and online, there is a Japanese Notans paper cutting art workshop.



UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY! Cruinniú na nÓg, a national day of free creative activities and events for under 18's is taking place around Kerry on Saturday, 10th June. It is funded by Creative Ireland and supported by Kerry County Council. Pictured at the launch of the programme are Bridget Fitzgerald, Kerry County Council, Cllr. John Francis Flynn, Cathaoirleach of Kerry, Kate Kennelly, Creative Ireland Coordinator, Hannah Pinckheard and Marelle Murphy, Kerry County Council. See <https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/cruinniú-na-nog/> for the full programme. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

The brochure is available to download in English, Irish, Polish and Ukrainian from the Kerry Arts Office website: <https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/cruinniú-na-nog/> and brochures in English and Irish are available at all libraries. All events are also listed on the national website: <https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/>

Cruinniú na nÓg in Kerry is brought to you by the Creative Ireland Kerry Office/Arts Office, and is funded by Creative Ireland and is supported by Kerry County Council.

## Castleisland Community College 3RD IN IRELAND FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

25,000 students entered the Student Enterprise Award this year and the top 82 reached the National Student Enterprise Final which took place in Croke Park. A total of 82 projects were presented to judges across 3 categories. Having won the Kerry Enterprise Junior Award Category, Clochaí Cneasta represented Kerry in the national final. They were awarded 3rd place overall in the Junior Category. The group consisted of Ellie Horgan, Emma Horgan, Laoise Mc Sweeney and Bláithín O Rahilly. The Student Enterprise awards introduces student to the concept of enterprise, problem solving, going out into the market place by testing and marketing an idea.

Clochaí Cneasta also reached the National Semi-final of the Foróige Entrepreneurship Competition having won the Munster Regional Final. Clochaí Cneasta originated in 2020 during the nationwide lockdown when school were closed. The students decided

to paint on rocks that they had collected from beaches over the course of the summer. The rocks contained positive messages, e.g. 'Sending you smiles to brighten your day'. The girls placed the rocks outside their houses along the road for people to read. 'The rocks have since been bought by the school and will be displayed in the school court yards,' stated Laura Leahy Business Studies

teacher and Student Enterprise Co-ordinator.

Shauna O Keefe and David Peskett designed a mobile application 'Bright Mind' (with guidance from Laura Leahy). The app was designed by the students last year in Transition year and they brought their design to fruition this year by formally making it in fifth year. They represented Kerry in the Senior Category of the Enterprise Awards. Despite not receiving an award, they are representing Ireland in the Network for teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) World Youth Competition in Austria, September 2023. They were also national winners at the Kinia Ceative Tech Fest 2023. The Kinia Creative Tech Fest is the first nationally recognised celebration of creative technology in Ireland. The students won the Computer Science Category and the overall Portfolio Category.



In the photo of Bright App: from left Teresa Lonergan (principal), Shauna O Keefe, Laura Leahy (Teacher) and David Peskett.



National Student Enterprise Awards where students from Castleisland Community College were awarded 3rd place nationally. From left Laoise Mc Sweeney, Teresa Lonergan (principal), Bláithín Rahilly, Laura Leahy (teacher), Ellie Horgan, Mairéad Corridon (Deputy Principal) and Emma Horgan.





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## OF BALLYFINNANE HILLCLIMB to be celebrated with motorsport festival

**K**erry Motor Club has announced details of the running of a Hillclimb on Sunday, July 16 in the Ballyfinnane area outside Tralee which will mark a very special occasion in the county.

The club will mark the 120th anniversary of the first motorsport event in Kerry

On July 15, 1903, the very first closed-road motorsport event in the county took place on the hillside in Ballyfinnane, 120 years ago this summer.

That event was won by Charles Rolls, who later went on to become founder of the Rolls-Royce Motor Company

To celebrate the historic occasion, Kerry Motor Club will run a Hillclimb in the same location, 120 years to the weekend that Charles Rolls took home the Kerry Cup from Ballyfinnane.

Hillclimb racing is one of the oldest forms of motorsport disciplines in the country. While similar to rally stages, a Hillclimb course is relatively short, usually between 1 and 1.5km in length with multiple quick runs over the same course across a day.

While there will be some regular faces in rally cars on the day, single-seater cars (in a similar style to a Formula One car) are normally the

fastest over the quick course and some single-seater formula race cars are expected at the event.

The hillclimb will be run under Motorsport Ireland regulations and safety visits to the course are now at an advanced stage.

The first planning meeting took place on Monday last, May 8 in the Shanty Bar, Ballyfinnane with some 50 motorsport enthusiasts getting to work on what will be a historic occasion in the county.

Events will get underway on the afternoon of July 15 with car safety inspections, driver meetings and driver parades.

Sean Moriarty, Clerk of the Course said: "The event, which will be run by Kerry Motor Club in association with the Ballyfinnane Community Association, is at an advanced stage of planning with a fantastic first official meeting in the Shanty Bar on Monday night. We are very much looking forward to bringing the sport of Hillclimb Racing back to Kerry and celebrating this important milestone in Kerry motorsport history."

Mr Moriarty thanked Kerry County Council officials who are currently processing the road closure requests.

More details will be announced in due course including a classic car show and a host of family entertainment.

*Some members of the 2023 Ballyfinnane Hillclimb organising team pictured in the Shanty Bar after the first planning meeting ahead of the event.*



## CHARITIES AND CLUB SET TO BENEFIT FROM VINTAGE RESTORATIONS

**W**elcoming representatives from the benefitting charities, Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club launched their 2023 restoration raffle on Friday May 12th.

The launch took place at the Warehouse Cafe in Farranfore which is one of the main sponsors this year. There was a huge crowd on the night who enjoyed refreshments, music and entertainment.

Fred McDonogh from Red Chair Recruitment unveiled the 1979 Landrover to the public along with the Honda 70 and Honda X8R which were sitting on the trailer behind which was kindly provided by BG Motors.

"We are also delighted to have Lee Strand on board again for a second year running who have been very kind to us", Tom Leslie told Killarney Outlook.

Tickets are now on sale and can also be purchased online at [www.killarneyvalleycv.com](http://www.killarneyvalleycv.com)

"We are very excited about this year's raffle as the club is celebrating 10 years", he added.

"As with previous years, I'm sure the public will support this charity Fundraiser" Tom Leslie, Club chairman said.

There was also a huge display of Vintage cars on display. When you purchase a ticket you will be supporting St. Francis Special School, Paul Murphy Charity, Killarney Rugby Club and Kerry Stars.

For more details and to keep up to date with this Fundraiser follow the Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club Facebook page.



*Paul Murphy, Linda Murphy and Niamh O Carroll of the Paul Murphy Charity.*



*Breeda Daly and Fiona O Carroll of St. Francis Special School*



*John Spillane and Tom Tobin with representatives of Kerry Stars*



*John O Connell, Eamon Maguire, Mike Walker, Gemma Moynihan and Ger Moynihan of Killarney Rugby Club*





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# PHYSICAL FITNESS IS IMPORTANT AT EXAM TIME



By Billy Ryle

## FITNESS

With the state exams beginning in three weeks, it's important to keep an eye on your physical fitness. Study and revision are demanding. The pressure, which some candidates feel around exam time, is a good reason to maintain a level of physical fitness. In the context of an exam, physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness. A regular exercise programme is a great way to burn off tension. It relieves stress and is good for the self-confidence. Exercise is a welcome break from the demands of regular study. Set aside an hour two or three times a week to exercise in order to keep in good physical shape. The amount of active exercise you take depends on yourself. Strenuous, competitive exercise is not advisable before and during the exam period as it causes fatigue. An aerobic exercise programme results in a feeling of well-being, it helps you to sleep soundly, to build up stamina and endurance and leads to improved concentration.

## RELAXATION

Counteract any nervousness by using a few simple relaxation techniques. Stress and anxiety are related to muscular tension. So, by using a relaxation technique to reduce tension in the muscles you will also reduce stress and anxiety. An effective one is to close your eyes and inhale a few comfortable deep breaths. Hold each breath for a few seconds. Then breathe out, slowly and quietly. As you breathe out say 'relax' to yourself and you will feel the tension flowing out of your body. Open your eyes and then carry on with your study. This simple but effective physical relaxation technique can be done in about two minutes and can also be used for periodic breaks during the exam itself.

## NUTRITION

A well-balanced nutritious diet is important around exam time when you need high

reserves of energy. Ensure that your mind is clear and alert with a diet that is high on protein, carbohydrates, unsaturated fats, vitamins, minerals and energy. Take three substantial - but not too heavy - meals each day. Enjoy a high-fibre breakfast to keep the digestive system functioning normally. Eat a healthy dinner, which contains constituents such as vegetables, potatoes, rice, pasta, salads, chicken, fish or lean meat. Take a regular evening meal of brown bread, eggs, cheese and related high protein-based foods. Rather than having three very heavy meals you might prefer to supplement your main meals with a few nutritious snacks made up of yoghurt, fruit, cheese and the like. Don't over indulge in junk food. Drink at least two glasses of milk daily as well as plenty of cool fresh water to avoid dehydration and to keep the fluid levels high. Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee, which contain caffeine. Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol before and during the exam period.

## SLEEP

Aim to get eight or nine hours sleep each night. A tired mind, however brilliant, cannot perform at its best. So, the importance of an adequate amount of sleep cannot be over emphasised. Long hours of study into the night can be counter-productive and energy sapping. Rather than burning the midnight oil go to bed at a reasonable hour to ensure that you get sufficient rest.

## HYGIENE

Be particular about your personal hygiene, especially in warm weather. If you feel fresh and comfortable your mind will focus better on the task in hand. Hang up your uniform after school and change into casual clothes before you settle down to evening study. As the tension of the day often manifests itself in the feet, change from your school footwear to lighter more comfortable footwear. Always take the

time to enjoy a regular shower or bath. A fresh effervescent feeling will help you to meet the demands of study and exams.

## CHECKLIST

- Physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness
- A regular exercise programme helps to burn off tension
- Aerobic exercise induces a feeling of well-being
- Strenuous, competitive exercise before an exam may cause fatigue
- Build short relaxation exercises into your daily plan
- A well-balanced nutritious diet is a source of energy
- Keep fluid levels high to avoid dehydration
- Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee
- Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol at exam time
- It's important to get eight or nine hours sleep every night
- Instead of burning the midnight oil go to bed early
- Good personal hygiene keeps you fresh and comfortable
- Exam timetables are available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)
- Student Universal Support Ireland [SUSI] is the awarding authority for higher and further education grants
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## Tasty Thursday Goes Down A Treat at The Pres!

A whole school healthy eating day took place at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School recently with students and staff treated to a variety of healthy snacks. These wholesome options reflected the tiers of the food pyramid with hummus, cheese, yogurt, wholegrain cereals, fruits and vegetables on offer. Food preparation began bright and early, with a team of students led by Ms. O'Donnell, along with parents council representatives and other staff members slicing, chopping and dicing! The selection of healthy snacks were ready for 11 o'clock break where eager students could fill their lunch boxes.

Thanks to all those that helped on the day, especially to the St. Brigid's Parents Council for their fundraising contribution and Dunnes Stores for their voucher. We also received a very generous supply of Carrigaline Farmhouse Cheese and Irish Yogurts Clonakilty both family owned Irish businesses.

The day was a great opportunity to sample these products and foods with a focus on healthy eating and our own food choices.



Students and staff at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School were treated to a variety of healthy snacks.

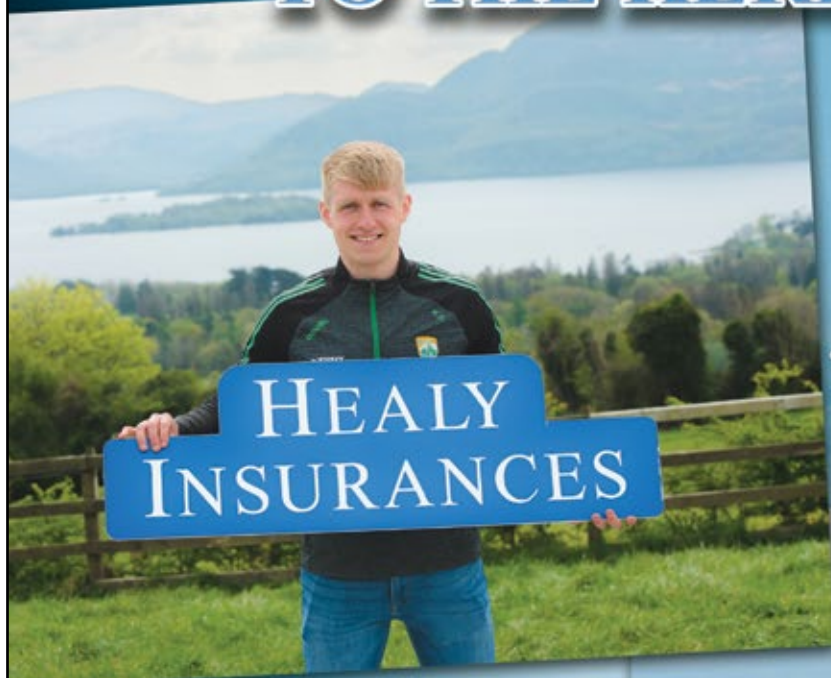


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**W**ith the deadline for applications for the Liebherr Scholarship Programme fast approaching, we hear from current and past recipients to see how the programme has real benefits for students and young professionals starting out on their career.

Killian O'Sullivan, a current Liebherr scholarship recipient and mechanical engineering student, shares his thoughts on the programme: "Receiving the Liebherr scholarship on entry to college was a massive help to me. I am just finishing my 4th year of mechanical engineering and the knowledge and assistance from Liebherr over the past four years has been of great benefit. The experience in design-work every summer has kept me learning constantly and has given me a more in-depth knowledge of engineering practices which in turn has helped me with my college studies. The ability to do my professional placement in Liebherr was also a great advantage as it takes the stress off trying to source placement and going through interview processes which allowed me to focus on college at crucial times when other people didn't have the same luxury. I would recommend anyone interested in engineering to apply for the Liebherr scholarship as it really is a great opportunity".

Ciara Dennehy recently graduated college with a BE in Manufacturing & Mechatronic Engineering at MTU became a recipient of the Liebherr Scholarship Programme in 2019, during the 2nd year of her degree. She is currently working full time in Liebherr's electrical design department on the network development team as a graduate automation engineer and spoke about her scholarship experience. "It is clear how well the programme has prepared me for working in the industry. As an automation engineer in network

development, there is a large scope of topics to delve into; there are always new challenges to tackle and new learning opportunities.

Currently, I'm heavily involved in the testing and development of the Liebherr Remote Operator Station. There has been a lot of development in this space in recent years and it continues to grow rapidly. There is also significant crossover with other areas as it works in conjunction with all the container cranes we produce here in Killarney. Each project brings with it its own set of criteria, which opens

doors into new areas where you can develop new skills and improve existing ones, all the while producing better products. This makes it all the more satisfying when you see these projects being implemented.

Aside from the work itself, one of the greatest advantages of working here is the wealth of knowledge on your doorstep. Throughout my experience here, there has always been people to learn from and support freely available for any given task."

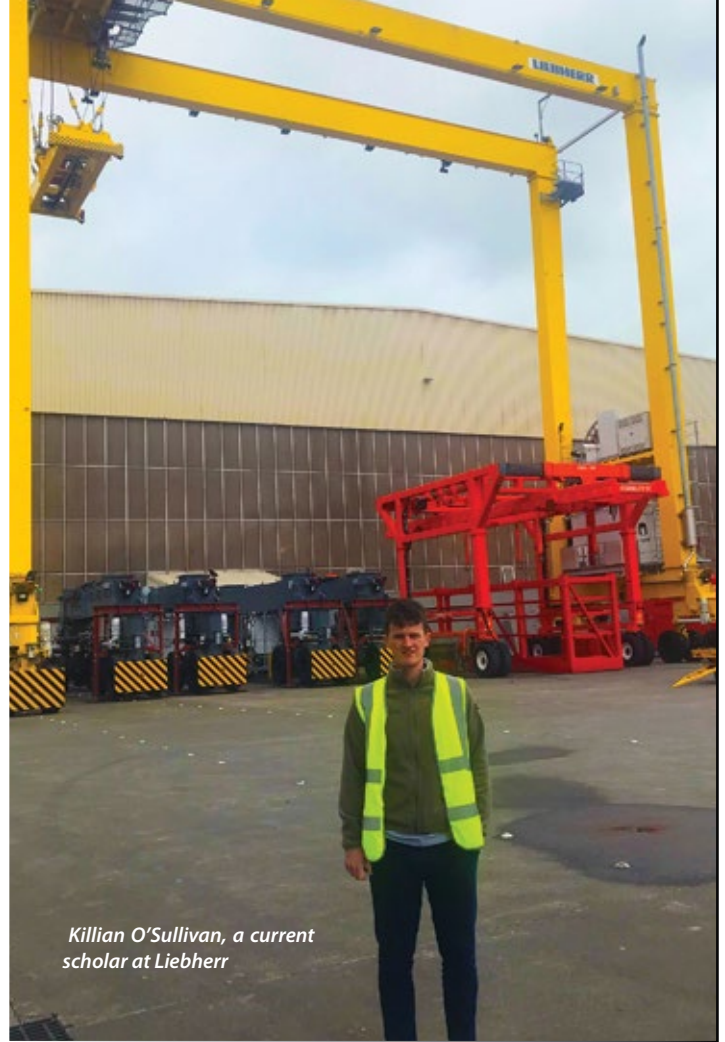
These success stories demonstrate the real-world impact of the Liebherr Engineering Scholarship Programme on the lives of its recipients. By providing financial assistance, practical experience, and exposure to cutting-

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*Killian O'Sullivan, a current scholar at Liebherr*



*Ciara Dennehy, a former scholarship recipient and now engineer at Liebherr.*



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## Kelsey is the Kerry Rose 2023



A delighted Kelsey is crowned Kerry Rose 2023. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .

**A** Cahersiveen woman has been selected as the new Kerry Rose to represent the county at this year's 2023 Rose of Tralee International festival.

Kelsey Lang McCarthy was chosen from the

14 contestants at the selection hosted by Daithi Ó Sé in the Heights Hotel Killarney on Sunday night.

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Kerry Rose Kelsey Lang McCarthy pictured with Anthony O'Gara CEO Rose of Tralee International Festival. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .



## My Therapist Ghosted Me LIVE AT THE INEC

**T**he hugely popular show My Therapist Ghosted Me Live is heading for Killarney with their show planned for December 13th.

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Finn Cronin Fossa National School who made his First Holy Communion with his parents Robert and Danielle and brother Ben at Prince of Peace Church Fossa on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Alex Hayes Fossa National School who made his First Holy Communion with his parents Eddie and Colleen and sister Fia at Prince of Peace Church Fossa on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Faela Falvey who made her First Holy Communion with her parents John and Lorraine, brother Cillian and family members Jerry, Linda, Mattie, Marie and Brendan Falvey at Prince of Peace Church, Fossa Killarney on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



James McGregor Fossa National School who made his First Holy Communion with his Mother Oonagh at Prince of Peace Church Fossa on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Anthony Mooney from Fossa National School pictured at Ross Castle after receiving his First Holy Communion on Saturday. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Eryk McGrath from St Oliver's National School pictured with his dad Patrick, mom Kinga and brother Paul at Ross Castle on Saturday as they celebrated his First Holy Communion. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography





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# All Ireland Glory for Castleisland Community College Basketball Teams!



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**Boys Gold medallists:** Standing : Maurice Casey (Trainer & Manager), James Barry, Jakub Surzyn, Padraig O'Sullivan, Jamie Nolan, Jack O'Connor, Ruairi Murphy, Ciarán Ryan, Pádraig Hillard (Assistant Coach) Front Row: Eoin Corcoran, Tadhg McCarthy, Donal Ryan, Cillian Moroney, Danny Murphy, Nojus Sielika, Shay O'Connor, Cian Pembroke.

**The first-year boys and girls basketball teams from Castleisland Community College both reached the All Ireland School Basketball League Playoffs that were held in UL Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May in UL.** An outstanding achievement to have 2 teams in All Ireland playoffs.

The boys were South West All Ireland League winners. On Saturday, the boys defeated Calasanz College, Galway, Adamstown Community College, Dublin and Skibbereen Community School, Cork to reach the quarter final. On Sunday they played Malachys College, Belfast and defeated them 42-32. The semi-final was Saint Joseph's Secondary School, Galway that resulted in a win of 43-10. The final saw the team defeat Saint Marys CBS, Portlaoise 50-38. The team won gold at the All Ireland A Division League.

The team were trained and managed by Maurice Casey who has made this his 13th All Ireland win for Castleisland Community College. 'It certainly reveals his talent and dedication to the school. The early morning training sessions at 8am certainly paid off,' commented Teresa Lonergan (principal).

On Saturday the girls defeated Malahide Community School, Dublin, Virginia College, Cavan and St Aloysius College, Cork to reach the quarter finals. These defeats lead them to the quarter finals which they played on Sunday. They defeated Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig. Unfortunately they lost to Crescent College, Limerick by 5 points. They received All-Ireland bronze medals for their achievement in the All Ireland A Division League. The girls were managed by Yvonne Rice (maths and English teacher). Ms Rice attended all training sessions with the girls which were held at 8am every Monday and Wednesday. Their trainer was the well renowned Denny Porter. Denny has trained (predominately girls) basketball teams with the school since 2006. He has reached many All Irelands finals and can boast bronze, silver and gold in both League and Cup competitions.

Principal Teresa Lonergan stated 'We are so proud of both teams-the boys team won gold and the girls team won bronze. It is a testament to the commitment and skill of both players, coaches and managers. Castleisland Community College is certainly a small school in comparison to the city and large town schools which often have in excess of a 1,000 students.'

Kilcummin Scor na bPáistí took part in the county final of Scór na bpáistí in Glenbeigh where they were represented in 3 categories; Stage Presentation, solo music and set dancing. The set dancing group and Eoin Foley

(solo music) emerged as the winners on the day. While the stage presentation group took silver and came 2nd on the day.

Pictured are: Conor Moriarty, mentor of solo music, Geraldine Pigott & Aileen Moriarty (mentors of Stage Presentation), Adrian Moriarty, set dancing mentor and Marie O'Leary Scór officer, with the participants who recently gathered at Kilcummin GAA clubhouse for a photograph with the Siobhán Cotter memorial trophy.

There was also an added bonus when Kilcummin were announced as joint winners with Rathmore of the overall club award.





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## 100 Days Walking....

Colin & Eithne Bell from The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust travelled to Killarney where they were presented with a cheque for €16,000 from Pam Treacy and her family. The funds were raised following 100 Days walking in memory of JJ O'Donoghue. Pam and her sisters Grace and Rachel are so grateful for all the support they received in their fundraiser.



## Remembering Skip....

Members of the extended Buckley took part in Run Killarney last Saturday to remember the late Jeremiah "Skip" Buckley on his first Birthday since he passed away last August. Included are Lily McCarthy, Eve Buckley, Clare Buckley, Faye Buckley, Patricia Buckley, Fiona McMahon, Joshua Buckley, Jeremiah Buckley, Noreen Buckley, Conor Buckley, Lucy McCarthy, Adam McMahon, Michaela Buckley O Riordan, Emer Buckley, Jack O'Neill, Emily O'Neil, Patricia McCarthy, Gordon Buckley, Stefan McMahon and Tilly the Dog!



## Learning from the best....

Tara Sparling O'Riordan and Joan Kennedy McGorrian pictured with their daughters Faye and Clodagh, the next generation of members of the Order of Malta at the Races on Sunday.

## Birthday treats....

Kerry Football All Star Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh dropped in on Cathal Walshe to wish him a happy birthday!



## Spanish Adventures....

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## Kelly leads EU Parliament's condemnation of Belarusian regime

**A** newly adopted European Parliament Resolution, negotiated by Seán Kelly MEP, strongly condemns the ongoing repression and human rights abuses in Belarus and the unjust incarceration of political prisoners. The Resolution calls for the immediate release of Viktor Babaryka and other political prisoners, and urges EU member states to broaden the scope of sanctions against the Belarusian regime.

The resolution, which received 593 votes in favour, 9 against, and 27 abstentions, emphasises the need to put an end to the mistreatment of political prisoners. Viktor Babaryka, a former presidential candidate, was sentenced to 14 years in prison on politically motivated charges. His recent hospitalisation due to physical abuse further underscores the brutal conditions faced by political detainees.

Speaking from Strasbourg, Kelly, who led negotiations for the European Parliament's biggest political group, the European People's Party (EPP), condemned the Lukashenko regime "for its flagrant violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Belarus". He added "the regime has relentlessly targeted political activists, opposition figures, and individuals expressing critical views. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



has reported the detention of approximately 1,500 political prisoners, who endure cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment. Tragically, some have lost their lives while in custody."

The Ireland South MEP expressed deep concern over the "dire situation faced by political prisoners in Belarus, particularly the case of Viktor Babaryka. Babaryka's whereabouts remain unknown, and his family and associates are denied visitation rights.

Prior to his hospitalization, he was confined to a closed prison facility for serious offenders."

Kelly called on the Belarusian government to "immediately halt its systematic repression of perceived critics and to release all political detainees without delay". He emphasized that the government has "a responsibility to conduct impartial and transparent investigations into the widespread human rights abuses."

In a speech, Kelly stated that he "strongly urges the Belarusian government to end this mass repression and immediately release all political prisoners who have been unjustly incarcerated".

"The European Parliament stands in solidarity with the people of Belarus and will continue to advocate for their rights and freedoms," he added.

## MEP Kelleher unable to support Nature Restoration Law

**Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that he is unable to support any form of an EU Nature Restoration Law that includes mandatory rewetting targets on Member States.**

Kelleher was commenting as details emerged on the latest version of compromises currently being negotiated amongst the European Parliament's political groups.

"Put simply, what is on the table in Parliament is more damaging than the Commission's original proposal with regards to restoration of agricultural land. I do not see any way back in terms of Parliament's position.

"At present, the Parliament's negotiator is proposing that 30% of previously drained agricultural land will be restored with at least 50% to be rewetted by 2030. By 2050, they

want 50% of previously drained agricultural land restored including 66% rewetted.

"This would have a devastating impact on Irish agriculture. Thousands of farmers have, over the last 60 years, reclaimed land from peatlands for use as farmland. If this land were rewetted, we would imperil their farms and livelihoods, and further drive up the cost of land in this country.

"I firmly believe that the drafters of this proposal truly do not understand the unique circumstances of Irish land usage.

"Furthermore, my opposition to the Nature Restoration Law goes beyond agricultural issues. I have very deep concerns about how the current proposals would affect our ability to build homes and develop our economy in Ireland.

"There needs to be greater flexibility for national governments and local authorities in terms of green spaces and housing. We are in a very difficult position here in Ireland concerning home construction. We cannot have a situation where nature restoration targets could inhibit the building of homes for our citizens.

"Quite simply, this current proposal should be withdrawn and the European Commission should start from scratch.

"What I cannot understand is why no detailed impact assessment has taken place on how implementation of this proposal would affect agriculture, urban planning, energy production, and a whole host of other crucial issues. The mind boggles how the Commission could entertain such a proposal," concluded Kelleher.

## Plans needed for St. Finan's

**The Government must make immediate plans to take the St Finan's Hospital building in charge and make arrangements for the protection and refurbishment of it as a National Monument, according to Kerry Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill.**

"This task is of national importance and Kerry County Council do not have the funding for such a venture. The Office of Public Works needs to be brought on board, with sufficient Government funding to stabilise the building and prevent further deterioration initially, with a view to converting it for public use" stated Councillor Cahill.

"As reported by Kerry County Council's Acting Director of Planning, Paul

Neary, St Finan's is irreplaceable in terms of architectural heritage, as well as being of national importance historically and socially. It is interwoven with society in Kerry now for nearly 175 years, and its artistic value must be protected for future generations" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor. "There are a variety of uses that it could be put to and these should be explored now. I would personally favour an educational theme, whether on a medical or tourism agenda. But right now, it must be dealt with speedily and sensitively, before it deteriorates beyond repair" added Councillor Cahill.







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## MONEY MATTERS.....

By Dermot Cronin,  
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Yes, it can be more difficult. When you are building your family home there are more of risks of things going wrong than purchasing your home especially in relation to the overall cost. The most obvious and biggest risk is of course the risk of you going over your budget to build and finish your property and not having enough money to complete your home. Lenders when assessing your application need to take this risk into account. Lenders will put emphasis on the cost of construction of your property. If you are making your application through a mortgage broker they should spend time discussing the cost of the construction and loan amounts with you to make sure they are realistic and affordable. If these figures are incorrect and especially if they are too low then your mortgage application could be declined and more importantly you may not have enough money to finish the property. A big plus at the moment for people who are first time buyers and are building or buying a new property that is their family home is that there is a Help To Buy Scheme that you can apply for through the Revenue. Thankfully this was extended recently in the budget. There is up to €30,000 available through this scheme, there are terms and conditions attached to this Help To Buy Scheme. Obviously this is very beneficial in terms of reducing your overall cost and reducing your mortgage amount also. Each lenders criteria for self build mortgages is different & you need to know this before choosing a lender that suits your needs best. A mortgage broker who has access to many lenders and has a lot of experience with self build mortgages should be very helpful to you.

If you require any further information on the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin at [dermotcroninifa@gmail.com](mailto:dermotcroninifa@gmail.com) or 0646622775 or 0872893649.

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## KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### >KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Kilcummin Community Games athletics evening will take place on Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm in Killarney Valley AC. Registration will take place at 6.30pm and first race at 7pm. Entry fee is €2.00. Please note you must reside in Kilcummin parish to participate. Medals for top 3 positions per event. 1st and 2nd place from each event will go through to the County Finals, please note County Final will be held on 24th & 25th of June in Castleisland. County Final entry fee is €5.00.

### KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to Knock is on Saturday 17th June leaving Kilcummin village @7am, stopping in Gort, Co. Galway on the way up and down for food/refreshments. For bookings and more information please contact Kilcummin P.O.

### BOG WALKS

Kilcummin Rural Development would like to sincerely thank Kerry Co. Council for providing the funding to carry out maintenance and drainage to the Bog Walk recently. We also would like to thank the Department of Social Protection who provide the maintenance personnel under the local Community Employment Scheme. This work will greatly enhance the walks and make it safer for everyone. Details of these walks which are rich in a variety of flora & fauna, are in the "Kilcummin Walks" brochures (free of charge) which are available at the Rural Development Office and the Post Office. Why not pick one up and it may inspire you to discover this beautiful amenity which is enjoyed by many already. Please be mindful of keeping this a clean, safe and friendly place to enjoy by bringing your rubbish home, keeping your dog(s) on a lead when you come in contact with fellow walkers or wildlife and respecting the local landowners' property.

### >KILCUMMIN GAA

#### CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE: Gneeveguilla V Kilcummin

Kilcummin began well in this game aided by the wind in the first half and led 1-3 to no score after 10 minutes, with Shane Mc Sweeney finding the net. After 25 minutes gone Kilcummin led 1-7 to 3 points and were unlucky not to add another goal, the crossbar saving the home team. This seemed to ignite Gneeveguilla and within the next 5 minutes they had three goals scored and taken the lead. The half time score was Gneeveguilla 3-4, to Kilcummin 1-8.

Kilcummin introduced Noel Duggan and James Williams. This saw Eoin O' Donovan move to wing back which seemed to bring Kilcummin back into the game. They dominated the next 15 to 20 minutes scoring 1 - 5 without reply. A cracking goal from Donal Maher and a Paul O'Shea dispatched penalty on the 55th minute to leave the scores 3-10 to 3-13. Gneeveguilla kept attacking and forced Brendan Kealy to make a spectacular save with 3 minutes or so remaining. Kilcummin were not prepared to try and hold the 3 point lead with 4 minutes injury time to be played. A great move from defence all the way to the full forward line resulted in a Noel Duggan goal. The final score was Gneeveguilla 3-10 to Kilcummin 4-13. There were many very good performances on the Kilcummin side but Eoin O'Donovan's contribution in the second half from wing back was immense and saw him intercept ball after ball and launch many of the Kilcummin attacks which brought them back into the game and keep them in contention at the top of Division 1.



*Congratulations to Mastergeeha FC winners of Padraig Harnett Girl's U11 Memorial Trophy.*

Scorers for Kilcummin: Paul O'Shea 1-4, Shane Mc Sweeney, Donal Maher and Noel Duggan - One goal each. Cian Foley - 2 points, Philip Casey - 2 points. Points each for, Chris O'Leary, James Nagle, Mark O'Shea, Sean O'Leary and Eoin O'Donovan.

Next game is at home to Spa on Sunday next @ 3.30pm.

Kilcummin B 0-14 Furies B 1-12 Credit Union Co League Div 6

### OSKARS

Kilcummin and Glenflesk are once again teaming up to host another Oskars event and considering the remarkable success and entertainment of the previous event in 2018 this will be eagerly awaited.

Firstly we have the INFORMATION night on Monday May 29th at 8.30 in the Killarney Heights where everyone will be made most welcome and learn more about this fantastic event which will take place on December 7th in the INEC. CASTING night will take place on June 12th while the date for the LAUNCH night will be decided shortly. This whole experience is open to the entire Kilcummin and Glenflesk communities. For info contact Niamh on 087 9801105.

### LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 8th May of the Jackpot of €4,500. Numbers drawing were 1,2,13,18. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Dermot O'Connor, Dunrine, Neilus McCarthy, Gortnatona, Kevin McCarthy, Gortnatona, Dara Brosnan, Coolnagarring. The next draw will be Monday 22nd May for a Jackpot of €4,750.

### >MASTERGEEHA FC

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO U11 GIRLS

It was a very exciting final versus St. Brendan's Park where extra time was needed to separate the two teams. Congratulations to Mastergeeha FC winners of Padraig Harnett Girl's U11 Memorial Trophy.

### LOTTO

There was no winner on 12th May 2023 of the Jackpot for €3,200. Numbers drawn were 1,14,17,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Ben Brosnan Jnr, Mastergeeha; Tim Casey c/o Klub; Katie, Adah & Séamí c/o Donal Cronin; Susan & Padraig Healy c/o Post Office. The next draw will be Friday 19th May for Jackpot of €3,400.

## LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

### >LOTTO

Numbers drawn 7,12,15, 25. €100-Billy O'Brien Laharn. €50 - Counihan family, Faha. €50 - Seamus Griffin, Ballymalis. €25 - Sean O'Brien and Laura. €25 - Pat Sheahan, Laharn. Next jackpot €4,200

### >KERRY GAA

Best of luck to the Kerry team and management who play Mayo this Saturday the 20th in Fitzgerald stadium.

### >SENIOR TEAM

Our seniors are at home to Ballydonoghue this Sunday the 21st in Allman

park. Best of luck to the team and management.

### >U15B

Keel/Listry team play legion this Friday in Listry in the Lee stand county league div 9 semi final, best of luck to the team and management.

### >U13

Both teams travel to Mountcoal to take on St Senans on Sunday the 21st in phase 2 of the Lee strand county league.





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## SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

## &gt;FIXTURES

In Round 6 of the Credit Union SFL we suffered defeat to Milltown/Castlemaine. The scoreline ended Spa 1-13 to Milltown/Castlemaine 2-17. We currently have 5 points in the Senior Division 1 League with 5 games remaining. Next up we will play away against Kilcummin this coming Sunday May 21st at 3:30pm

## &gt;KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

The Men's and Ladies All Ireland Gaelic Football 7-A-Side Tournament is fast approaching. It will take place on June Bank Holiday Weekend, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th tickets are still on sale for this event. Merchandise can now also be purchased online [www.killarneyclub7s.ie](http://www.killarneyclub7s.ie)

## &gt;SUMMER CAMP

Up and Active Summer Camp will take place Monday 10th - Friday 14th of

July from 09:00-13:00 at Spa GAA grounds. This Summer Camp offers a fun filled five days for children attending Primary School. The camp takes place in a safe and spacious environment with indoor and outdoor facilities conducted by three fully qualified teachers. Some of the activities include, art, athletics, fun games, treasure hunt, soccer and much more. The cost of this camp is €70 per child ( €60 for all subsequent siblings ) To avoid disappointment book your place now by contacting Evan (087)1496951 or Dan (085)7386444

## &gt;ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the Spa notes please contact the club PRO on 085 7762411 or [pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie) before 8pm on Sundays

## GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

## &gt;LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 3 /5/ 2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,400. The numbers drawn were 2, 14, 21, 22. Consolation Prizes of €50. 1. Owen Murphy, Kilquane. (Yearly Ticket) 2. Declan Healy, Clonkeen. 3. Declan Healy, Clonkeen (Sellers' Prize) 4. Amy Sexton, Kilcummin. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 15/ 5/ 2023 jackpot will be €3,600 Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers. Lotto tickets including annual tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs and shops or online before 6pm on the date of the draw at: [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?l\\_id=2534#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=2534#Anchor)

## &gt;THE OSKARS BY GLENFLESK GAA AND KILCUMMIN GAA

Save the date!!!! We are so excited to announce the date for the Oskars 2023!!! Thursday, December the 7th INEC, Killarney. Mark those social diaries for a night to remember! Who can forget the magic of the Oskars in 2018? Seven amazing films starring incredibly talented actors/actresses from our two mighty parishes! 2023 will be bigger & better!! Plans are well under way behind the scenes. Join us on Monday the 29th of May at 8.30pm in the Heights Hotel Killarney to learn more about this fantastic event which takes place on Dec 7th in the INEC. Glenflesk Gaa Kilcummin GAA Club Kevin Rowe Events

## &gt;CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 2 ROUND 6 CURROW 0 - 19 GLENFLESK 4 - 13

Glenflesk got back to winning ways in the County League Division 2, with a hard earned win over Currow, played in superb conditions on a perfect night for football.

From the opening whistle, the scores were plentiful at both ends. For the hosts Pa McCarthy was dangerous early, with Currow benefitting from long high deliveries towards the Glenflesk goal. At the other end Patrick Darcy broke free of his man on a couple of occasions, being content with

two points, when a goal chance may have been on. The goal Glenflesk threatened finally arrived after some great build up play ended with Tommy Bowler blasting home an unstoppable shot to the net. Another quickly followed, with Eoin Moynihan's pinpoint kickout finding Brian O Donoghue. He found the on running Ian Roche, who passed across for brother Darragh to palm to the net. Less than ten seconds from one end to the other. Currow responded well to this double setback, with Seamus Scanlon a useful targetman at full forward. McCarthy, Jack Moriarty and Darragh Kelly all added points, and the strong running Seamus Brosnan fisted over another score. At the other end though, the movement of the Glenflesk forwards was causing all kinds of trouble. Sean Doherty and Darcy combined to create a chance which Emmett Finnan calmly finished, before Darcy found the same part of the net for his sides fourth goal. Glenflesk went in at the break with an eight point lead, even though the match had been much more even than that lead suggested.

After a hectic first half, the scoring rate dropped after the restart. McCarthy continued to be deadly accurate for Currow, ending the night with 10 points, but their best goal chances were denied by a super save from Moynihan, and Finnan then somehow arriving from nowhere, to deny a certain goal, after a kickout had been intercepted. Brosnan continued to lead the Currow charge, powering forward to kick another two great points, but late scores from Killian O Sullivan, his fourth of the evening, and Cian Lynch, confirmed the victory. Report by Michael Healy.

## &gt;SENIOR FIXTURES

Our Division 2 team are away to Fries next Sunday 21st May at 2pm. Division 5 team are at home against Kilgarvan on Sunday 21st May at 2pm. Best of luck to both teams and management.

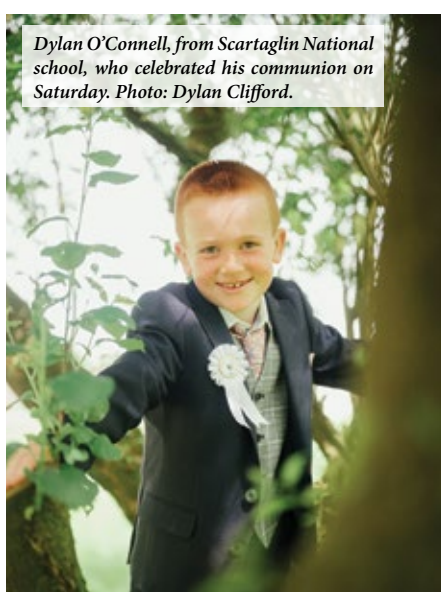
## &gt;DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Coach leaving St. Mary's Cathedral on Sat 26th Aug. €25. Limited places. Contact Sheila on 064 6631014 to book.

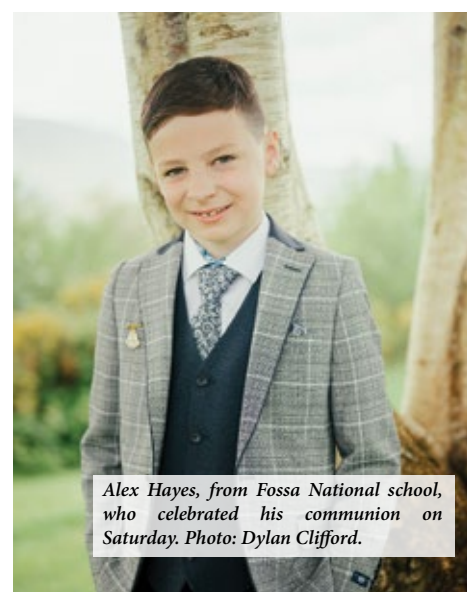
## Their Special Day....



Ivy Cahill, from Meentogues National school, who celebrated her communion on Saturday. Photo: Dylan Clifford.



Dylan O'Connell, from Scartaglin National school, who celebrated his communion on Saturday. Photo: Dylan Clifford.




Alex Hayes, from Fossa National school, who celebrated his communion on Saturday. Photo: Dylan Clifford.




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## BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

## &gt;FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to Dr Crokes C and away to Na Gaeil next weekend in Division 6 and 2, County League, round 7.

## &gt;RESULTS

Beaufort 0.09 Listowel Emmets 2.07 in Co League, Div. 2.

St Michael's/Foilmore 0.19 Beaufort 1.06 in Co League, Div. 6

## &gt;LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A Club lotto jackpot of €13,000 on Sunday, 14th May. Consolation Prizes: Numbers: 3,14,16, 27. Consolation Prizes: €80 Ciara Sears, Coolmagort, €50 Maura O'Sullivan, Shanacloon Lower, €50 John O'Driscoll, Killarney, €50 Jeremiah Moriarty, Keim, Gap of Dunloe. The next lotto draw for a jackpot of €13,200 will be on Sunday, 28th May in Galvin's Bar. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at: [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com). Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

## &gt;MATCH REPORT

**U15 County League Shield Semi-Final: Fossa 1-12 Beaufort 3-16**

After a minute's silence in Fossa for the Late Ellen Clifford, Beaufort went to work and were two goals up by the 10 minute mark thanks to Fionn Kennedy and Jack Gabbett.

The home side clawed their way back; hitting 1-06 in a 10 minute period with Beaufort's sole reply a Fionn Kennedy point and a Calum Galvin

strike saved by the Fossa keeper. With tactical changes applied at half-time and instructions to relax and return to a passing game, Beaufort stuck to task and gradually built scores. Three Kevin Coffey points early in the second-half restored the lead and further points from Conor Hughes and Fionn Kennedy, the latter following excellent build up play from Luke O'Malley, put daylight between the sides. Final score: Fossa 1.12 Beaufort 3.16

>**GOOD LUCK** to Mike Breen, Kerry senior team and management in their All Ireland football, Group 1 game against Mayo in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on Saturday, 20th at 3pm. Tickets for the game available on: <https://am.ticketmaster.com/gaa/allirelandfootball>

>**CONGRATULATIONS** to Hannah O'Donoghue and Fiadhna Tangney, Kerry Ladies senior team and management who are into the Munster senior Ladies football final after defeating Tipperary last weekend. Lily Riordan also played with Kerry Ladies in U14 who were defeated by Kildare.

>**GAA GREEN CLUB INITIATIVE**

Beaufort GAA Club has been accepted into Phase 2, GAA Green Clubs programme. The Club must complete two initiatives from energy, biodiversity, travel, water or waste over two years. If any member want to help, please contact the Club at 087 9975737. More information can be found at: <https://greenclubs.gaa.ie/>

## RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

>**CLLR MAURA HEALY RAE NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

I raised at recent meeting Killarney Municipal District.

Cllr M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council for an update regarding the state of Beheenagh Bridge. What works are required there and what funding stream is available to carry out these works? Residents are very concerned that the bridge is in danger of collapsing.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council have engaged a Structural Consultant Engineer to carry out a principal inspection of the bridge. This inspection will determine the conditional rating of the bridge and will determine the most appropriate funding mechanism.

Cllr M. Healy-Rae: Has a funding source been secured to address the drainage issues in Rathmore?

**REPLY:** The Killarney MD Office, in conjunction with Tralee Road design Office, have designed a drainage system to address this issue along Rathmore Main Street.

Based on the design, the MD Office have advertised for a contractor to carry out these works. The Killarney MD Office have submitted a funding request to the TII and are awaiting their decision.

>**SYMPATHIES** to the Dineen family & extended families on the death of their mother Margaret Dineen, Gortnaprocess, Margaret's funeral took place on Thursday 11th May in Gneeveguilla.

To Margaret Fitzgerald & family Renasup on the death of her sister Ellen Clifford, Fossa, whose funeral took place in Fossa on Tuesday 9th May.

To Helen Fitzgerald, Donie & family on the death of Helen's mother Sheila Casey, Kiskeam Village who's funeral took place on Wednesday 10th May in Kiskeam May Margaret, Ellen & Sheila rest in peace

>**DICK GODSIL MEMORIAL**

A public meeting will be held in Rathmore Community Centre on Tuesday 23rd May at 8pm for an update on the progress to date. Everyone welcome. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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>**CONGATULATIONS** also to Yasmin O'Brien and Chloe McCarthy and the Kerry Minor Camogie team on winning the All Ireland Camogie Minor C Championship Final rennily

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>**NOTES**

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





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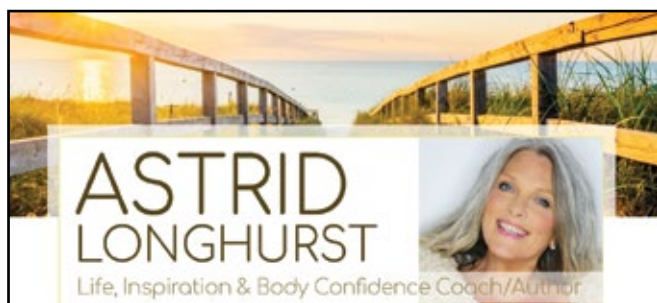


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**Have a great week! For more positive tips and inspiration please join me on Instagram or facebook!**

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You could also try a spritz instead of a toner to calm and hydrate the skin or to tighten and firm depending on the ingredients. Generally, these are packed with antioxidants to protect your skin and it is a great way to rehydrate and refresh your skin by day.

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At some point it is likely you will pick up some issue when training, but it's what you do about it, if anything at all that can be the difference between a quick resolution or maybe something that lingers and possibly even gets worse.

So, what do you do when something starts to hurt? Do you discuss with your trainer, physio or even your doctor? Is your first stop "Dr Google" to see what is wrong with you and then get worked up over what the google results tell you! First at the very least you should discuss with your trainer so that modifications can be made to your workout if needed in the short-term. However, if this strategy does not lead to any improvement in your pain experience, then we would strongly advise contacting your physio or sports therapist to get the issue assessed and treated.

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### Cataract

A cataract happens when either all or part of the lens in the eye becomes cloudy. There are different types of cataract, but the most common is age-related cataract.

Cataracts are very common, being the main cause of impaired vision in the world. If left untreated they can lead to partial or total sight loss.

Cataracts are very easily diagnosed by optometrists.

### Age-related macular degeneration

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) affects the central part of the vision and is caused by damage to the macular region of the eye, which is the part of the retina that provides high-resolution, central vision.

There are two main types of AMD – dry and wet. AMD is the most common cause of sight-impairment that affects older people.

### Dry Eye

Dry eye syndrome is a common condition that occurs when the eyes do not produce enough

tears or they evaporate too quickly.

Dry eye can lead to the eye becoming red, swollen and irritated, and in certain cases cause considerable discomfort for the sufferer. In very rare cases dry eye can be a sight threatening condition.

### Red eye

Red eye comprises a number of conditions such as conjunctivitis or burst blood vessels in the eye and are usually nothing to be unduly concerned about.

However, if the eye is painful this could be a sign of something more serious such as iritis (inflammation) or acute glaucoma.

While the majority of red eye conditions are short-term issues, they could be a symptom of other more serious conditions, such as acute glaucoma which is medically urgent and could result in loss of sight in that eye.

### Watery eye (epiphora)

Watery eye is a condition that is usually caused either by tears not draining correctly from the eye or, paradoxically, as a result of an underlying dry eye condition which results in irritation.

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Anyone interested in training for Killarney Regatta, taking place on the 25th of June, please call to the Old Church in Fossa on Mondays at 7:30pm.

**KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB****KRFC IS KILLARNEY VALLEY VINTAGE CLUB CHARITY**

Killarney RFC has been announced as Killarney Valley Vintage club charity for this years fundraiser. The club is raffling a fully restored 1979 Landrover along with a list of other amazing prices and we have been selected as a benefiting charity. Thanks to all at Killarney Valley Vintage Club for this wonderful opportunity. Tickets are available from all committee members and cost only €10 each and we would encourage all members, club supporters, players etc to sell tickets as all funds raised by the club stay with the club and will go towards our new clubhouse. Please support.

**CLUB AWARDS DAY A HUGE SUCCESS**

Last Sunday we held our Club awards day at Aghadoe with player awards for Youths and Senior as well as a wonderful barbeque and tuc shop open on the day. Brendan Fuller was the mc on the day and there was a fantastic turnout as we celebrated the next generation of players and had a fantastic day out at Aghadoe. Well done to Ger Moynihan and all who organised the day and all who helped out on the day.

**AGM**

Our club AGM takes place on Thursday the 1st of June at Ross Products and will start at 7:30pm. All welcome.

**MUNSTER RUGBY SUMMER CAMP**

The annual Munster Rugby summer camps return to Aghadoe this summer and will take place between the 24th and 28th of July next. Open to boys and girls aged between 6 and 12 years of age, these camps take place between 9:30am and 1:30pm each day. The cost is €80 per child. Additional children from the same family can attend for the discounted rate of €70 per child. Check out the Munster rugby page for further information.

**GIRLS ONLY GIVE IT A TRY CONTINUES**

Our girls only Give it a try programme continues every Saturday at Aghadoe and great fun is being had by all. New girls aged between 8 and 14 are always very welcome to come and give rugby a try any Saturday between 12 and 1pm. Contact Fiona on 087-23044689 for details.

**MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB NOTES****SYMPATHY**

The club extends its deepest sympathies to the Buckley and O'Donoghue families on the passing of Josie Buckley. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam uasal.

**LEE REGATTA**

It was a busy day for the club last Saturday with 37 Muckross crews racing at the Lee Regatta, held at the Cork city marina. The club finished first in eight races, including the Mens Masters Double, Womens Junior 14 Quad, Mens Junior



Killarney RFC has been announced as Killarney Valley Vintage club charity for this years fundraiser, pictured are Liam Murphy, Jenna Moynihan, Anthony Walsh, Ger Moynihan, Ger Sugrue, Fiona Landers, Anne Gabbett and Tom O'Leary (all from KRFC). Picture: Tony Dunne.



Killarney Valley ACs Oisín Lynch runs a massive new 800m PB in Belfast Irish Milers Track meet of 1min 52.40 Secs, smashing the qualification standard for European Youth Olympics.

15 Quad, Mens Junior 15 Single straight finals (Leon Bowler and Ronan Fahy), Mens Junior 15 Double straight finals (Muckcross A, Muckcross D) and Mens Junior 14 Octuple. The club was also second in a further eight finals and third in two races. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all our crews. The regatta was also a first competitive outing for many of our Year 1 rowers, who raced in octuple and quad events. A special well done to everyone on competing in your first regatta.

**REGATTA SEASON**

The busy regatta season continues this weekend with 49 Muckross crews entered in the Castleconnell Regatta taking place at O'Briensbridge. Best of luck to all our crews. A number of our older junior crews will travel to Blessington on Saturday, May 27th for the Dublin Metro Regatta, the third of four Grand League regattas. Other upcoming events include Drinagh Lake Regatta, Sunday, May 28th and Carlow Regatta, Sat-Sun, June 3rd and 4th.

**KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB**

Oisín Lynch ran a massive new 800m PB in Belfast Irish Milers Track meet in a time of

1min52.40secs smashing the qualification standard for the European Youth Olympics. Sarah Leahy also ran well to come 2nd place in her 100m.

Also last week, we had athletes competing for their schools in the South and North Munster schools. In the Senior, Tadhg Galvin came 1st in the 400m, Bartek Zgliniski came 1st in the High Jump and Oisín Lynch came 1st in the 800m. In the Intermediate, Jason O'Reilly came 1st in the 400m, Cian O'Brien came 1st in the 200m, Anna O'Shea came 2nd in the Pole Vault and 3rd in the Discus. Tunde Smith came 3rd in the Minor 100m.

Day 2 of Kerry County Juveniles/Juniors T&F Championships was held on Sunday 14th May in Castleisland and we had some great performances from athletes. Some great fun was had with the relays and we would like to thank all the parents and coaches for their help and commitment on the day.

Our Kids Summer Camp Bookings is now live on our website with 6 weeks to choose from and caters for kids aged 5-12yrs. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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**KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB**

Five members of Killarney Swimming Club represented Kerry today for their respective areas as they competed at the Community Games National Finals in Castlebar on Saturday 13th May fantastic results!

Eugene Mulligan (Killorglin) 5th U14 Backstroke  
Evan O'Donoghue (Spa Muckross) 6th U12 Breaststroke

Emily Brosnan (Kilcummin) 6th U14 Freestyle  
Shane Tomlinson (Spa Muckross) 7th U14

Freestyle  
Katie O'Riordan (Milltown/Listry) 9th U16  
Freestyle  
Aoife Daly (Beaufort) U16 Breaststroke  
Killarney Swimming Club attended the John Dempsey Memorial Gala at the UL Sport Arena on Sunday 14th May with excellent results and many new personal bests:  
Raegan Browne 2nd 100m Fly  
Ayla Keogh 2nd 50M Free  
Noah Keogh 2nd 100M Back

Orlaith Mackey 2nd 100M Back and 50M Back  
Lara O'Brien Leahy  
2nd 50M Breaststroke  
2nd 50M Fly  
1st 50M free  
Samuel O'Neill  
2nd 50M Free  
Dara Sheehan  
3rd 100M Breast  
3rd 50M Free

**MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB EXCEL AT LEE REGATTA**

*The club had a successful day of racing at Lee Regatta on Saturday. The club won 8 races with several 2nd and 3rd place finishes.*



**Mens junior 14 boys squad who won the junior 14 octuple.**

Front row: Shóna o Sullivan(Coach), James award, Jack Doolan, Peter Herlihy, Áine O Sullivan(Coach), Christopher Flynn, Sé Kennedy and Seán Tangney(Coach)

Back row: Brian Clancy, Cian O Donoghue, Fionn Tangney, Harry McGough, Cillian Tangney and Colm O Connor.



**Mens junior 15 quad winners: Leon Bowler, Adiel Cazacu Clodagh Slattery(Cox), Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy.**



Leon Bowler and Adiel Cazacu winners of the Mens Junior 15 double.



Edmund and Danny Lyne winners of the Mens Masters double.

*Members of Muckross Rowing Club taking part in the River Lee Regatta*



*Members of Muckross Rowing Club taking part in the River Lee Regatta*







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This offer will be welcome by customers looking to switch to electric or upgrade their EV and will be further enhanced at Aherns Renault Castleisland with a trade in booster.

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### RESULTS OF THE HOLMPATRICK CUP QUALIFYING COMPETITION PLAYED 13TH/14TH MAY

1st: Jamie O'Sullivan (11) and Brendan O'Shea (17) 46pts

2nd: Mikey McKenna (8) & Eanna O'Connor (9) 45pts

3rd: Liam Martin (6) & Pat Ruane (9) 42pts (back 9)

**WELL DONE** to Jamie and Brendan who represents the club in the munster final

**THANKS** to all who contributed to this worthy charity NCBI (National Council for the Blind Ireland)

## KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

### THE LAURELS SPONSORED V-PAR ON MAHONY'S PT.

1st: Kay O Connor (16) 6 up

2nd: Aoife O Sullivan (29) 4 up

Best Gross: Amy Arthur (04)

3rd: Catherine Hartnett (37) 4 up

4th: Maire O xBrien (29) 3 up

5th: Roisin Kivlehan (39) 2 up

6th: Jane Dwyer (20) 2 up

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### SCRATCH CUPS

Thanks very much to the 97 players who supported these events last Saturday. Special thanks to the Grounds Committee for their efforts in getting the course ready for today as well as Shirley and Helena for looking after everyone in the kitchen. Our Chairman Damien Fleming won his seventh Gerald Horgan



Eoin O'Riordan Looney (Seamus McLellan Memorial Junior Winner), Gearoid Cronin (Intermediate Winner) and Damien Fleming (Gerald Horgan Memorial Senior Winner) pictured after their wins in the 2023 Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Scratch Cups events last Saturday. Thanks to our sponsors McGann's Doolin (Senior), O'Callaghan Coach Holidays (Intermediate) and Tadhg's Boutique (Junior) for their support of these events again this year.

Memorial Senior Scratch Cup today as our U16 Officer Gearoid Cronin won the Intermediate event for the fourth time. Eoin O'Riordan Looney was a first time winner of the Seamus McLellan Memorial Junior event meanwhile.

### RESULTS

Senior (Sponsored by McGann's Doolin)- Winner: Damien Fleming 143, Runner-Up: Ray Murphy (St Annes) 144, Final 18: Jason Cregan (Tralee) 42. Intermediate (Sponsored by O'Callaghans Coach Holidays)- Winner: Gearoid Cronin 148, Runner-Up: Jake Shine (Listowel) 150, Final 18: James Fleming 51. Junior (Sponsored by Tadhg's Boutique)- Winner: Eoin O'Riordan Looney 151, Runner-Up: Daniel Kelly 156, Final 18: Fintan Martin 51, Ladies Prize: Julianne Broderick (Castleisland) 119, Junior B Mens Prize: Bobby Kelly 120.

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Fourball Betterball- First Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Sean Ashe 40½, Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Sean O'Brien 51 and Second Nett: Noel Moynihan & Sean Ashe 43½.

### MUNSTER MATCHPLAY

Our very best wishes to Damien Fleming and John McGrath (Senior) as well as James Fleming and Adam Kelly (Intermediate) in this weekend's finals in both Tralee and Listowel. We also wish our fellow Kerry clubs the very best with hosting this event.

### COURSE CLOSED

We are closed this Saturday due to the staging of the Kerry v Mayo game in Fitzgerald Stadium.

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

### RESULTS - EILEEN DORAN MCCARTHY CUP

Congratulations to Betty O'Farrell on winning the Eileen Doran McCarthy Club Singles Trophy and to the runner up Kaye Cremin.

### 18-HOLE SINGLE STAPLEFORD QUALIFYING COMPETITION SATURDAY 13TH MAY

A beautiful day for golf. The results are as follows.

1st: Therese O'Keeffe 2nd: Bridie Brosnan 3rd: Emir Coffey. Well done to all who took part.

### JUNIOR FOURSOMES COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Ross Ladies on their win over Berehaven Golf club. Ross Golf Club won on the 18th and 19th. Well done to All.

### SPRING LEAGUE

Congratulations to Betty O'Farrell's team who won the Spring League. The winning team was Betty O'Farrell, Mary Gorman, Mernie Leinhan and Elaine Casey Well done to all.

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Junior Foursomes who beat Berehaven Golf Club. Pictured Bridie Brosnan, Mary Gorman, Lady Captain Mary Moynihan, Kaye Cremin, Margaret O'Donoghue. Missing from photo is Eileen Fleming and Team Manager Betty O'Farrell.



Berehaven Golf Club and Ross Golf Club Ladies who took part in the Junior Foursomes



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This week the budding golfers put their golf skills to the test on the course in Lackabane. They were guided around the golf course and assisted by their teacher's Mr. Kelly and Ms. O'Donnell as they played a scramble competition and learned about what the game involved. Well done to all who participated and continue to keep up the golf swings over the summer!



## KILLARNEY CELTIC WIN U11 GIRL'S PADRAIG HARNETT MEMORIAL CUP FINAL



Maura Harnett, wife of the late Padraig Harnett presents medals to Killarney Celtic who won the inaugural Kerry schoolboys and girls soccer league U11 Girl's Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup



Killarney Celtic who won the inaugural Kerry schoolboys and girls soccer league U11 Girl's Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup

Following a great final in St. Brendan's Park and a very sporting game between Killarney Celtic and Listowel Celtic, Killarney Celtic were victorious in the inaugural Kerry schoolboys and girls soccer league U11 Girl's Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup.

Both teams played fantastic football however it was Killarney Celtic who lifted the Cup on the inaugural Kerry schoolboys and girls soccer league U11 Girl's Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup.

Mastergeeha FC were the winners of Padraig Harnett Girl's U11 Memorial Trophy against a gamely St Brendans Park, It was a very exciting final versus St Brendans Park where extra time was needed to separate the 2 teams. Congratulations to both teams on the day.

A big thank you again to Maura who presented the cup, trophy and medals who were in attendance.



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## MEK GALAXY

### GIRLS

#### U12 Girls Cup

MEK Galaxy 1 Inter Kenmare 0. Scorer Isabelle O'Connor

#### U12 Girls Shield Semi-Final

Ballyhar Dynamos 5 MEK Galaxy 0

#### U13 Girls Cup Q/F

MEK Galaxy 2 Park FC 1 a great result once again by the girls. 2 goals by Isabelle Lyons also gives her player of the match!

### BOYS

#### U12 Premier Division

MEK Galaxy 1 - 2 Listowel Celtic

A tough result, led 1-0 after dominating the first half. Listowel came back and scored 2. MEK put in a great effort but couldn't force an equaliser. Scorer and man of the match for MEK was Fionn Bevan

#### UNDER14S DIVISION 2

MEK Galaxy 2-0 Castleisland AFC (half time 1-0)

Goals scored by Oisín Walsh (absolute banger into top corner) & Allan Adamczyk with calm finish from a rebound, Man of the Match Donnacha Prendeville, with good displays also from Bart Flynn, Harry Murphy & Conor Koteze.

#### U16 DIVISION 1

Fenit Samphires 1 MEK Galaxy 5

Noah O'Shea man of the match with 4 goals and Kevin Coffey with the other one. To be fair an under strength Fenit but our lads controlled the game from start to finish in very warm conditions.

### AGM

This year's club AGM takes place in Faha National School on Tuesday May 30 at 8pm. The 2023/24 season is going to be the most important in the club's history as we attempt to take the next step forward, to deliver facilities to match our growing club numbers. There are several committees which will be taking charge of different strands within the club. We are looking for your support. We would love new enthusiastic parents to join in and help. Positions we need to fill are: Field Development, Fundraising, Summer Camps, Communication and Media, Registration, Coaching and Administration. If anyone has any questions regarding any position within the club please contact Liam on 087 7639611.

Killarney Celtic U11 squad and coaches **WINNERS** of the Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup.



## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### TEAMS

The club u14s who are nearing completion of their division 1 league games welcomed St Brendans Park B to Murt Scott Park for a mid week game. Jack Kelly made it a 1-1 game early in the second half but it was the visitors who went on to win 1-5. Ballyhar had good performances by Sean Brosnan, Conor Foley, Daire Cornally, Ryan Breen, Ryan Vickers, Daniel Downes.

The U12 Girls have qualified for the KSG shield final after a 5-0 home victory over MEK. Lucy Wynne with four & one by Niamh O Sullivan were the goal scorers who were able assisted by each of the squad with Grace O Sullivan, Leah Cooper, Anna Fitzgerald, Emma O Callaghan, Seodin Scanlan, Emily O'Neill, Emily O Callaghan, Olivia Prendeville, Leanne Collins, Faye O'Brien & Kate O'Connor impressing on the evening. The Squad & Management will now look forward to the final

The U12 Division 1 Boys team who are unbeaten Division 1 champions travelled to Dingle Bay Rovers on Sunday last & came away with a 3-7 victory. Ballyhar led 0-2 at the break thanks to two well taken goals by Patrick O'Connor. O'Connor completed his hat trick in the second half with Alex Finn adding two goals & one each from Brendan Flynn & Callum Templeman. Overall a very successful season for this squad

with Noah Browne. Adam Fleming & Luke Bartlett performing well in this game. Many thanks to the players, their parents & coaches Alan Finn & Pat Fleming for completing a rewarding season.

### KICKFIT

The club in conjunction with the Kerry sports Partnership & the FAI are running a 6 Wednesday night female kick fit (soccer in a fun & sociable environment.) All levels are welcome. It commences on Wednesday 24th. See the Ballyhar Dynamos facebook page for details.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

**KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS** are available to book through clubforce.com, Find my Club Killarney Celtic. Week 1 is Mon 3rd July to Friday 7th July and week 2 is Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July.

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 9,10,11,21. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €30 each. Next jackpot €4,200 on Monday May 22nd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegarty's Park Rd, club members and online through clubforce.com

### DOMINOS PIZZA LEAGUE CUP SEMI FINAL Killarney Celtic 2, Killarney Athletic 2.

Celtic win 8-7 on pens

Mark Kolesnikov, Mikey Moynihan

A fine battling performance saw us reach the



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 girls following their KSG shield semi final win over MEK.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12s Kerry schoolboy league Division 1 league champions following their away victory over Dingle Bay Rovers. Many thanks to the players, their parents & coaches Alan Finn & Pat Fleming for their efforts over the season.



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**JIMMY FALVEY MEMORIAL YOUTHS CUP FINAL**

**Killarney Celtic 1, St Brendans Park 1**

Dara O'Shea

Celtic came back from a goal down to force a replay which should be played on Thursday May 18th. Celtic opened brightly but failed to capitalise on the opportunities. St Brendan's Park hit the front when they scored from a penalty. Celtic started brightly in the 2nd half but Park held firm until Dara O'Shea tied things up from a free kick. Despite further pressure neither team could find a winner.

**U14 CUP SEMI FINAL**

**Mastergeeha 1, Killarney Celtic 3**

Samuel Scroope, James Murphy

Celtic produced a fine display to qualify for the U14 Cup final. Mastergeeha hit the front in the 1st half but James Murphy had Celtic on level terms before the break. With the backing of the wind Celtic held firm and then gradually began to force the issue. Celtic hit the front when Samuel Scroope was put through to finish to the net. Celtic put the game to bed when Samuel Scroope slotted home the rebound of a Luke O'Shea free kick.

**U11 BOYS GREEN** were runners up in the John Dowling Memorial Trophy Final

**U10 BOYS GREEN** were winners of the John O Flynn Memorial Cup Final

**U10 BOYS WHITE** were runners up in the John O'Flynn Memorial Trophy Final

**GIRLS**

**U15 CUP SEMI FINAL**

**Camp 0, Killarney Celtic 4**

Lily O'Shaughnessy, Zoe Counihan, Emma Daly, Sarah Warren

Celtic made the u15 Cup final after a good win away to Camp.

**U11 GIRLS** were winners of the inaugural Padraig Harnett Memorial Cup.

**MANY THANKS TO ST BRENDAN'S PARK** for hosting the U10 and U11 Finals last Sunday.

**CONGRATS TO MARK LOONEY U14** who was named on the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Hannah Casey U15 who was named on the Girls Roll of Honour.

**BEST OF LUCK** to all our coaches and players involved with the Kerry Girls U16 who are playing in the SFAI Inter League Final on Sunday against Mayo.

*Killarney Celtic U10 Green squad winners of the John O'Flynn Memorial Cup Final.*



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### U15 PREMIER RESULT

**Killarney Athletic 2 - 1 M.E.K**

### U15 PREMIER CHAMPIONS

Our U15 side secured the premier title this morning with a good win over nearest rivals MEK.

Leading 1-0 at half time through a JJ O' Donoghue goal we started the second half brightly and went 2 up with a neat finish from Alex Doolan.

We took the foot off the pedal after this and MEK to their credit came more into the game and got 1 back.

We finished the game strongly and possibly could have had another couple.

Overall a super achievement by this bunch of young lads who have managed to win the

league while remaining undefeated 9 wins and 1 draw. Well done boys & Management.

### U12 PREMIER RESULT

**Castleisland 2 - 1 Killarney Athletic**

Eric Corcoran

Our young Blues wrapped up their season this morning with a defeat to Castleisland.

Although the result did go our way, the boys played really well and were unlucky to not to get anything from the game. Lots of learnings for next Season when they move to 11 aside. Well done boys and enjoy the summer

### U12 DIVISION 1 RESULT

**Fenit A 1 - 1 Killarney Athletic B**

A dominant performance by our U12B's who were very unlucky not to come away with the 3 points. Thanks very much to our hosts Fenit for a great game.

Goals -Ryan O' Keeffe

### U12 GIRLS DIV 1

**Killarney Athletic vs Tralee Dynamos**

Another close game this evening between 2 evenly matched teams. Tralee were the better team in the first half and led a half time 3 -0 which included 2 quick goals right before half time. Athletic game out much stronger in the second half and pulled one back pretty quickly but couldn't convert some more good chances in the final third. Thanks to Dynamos for a exciting game.

Goal for Athletic - Roisin O'Sullivan

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

### PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL FINALS

The first year of the new format hasn't worked out well so far for the GAA. To be fair, I think it's more coincidental than careless, although I will continue to state that having three teams emerge from groups of four is preposterous. The old and misnamed 'Super 8s' were nothing but a greedy money-spinner, and this elongated group phase seems similarly drawn out an unnecessary already. Maybe they'll surprise me, but I don't anticipate too many shocks.

Munster was a damp squib, and has been for a while now. Clare had no self-belief against Kerry, despite having convincingly seen off Cork, and playing Sexton as a lone attacker was never going to work. That said, Kerry looked a fresher and hungrier side that their National League campaign suggested, and I suspect that Jack O'Connor and co. have timed their run-in perfectly.

Leinster. Move along, folks, nothing to see here. Dublin absolutely walloped Louth, even more emphatically than had been expected. Mind you, I had expected Louth under Mickey Harte to be heavily defensive and instead they were incredibly profligate, especially on their long kick-outs, and gave Dublin all the space they needed. Dublin could probably have done with a harder test (I'd consider theirs to be a fairly soft group, that won't do them any favours at the business end). Dublin looked a lot better than their dour battle against Kildare, but that might be due to Louth's failings or they, too, might have timed their run-in correctly.

The Connaught Final was another one sided affair. Let's face it, New York's first ever championship win was historic, but it was the closest the whole competition came to real drama. I wouldn't worry about that going forward. Having the three top guns, Mayo, Galway, and Roscommon, all drawn on the one side is a statistical anomaly. Connaught is usually an entertaining competition and I expect it will revert to that.

Ulster. I still suspect that Tyrone are quite happy to conserve energy by departing that championship early and focusing on the big one – maybe I'm being extra cynical there. As it was, the Ulster Final was easily the best provincial final of them all – let's face it, it wasn't a high bar to pass. The clash between Derry and Armagh was absolutely gripping. A real roller-coaster from start to finish. It wasn't actually great football – everybody behind the ball and a lot more functionality than flair. It was sprinkled with moments of brilliance – I remember Shane McGuigan as a wily and accurate corner forward at minor and colleges level – he has blossomed into some footballer. It looked for a long time as if Armagh couldn't reel in Derry's one or two point lead. Personally I think Ethan Rafferty's

meanderings just slow the play up, and it's not as if Ulster football is fast or direct anyway. Mind you, Odhran Lynch went walkabout a fair few times as well. It's fashionable for keepers to do that at the moment, but fashion and intelligence have never been closely related. He was superb in the penalty shootout.

Armagh looked like they were going to snatch it late on, but Derry managed to drag it into a penalty shootout. I don't like them; I literally would prefer a coin toss, but I accept that in the extremely crowded (artificially elongated in some ways) modern schedule, there is no room for replays.

Will this deflate Armagh or turn Derry into serious contenders? For me, Derry are just a fraction short of the top teams of Kerry, Dublin, and Galway. Should Tyrone be included in that mix? Maybe, they have forward flair that other Ulster teams just don't. Armagh have certain limitations – some of their patterns of play are entrenched – but no-one can doubt their heart. They aren't a top team for me, but they are very dangerous to top teams. Monaghan are a hard team to read, injury woes mean they have yet to really show their full hand. Donegal have a lot of work to do off the field before they can restore themselves on it. I genuinely believe that the background organisation is the foundation of the inter-county team even more so than the individual personnel involved. Mind you, there is a Murphy-sized hole in Donegal, and they might not see another one like him in a lifetime. Should the provincials championships be scrapped? Personally, I think the Munster Hurling Championship has turned into a gruelling All Ireland campaign of its own. Yes, absolutely thrilling games (I'll discuss GAAGo anon, and ye might not like it) but you need a calculator these days just to figure out the table. Leinster hasn't got half the quality, unfortunately. Connaught and Ulster are not part of the conversation, unfortunately. The Munster Hurling Championship is historic – attempt to remove it, and traditionalists will take up arms. But its relevance has to be open to question. At this stage, I'd prefer to lose the provincial hurling championships and have seeded national groups.

I'm not sure of the value of the provincial football championships either. I think Sligo would have



Kerry haven't lost a game in the Fitzgerald Stadium since 1995. Image: Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

been better off as genuine contenders for the Tailteann Cup. Incidentally, the Tailteann Cup had more entertaining games than an overly defensive Sam Maguire championship that had Galway/Armagh, Kerry Dublin, and Kerry/Galway as the only real highlights (albeit those games were brilliant).

Would it be worth scrapping the provincials and starting off with seeded groups? Just skip out. I know it would cost the provincial councils revenue but the provincial councils were necessary back in the days of communication by telegraph or occasionally fax. I'm not sure they serve a direct purpose anymore. I do think that power is already centralised too much by a Central Council who blatantly introduced things like the Sky TGV deal and the age change at minor and U21 in the face of clear opposition from the grass roots (who have since been proven right on both counts), but I didn't hear the provincial councils making too many objections.

Look, I know it's not going to happen. The political opposition would be overwhelming. But I don't think it's a conversation that's going away any time soon.

### KERRY V MAYO

Kerry's first group game is also likely to be their biggest. Mayo are the reigning league champions, but I think that's old currency now. Few enough teams went all out for the league. Every top team experimented a bit. That includes Mayo. Aidan O'Shea into the forwards worked very well, giving them a direct physical option there. I think the big man has carried a lot of unfair criticism from cheap snipers in press booths over the years; he always gives his best, even on the hard days. Conroy to the defence and Diarmuid O'Connor to midfield worked well in the league, but I'm not 100% convinced yet. James Carr and Ryan O'Donoghue are serious footballers up front and I'm a big admirer of an under-rated Jordan





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Flynn as well, but we haven't seen Cillian O'Connor injury-free and at his best for the bones of two years now. That five week break after their Connaught elimination may not do Mayo any harm.

Much is being made of the fact that Kerry haven't lost a game in the Fitzgerald Stadium since 1995. A bit too much for my liking. I'm always suspicious of stats like that. How many championship games against real contenders for the All Ireland have we played in the Stadium since then? Cork have not been the force of old; I genuinely wish that they were for the sake of entertaining games and a healthy rivalry to push us on. Longford in 2006, the dawn of Donaghy. Sligo gave us an awful fright in 2009 and should have beaten us really. Tyrone in 2012, and Tyrone weren't at full strength that day. Kildare in 2018 were not real contenders and already out of contention when they faced us. Mayo in 2019 was a real game and a good one.

I like the look of Kerry at the moment. I think that we are simply better overall than Mayo. I expect them to be very hard to break down but, like last year, I expect Kerry's greater firepower to tell in the last quarter. I think it's fairly obvious that Mayo will look to double-team David Clifford – last year's League Final will have confirmed that. They'll also try to force Tadhg Morley to man mark rather than shielding space, but I think Kerry will be more prepared for that than they were in the League. This will be a tough one, but I do think Kerry will prevail. And if they do, I won't pretend to be too excited about the Cork and Louth games afterwards. I do want Kerry to win; I want that extra week off to recharge before the quarter-final.

I'll be attending the game myself, thankfully. I know there is a lot of anger nationally about games like this being put on pay-per-view. But honestly, I think the GAA would be foolish not to do it. GAAGO does bring the games to the Irish diaspora overseas, which is important. Television audiences are a key revenue stream for every mainstream sport nowadays. The GAA would be foolish not to get on board with that. It isn't bad value for the annual package (€14 per game is a bit ridiculous alright). It is a bit strange to have the same people working for GAAGO and RTE simultaneously, given that they are broadcasting rivals for the Irish domestic market, and that does need to be looked at, but

I'm fine with the general principle. There are a lot more games than RTE could reasonably be expected to show nowadays anyway. As for the fact that it's the likes of the Munster hurling games and Kerry v Mayo that's behind a paywall? Look, of course you want to sell your product and the most desirable games are the best ones to market here. That's basic stuff and I wouldn't be doing any different. I'm not joining in the general outcry about this or the amount of what I suspect is political opportunism and bandwagoning about this. I'm actually on the GAA's side on this one.

Now, there's a sentence I never expected to write!

## LAOIS LOSS ENDS KERRY HURLERS YEAR

McDonagh Cup:

Kerry 0-21 Laois 4-23

A fairly crushing defeat to Laois not only ends Kerry's year in a disappointing fashion, but leaves Kerry manager Stephen Molomphy and his backroom team pondering their futures. The odds were heavily against Kerry qualifying for a fourth McDonagh Cup Final in a row. For that to happen, Kerry would have needed Offaly (who lined out without a number of rested players as they had already qualified for the final) beating Carlow and Kerry beating Laois.

As it happens, Carlow's comfortable 1-29 to 0-14 win was a moot point as Laois handed Kerry their heads. While Kerry did pick up the pace in a stuttery League campaign after a terrible Munster Senior League, a certain profligacy and uncertainty about team selection has haunted them all year and all those chickens came home to roost in a very disappointing display in Austin Stack Park. I mean no disrespect to Laois, but Kerry were favourites here on their own ground and just never clicked into gear. Brandon Barrett opened the scoring but James Keyes and the excellent Stephen Maher replied. Shane Conway tied matters up and Jordan Conway nudged us in front, but Martin Whelan replied. The two Conways fired over again (2f for Shane) with Tomas Keyes and keeper Enda Rowland (f) keeping Laois in touch. Kerry were playing the better hurling, but already the wides were really beginning to mount up, Laois were far more clinical. In the 18th minute Stephen Maher cracked home a great goal to put Laois in front for the first time. Pádraig

Boyle slotted two points and Jordan Conway another with Maher replying with a free.

Tomás Keyes made it 1-7 to 0-9 but Evan Murphy and Shane Conway (f) put Kerry in front by a point. It was to be the last time that they would lead in the whole game, and 11 first half wides is a big part of the reason why.

Mahe and Pádraig Delaney pointed for Laois, with Shane squaring matters again. Maher and Fionán Mackessy (I wouldn't have him centre back, I'd have him pairing with Eoin Ross in midfield but hindsight is a lazy general) tying things up again. Stephen Maher and Aidan Corby gave Laois a 1-12 to 0-13 lead at half-time, but I felt that if Kerry could tighten up with their shooting, they were still favourites for the win. Word was already filtering through at that stage though that Carlow were leading by 0-16 to 0-6 against Offaly. There would be no handles thrown with hatchets here.

Pádraig Boyle and Shane Conway (f) levelled things up again. Stephen Maher pointed a free and then hit the post after Tomás Keyes was fouled. The loose ball spilled in the Kerry square, with Mikey Boyle attempting to kick it clear but only finding Bergin. Evan Murphy had no choice but to pull him back, picking up a yellow card (the truth is that it should certainly have been a black). Enda Rowland gave John B. O'Halloran no chance with the penalty.

Dan Goggin, who was superb after being introduced after half-time, was hooked at the last second as he bore down on goal. Great defending, in fairness. Brandon Barrett pointed and Paudie O'Connor added another after receiving from Goggin.

Laois effectively killed the game with five points on the trot, three frees from Maher, another from Rowland, and Tomás Keyes from play. That made it 2-18 to 0-17.

Jordan Conway pulled back a point but Kerry were visibly labouring. Things could have gotten much worse when Martin Phelan pounced on a defensive turnover, but John B. O'Halloran denied him with a fantastic save. Stephen Maher slotted the resultant '65.

Conway picked off another point but again Kerry needed O'Halloran to come to the rescue, this time denying Stephen Bergin. The pressure was really beginning to tell, with Ian Shanahan and Stephen Maher (2f) extending the lead to nine points. Dan Goggin pointed one last score for Kerry, but Laois were reigning supreme all over the field and goals from Patrick Purcell



Action from the McDonagh Cup Kerry v Laois. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



and Stephen Bergin wrapped up a thoroughly deserved Laois victory. After the game, two Kerry greats bowed out of the inter-county game. It was a sad ending for Seán 'Beans' Weir, defensive lock for over a decade, and Mikey Boyle, arguably the greatest of a great sporting family. Their absence will be keenly felt. Elsewhere, Kildare's defeat to Down saw them drop down to the Christy Ring Cup after a promising League campaign.

## TOUGH OPENER FOR KERRY MINORS

**Munster Minor Quarter-Final:  
Cork 2-12 Kerry 0-14**

This was a hard one to judge. Certainly Kerry were poor here. No sense of urgency or hunger. Hesitation in attack. Cork had the two best footballers on the field. Anyone who followed the Corn Uí Mhuirí knew about Sean Coakley – the full forward was one of the best players in that competition and gave a Kerry U20 player plenty of it in the final despite a limited supply of ball. His quality was no surprise. I didn't know a lot about Dara Sheedy from Bantry, but he was even better on the night. A truly awesome display – that was as good a goal as you will ever see to cap a memorable performance. We'll see that lad again, and it's a real joy to watch a footballer like that. Back when minor football was under 18, you always had a reasonable notion about teams from their Frewen and Corn Uí Mhuirí performances and the inter-county U16 squads. Nowadays your guess is as good as mine or probably better. Mindyou, Cork are running a U18 competition as well as a U17 and my understanding is that they intend, like most counties, to revert fully back to that age next year in domestic competition. I do accept that there was an issue with senior competitions being delayed because of the unavailability of inter-county minors, but that was obduracy by clubs and weakness on the part of county boards. The cure has been far worse than the solution.

The fact that we will see him again in this year's competition is part of the problem. This was one of the most meaningless games of football you will ever see. At stake for the winner was a place in the Munster semi-final, while the loser had to suffer the ignominy of...a place in the Munster semi-final. Of course it gives managers the chance to iron out some kinks while risking absolutely nothing. But does it add in any way to the competition? I fully agree with the round robin for the weaker counties in Munster at minor football. And spare me the nonsense about 'so-called weaker counties'. The statistics are stark. Kerry have won 49 Munster titles since the introduction of the competition in 1929. Cork have 31. The other Munster counties have a grand total of 11. There's nothing 'so-called' about those numbers. So a round robin competition for those teams makes sense. But this introduction of a quarter-final for Cork and Kerry with nothing meaningful on the line? The senior All Ireland in football has been drawn out so much that I believe the dramatic element of the competition is being stretched far too thin and, sadly, I think the same thing is

starting to happen with the minor. I know that Tomás Ó Sé has complained about no back door in the U20 competition and I can sympathise with that viewpoint from a manager's perspective, but frankly I think those players are held away from their clubs for far too long already. Let's not start doing that at minor.

Last year we beat Cork in the opening round – they didn't even score from play. Cork were keeping their powder dry – they gave us a lesson in the Munster Final. They went in as hot favourites against Derry....and lost. We went in as underdogs against Tyrone, and won (in one of the dullest, most negative minor games I have ever seen, we actually out-Tyrone Tyrone in blanket defending), only to lose to Mayo in the semi-final.

Anyway, rant over. Let's talk about the actual football. By now you will know how Kerry got on against Limerick last night. I expect that they won with a bit to spare. Despite all the problems that manifested against Cork, I actually still believe that Kerry have the bones of a very good minor team.

Those problems became immediately apparent against Cork. My God, but we were schooled fast and hard. Cork were far hungrier and direct. Dara Sheedy coolly slotted two frees. Mark Hetherington fired over a beauty. Timothy Cullinane another. Seán Coakley got a quick and clever snapshot off to make it 0-5 to 0-0. We were getting tattooed here while stuck to the ground. Daniel Kirby got Kerry onto the scoreboard – midfield was the one area where Kerry did well, with Evan Boyle also impressing. Paddy Lane and Ronan Carroll added points as Kerry's engine finally began to warm up. Paddy Lane trimmed the gap back to a point. Kerry weren't afraid to feed their attacking players – that had been a problem last year – even if shot selection wasn't always the best. That doesn't worry me; that'll improve with competitive games.

Penalty for Cork. Hoare is an excellent keeper, but that was a clumsy push on Denis O'Mullane with his back to goal. Coakley buried the penalty with consummate ease.

Ronan Carroll and Dara Sheedy exchanged scores, as did Pádraig Moynihan and Coakley. Sheedy stretched the gap to five before Kerry revved up a gear, with Paddy Lane (f), James Hoare ('45) and Aaron Carey finished the first half strongly. Carey also forced a great save out of Cork keeper Billy Curtin. Very poor first half overall from Kerry – but if I was Cork, I'd be very worried at only leading by 1-8 to 0-9 after being so dominant.

Just three minutes into the second half, Cork struck a real hammer blow. Good inter-play opened up the Kerry defence but it looked like a sure point rather than a goal until Dara



Katie Murray under pressure. Photo: Eddie Dee.

Sheedy's foot connected with the ball. It was as good a strike as I have ever seen, a truly brilliant finish. 2-8 to 0-9, a fairer reflection of the game up to then.

Paddy Lane replied with a free well won by the impressive Daniel Kirby. Denis O'Mullane replied for Cork. Kerry were slowly but surely getting on top – I almost got the impression that Cork relaxed a little bit after that goal. If so, I imagine they will take a lesson out of that for future games.

Paddy Lane notched another free and Kirby slotted a point. 2-9 to 0-12, just a goal between them again. Another free for Paddy Lane and the margin was down to two.

A foul on Seán Coakley saw Dara Sheehy hit Cork's first score for fifteen minutes to settle them. Coakley added another himself and it was back to a four point game, 2-11 to 0-13. Paddy Lane slotted another free but James O'Leary replied and the clock was ticking that little bit faster now and it ended too soon for Kerry to close the gap again.

At first glance it was a chastening defeat for Kerry. I'm not so sure it was that bad though. We were incredibly slow out of the blocks. Cork had a five point lead straightaway and were gifted a very careless penalty chance, but could never pull away. Sheedy and Coakley were magnificent, but I suspect that Kerry have better depth in their forwards and a strong midfield. I know I'm tempting fate, but I saw more potential in Kerry than Cork for the long haul.

## KERRY LADIES BOOK MUNSTER FINAL BERTH

**TG4 Munster SFC:**

**Kerry 2-8 Tipperary 1-5**

**By Stephen Gleeson in Bansha**

Kerry are through to the 2023 TG4 Munster Senior Championship final after producing a fantastic performance to comprehensively beat Tipperary at Galtee Rovers GAA club in Bansha this afternoon.

The Kingdom, Lidl National League Division 1 champions, will face holders Cork in the provincial decider in Mallow on May 28.

Visitors Kerry made little of the trek to west Tipp and were fired up from the off. A blistering





Ryan Kelliher celebrates after his goal. Photo: Adam Kowalczyk



Ronan Teahan in action. Photo: Adam Kowalczyk

opening ten minutes saw Kerry shoot 2-3 as they called the game in all sectors.

Just a minute in, Anna Galvin struck the first Kerry point, which was followed with a fine strike low to the corner of the net on four minutes by full forward Danielle O'Leary. The attacking was relentless and Hannah O'Donoghue sensed an opening to strike a point just after.

Tipp were rattled and jittery on the ball and during their next attack, Kerry went for the jugular again. The ball was sent into the full-forward line and centre back Emma Costello attempted to flick past Lauren Fitzpatrick in the Tipp goal but the keeper directed the effort onto the crossbar.

As the ball dropped, Costello found herself in the right place at the right time to push the ball with her hands into the empty net to leave it 2-2 to no score on eight minutes.

From the kickout Niamh Ní Chonchúir added another point for Kerry, leaving Tipp with a mountain to climb after just ten minutes of football. Tipp finally got off the mark through an Emma Morrissey free on 14 minutes to leave it 2-3 to 0-1.

Kerry kept the pressure on, though. Danielle O'Leary and Niamh Carmody kicked good scores from play and the incisive, accurate foot passes of the Kerry side meant they dictated proceedings.

Emma Morrissey pointed a close in free for Tipp before a fantastic long-range kick from outside the 45 by Niamh Carmody for Kerry on 26 minutes made it 2-6 to 0-2 – and that was how it remained until the break.

Tipp regrouped at the break and right on the resumption, Emma Morrissey struck a lovely point to raise local cheers but Kerry weren't going home without a win. Niamh Ní Chonchúir and Lorraine Scanlon responded within a couple of minutes with well-struck points.

Tipp, to their credit, kept attacking but the Kerry defence kept a tight watch on Aishling Moloney and it took Tipp until the 23rd minute of the second half to get their next score. It was a great, long-distance kick by Nessa Towey.

The game ebbed and flowed but Tipp kept the pressure on and were awarded a penalty on 27 minutes, which Emma Morrissey duly

dispatched to the net, sending the ball down the middle past the keeper.

Lucy Spillane notched a point for Tipperary with the last kick of the game but, overall, Kerry were full value for the win and progress to the provincial decider.

### KERRY FC CLAIM FIRST WIN League of Ireland:

#### Athlone Town 2 Kerry FC 3

It has been coming. It's no secret that Kerry have had a tough baptism in the League of Ireland and have had to be very patient in waiting for that first win. Certainly away to Athlone Town after conceding fifteen goals in just four games wasn't exactly filled with happy portents, but in fairness Kerry have been showing a gradual but definite improvement.

Kerry have been caught with early goals on more than a few occasions this season that took the wind out of their sails before they had built up full speed. This time around, it was a different story. They were under the cosh early on but absorbed the pressure – no doubt manager Billy Dennehy's harsh enough words after last week's defeat lit a bit of a fire as they took the lead after just fifteen minutes. Athlone won't be thrilled at how they coughed it up, a poor throw headed back in by a Kerry player and a defensive clearance badly hooked by a defender, but the actual goal was a stroke of genius. Ryan Kelliher took a great first touch to turn the ball and open up enough space of the wrong-footed defender for a shot – and what a shot it was. A real curler into the top left, perfectly judged to give the hapless keeper no chance.

It got even better just six minutes later, after Seán McGrath timed a deft tackle to perfection and laid off a great ball to Nathan Gleeson, who took a nice touch forward to tee it up. Granted, there was a bit of luck as the shot deflected off a defender's boot – I suspect that the keeper would have gathered safely otherwise – but Kerry have been waiting an awful long time for a little bit of luck like that.

Athlone Town pulled one back before half-time. A good throw released Patrick Hickey into

space, and his first time cross was met with a left leg volley by the lurking Frantz Pierrot to give Aaron O'Sullivan no chance from close range. A good goal, with no fault attaching to the defence.

Athlone had most of the second half possession, but again laboured to break down an obdurate Kerry. Pierrot should have done better after a great run by Adam Lennon. The equaliser arrived in the 67th minute, with a bouncing ball looping over a defender, allowing the effective Patrick Hickey to square it to Valerii Dolia for a close range finish. No point in pretending; I was worried that Athlone were going to press and get a winner.

I wasn't worried for long. Kerry's response was immediate and effective. Moreover, it was a great passage of play that ended with Seán McGrath sending a low cross into the box (I thought the keeper could have done better), where Ryan Kelliher at the back post stabbed in a shot. A defender cleared it, but the linesman deemed it to have crossed the line. All I'll say is that I'd be complaining if a goal like that was allowed at the other end.

Athlone kept pushing and probing, but the Kerry players could sense history in the air and responded accordingly, repeatedly repelling all boarders. The final whistle and the first ever win by a Kerry League of Ireland team probably brought as much relief as jubilation, but they are off the mark now and can look forward to the games ahead with confidence.

Kerry FC: Aaron O'Sullivan, Robert Vasiiu, Seán McGrath, Ryan Kelliher, Leonardo Gaxha, Togor Silong, Kevin Williams, Nathan Gleeson, Samuel Aladesanusi, Cian Barrett, Ronan Teahan. Subs Graham O'Reilly (for Cian Barrett, 65 mins), Matt Keane (for Seán McGrath, 83 mins)

Athlone Town: Vladi Velikin, Haji Abdikadir, German Fuentes Rodriguez, Aaron McBride, Jack Kavanagh, Aaron Connolly, Valerii Dolia, Patrick Hickey, Adam Lennon, Frantz Pierrot, Jamar Campion-Hinds. Subs Blake Ryan (for James Kavanagh, half-time), Matthew McCarrick (for Adam Lennon, 82 mins)

Referee: David Connolly





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## KILLARNEY LEGION

### SENIOR MEN

Castleisland Desmonds were the visitors to Direen for the latest round of the Credit Union County League. A stiff breeze backed the Island men in the first half but they never really cashed in on the advantage of the elements as Ryan O'Grady with four points, the impressive Rob Leen and Finbarr Murphy had the home side 0-6 to 0-4 ahead at the short whistle. A Jonathan Lyne goal, following good work from Ryan O'Grady again, was the perfect start to the second half and when Jamie O Sullivan and Finbarr Murphy chipped in with further scores it was looking ominous. But the visitors rallied briefly with three unanswered scores and it took points from Eoghan O Sullivan and Will Shine to steady the ship. The game was put beyond all doubt by a Ryan O'Grady goal, a fact cemented by an emphatic finish from Will Shine, who put the gloss on a 3-14 to 0-7 win.

TEAM: Brian Kelly, Podge O'Connor, Danny Sheahan, Rob Leen (0-1), Peter O Sullivan, Darragh O Doherty, Kieran O Donoghue, Padraig Lucey, Cian Gammell, Eoghan O Sullivan (0-1), Jonathan Lyne (1-0), Finbarr Murphy (0-2), Ryan O Grady (1-6), Jamie O Sullivan (0-2), Peter McCarthy (0-1)

Subs: Will Shine (1-1), Darragh Lyne, Luke O'Donoghue, Shaun Keane, Sam Benson.

Milltown is the destination next Sunday May 21st with the game pencilled in for a 2pm throw in time.

The Senior B team picked up their second win in the Division 6 with a narrow win over Churchill on Friday evening. Although the scoreline, 4-10 to 4-9, would indicate a tight encounter they held the upper hand for long periods, only to withstand a late Churchill onslaught. Fires will come to Direen next weekend, keep an eye on social media for a confirmed throw in time and date.

### SENIOR LADIES

The Senior Ladies made the long trip north to Clounmacon earlier this morning for their Donal Curtin Round four clash. Short a number of players due to unavailability it didn't take the North Kerry side long to take control of the game from the and they ran out worthy winners on a comfortable scoreline. To our girls credit they did not drop the heads and kept going to the final whistle. Next up is a home game against Ballymacelligott.

### LADIES UPDATE

Well done to our Under 10 girls who put on a great display at half time in Sunday Mens County League clash in Direen. They enjoyed their run out and some fine skills were on display.

Both U12 teams were in action this week. The Green team faced Laune Rangers in Direen on Tuesday while the White team were in Spa on Wednesday evening. There were plenty positives to be taken from both outings but at the same time a few things to improve on. Great to see a healthy turnout though over both nights.

The U14s, Division 5 team, came back from North Kerry with a well earned win over Ballyduff. The home side had the better of the first half and built up a healthy lead but credit to the girls they upped the ante in the second half and ran out

*The U10 Killarney Legion Girls Team that played at half time in the County League game between our Senior Men and Castleisland Desmonds last Sunday.*



4-7 to 3-6 winners.

The Minors, shorn of a few players, battled hard against a strong Inbhear Sceil Gaeils side on Monday in Direen. But the overall depth of the visitors saw them have too much for the home side. The Minor league takes a break for the State Examinations and we wish anyone sitting them the very best of luck.

### JUVENILE BOYS UPDATE

The U9 Go Games continued in Currow during the week. Twenty two boys took part in these games which are seen as a gentle introduction to full blown matches in a non competitive environment. It's great to see the improvement in the teams as the games progress. Well done team and coaches.

Our two U13 teams travelled to Connolly Park on Sunday evening to play Austin Stacks in Round 1 of Phase 2 of the County League

A good performance from our Green Team saw us emerge with the victory. Some good teamwork and score taking in the first half saw us lead by 0-7 to 0-3 at the interval. With our defence on top and driving the team forward we kept the scoreboard ticking throughout the second half.

An important win for the team in what is likely to be a closely fought group, the final score was 0-13 to 0-04. Our White Team fought valiantly throughout the entire game and kicked some excellent scores but ultimately came up short. Next up for both teams is another trip to Tralee next Sunday evening to play Na Gaeil in Round 2. Our Legion U15 White Team qualified for the Division 2 County League final where they will meet Na Gaeil this Wednesday, May 17th, in Listry. They got there the hard way with a dramatic penalty shootout win in a wintery Ballymacelligott last Wednesday. Playing into the breeze in the opening half they did well to hold the hosts to just four points and thereby went in level. Ballymac improved somewhat in the second half, a fact underlined by the three point lead they held with the game entering its final moments. A late Legion onslaught resulted in a penalty which was dispatched to send the game to extra time. Both defences were on top in extra time with scores at a premium, and it sent the game into penalties. Nobody blinked in the shootout until Legion keeper James Murphy produced the first stop, diving to his left. Eoin Murphy stepped forward, knowing that a

successful attempt would send Legion through to the final and he had the coolest head in the ground to duly oblige. Hard luck to Ballymac - they were so close to winning the game and it was a great sporting contest.

The U17 Boys came out on top in a local Derby in the second round of the East Kerry League. A rousing finale saw them pinch the result on a 2-14 to 3-9 scoreline. Further tests against Kenmare (May 22nd) and Kilcummin (May 29th) lie in wait.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to Maragret Brosnan and family on the death of her mother Margaret Crowley. Originally from Blarney she was residing in Killarney with Margaret and husband Padraig in Scrahan Court.

Also to the family of our neighbour in Direen, Sean O Riordan. Sean was a good supporter of the Club, always calling in on his daily stroll of the neighbourhood.

May both Margaret and Sean Rest in Peace.

## KEEL GAA

### CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 8th of May. Numbers drawn: 3, 28, 14, 18. There was no winner of our jackpot of €3,650. Lucky dip winners of €50 were Aodhán Murphy (online ticket) and Jennifer Evans (online ticket). The jackpot will be €3,700 for the draw on Monday the 15th of May. 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.

### SENIORS

Our seniors produced a very fine display of fast attacking football on Saturday evening in Foilmore which resulted in them sealing the victory. The final score was Keel 4-08, St. Michaels Foilmore 0-12. Well done to the players and management! Thank you to everyone who travelled to support the team. This Friday we are at home to Cordal for round 7 of the County League. Not far to travel, please come down and support the team.

### MID KERRY U21





Best of luck to the Mid Kerry U21 team who take on St. Kierans at 7pm in Cordal on Wednesday evening. Best wishes to the Keel players involved, Liam, Shane and Keith Evans, Lachlan Griffin, Darragh O Dowd, Eden Murphy, Seán Corcoran as well as David Clifford who is part of the management team.

## UNDER 7S

U7 training continued on Sunday morning with great numbers. The U7s have been asked to play a game between themselves at half time during the Keel senior game on Friday evening against Cordal at 7pm. We hope all the girls and boys enjoy their game.

## UNDER U5S

U5 training took place Sunday morning. It was windy one but this didn't prevent them having a great session, enjoyed by all. Training continues next Sunday morning 10:30-11:30.

## KERRY MINOR

Best of luck to Gearóid Evans and the Kerry Minor team who take on Limerick this Thursday at 6:45pm in Newcastle West.

## KERRY SENIOR LADIES

Well done to the Kerry Ladies team who were victorious over Tipperary on Sunday. They face Cork in the Munster Final on Sunday the 28th of May in Mallow. Best of luck to Caoimhe, Ciara and all the team.

## KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

### TRAINING

Under 6/8/10 train on Mondays & Fridays from 6-7pm in Spa. Hurleys & helmets can be provided on a rental basis for the season. Football boots, shin guards & water required.

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Under 16s train on Mondays & Thursdays (match dependent) from 6-7pm in Spa

Under 18s train on Mondays & Fridays from 6-7pm in Spa

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### CLOTHES COLLECTION

Clothes collection Friday 19th May. Can be dropped to us at training in Spa from 6-7pm. Please support us if you are doing a clothes clear-out before the summer!! No duvets, pillows, curtains etc please

### KERRY U16 CAMOGIE

Congratulations to the Kerry U16 camogie team & management on their recent win v Mayo in the championship. Well done especially to the

Killarney players on the panel Orla Cronin, Tiarna Dineen, Megan Gillespie, Éabha Lynch, Ava Moore & Martha O'Sullivan.

## FIRIES GAA

### SENIOR CLUB RESULTS

Div 2 14/05 Furies 1-10 v Laune Rangers 5-06

Div 6 13/05 Furies 2-12 v Kilcummin 0-14

### COISTE NA NOG RESULTS

U13 Boys Div 1 B - Kilcummin 3-11 v Furies 5-11

U13 Boys Dev Team - 14/05 Kilcummin 2-12 v Furies 3-09

### BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA LOTTO 15/05/2023

Numbers drawn were: 2, 20, 21, 22. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Eoin Reidy, Ballymac. Bridie Breen, Keelties. Breeda Browne, 3 Cloonmary Tralee. Bridie & Dillon, c/o Bridie. Shauna Flynn, Doonkinane. Next week's jackpot €6600

## FOSSA GAA NOTES

### RD 6 OF THE CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 3

#### Fossa 1-10 Knocknagael 0-13

This match ended all square after a great fight back by Knocknagael - scoring late points to draw the game.

Fossa will feel this is a game they could have won but were happy with a share of the spoils in the end.

Fossa found it hard to break down a Knocknagael mass defence but some superb long-range points by Tadgh O'Shea kept Fossa in touch throughout the game.

Half time Fossa 0-6 to Knock 0-5

A goal just after HT by Emmett O'Shea saw Fossa back in control - but a red card for Fossa in the last 10 minutes saw Knock seize the initiative and get back into the game.

Rian Colleran was the pick of the Fossa team and was well supported by the Doyle brothers and Paddy Sheehan.

There was a minute silence before the game in honour of the late Ellen Clifford.

### RD 6 OF THE CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 6.

#### Fossa B 3-13 K O'R B 1-14

A great win for Fossa B's in a highly entertaining game played in Tralee on Saturday evening.

Best for Fossa was Sam Buckley, Darren Cronin, Pauric Talbot, Rocco Sheehan, Joe Cahilane and Mark Dennehy. Dean Sheehan gave another fantastic display in goals

Scorers: Darren Cronin 2-6, Peadar Kelliher 1-1 Rocco Sheehan 0-3 Kev McCarthy 0-2 Ryan Sheehan 0-1

### FOSSA U13 BOYS

#### County league - Game 1 - phase 2

Fossa made the short trip to their near neighbours Spa on Sunday night for the first round in Division 5A of the County League. Fossa started brightly with two early points from Luke Clancy and Ross Cronin. Spa, playing some good football, went into a 1-2 to 0-2 lead mid-way through the half. Fossa replied with two points from Luke Rennie & Luke Clancy before Ross O'Gorman hit the net. Donnacha Vaughan & Luke Clancy pointed either side of

a Spa score. Spa were denied right at the end by a superb save from Gerry Moroney which left the half time score 1-6 to 1-3 in Fossa's favour. Defences were on top early in the second half but it was Fossa that struck first through Eoin Bennet. Spa quickly replied with a point of their own. The game was end to end with neither team giving up. Kevin Breen, Shea Driver, Johnny Myers, Charlie O'Meara & Oisín Cryan marshalled the Fossa backline superbly throughout the match. Matheus Golebicki extended Fossa's lead with an excellent point from a tight angle. Spa replied with a point of their own before Fossa added two more points through Eoin Bennet and Luke Rennie. Spa battled hard in that second half but could not get the goal that would get them back into the game. Fossa held on bravely to win out on a scoreline of 1-10 to 1-5. There were some excellent performances on the night but none more so than Donnacha Vaughan who put in a great shift.

### FOSSA U15 BOYS

On Wednesday evening Fossa U15 boys were beaten by Beaufort in Co semi-final in Fossa

### LOTTO

14/05/2023. 1 for €2 OR 3 for €5. NUMBERS DRAWN: 6, 9, 18, 21. NO JACKPOT WINNER. 5 \* €40 Consolation Winners: Paul Daly, Barleymount, Gary McCormack, Curragh, Annie Potts, Ballydowney. Breeda Kelliher, Lackabane, Cronin Grandchildren, Katherine Cronin. THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT: €4,050

## EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

by Michael Healy

### EAST KERRY U17 LEAGUE RESULT DIVISION 2

Scartaglen-Cordal 2 – 13 Furies 2 – 09

### DIVISION 3

Gneeveguilla 7-16 Kilcummin 0-10.

### GIRLS SKILLS COMPETITION

East Kerry girls primary schools skills competition took place in Dr Crokes. Loughguitane NS team (Sophie O Shea, Meabh O'Brien, Lillian Slattery) won the team event. Kilcummin NS (Ella Murphy) qualified in the individual event.

Kenmare District Board primary schools skills competition took place in Kenmare. Tuosist NS team (Amy O Sullivan, Shannon O Sullivan, Grace O Sullivan) won the team event. Sneem NS (Rosalyn Vendaele) qualified in the individual event.

Eoghan Ruadh girls skills competition took place in Glenflesk. Fossa NS team (Isabelle Lyons, Emma O Connor, Fleur O'Neill) won the team event. Holy Family Rathmore NS (Emma Cronin) qualified in the individual event.

### COISTE NA NOG

The U15 East Kerry League will commence on 24th of May. Also, thanks to Christy O Leary Gneeveguilla and Tadghie Fleming Dr Crokes for their outstanding service to Coiste na Nog in East Kerry over the years.

### EAST KERRY U21

Good luck to the new management team of Mike Dwyer (Listry) Daniel O Leary (Kilcummin) and Shane Kelly (Fossa) in the upcoming County Championship.



**ALL IRELAND GROUP 1**

Good luck to Kerry in Saturday's opening game in group 1 of the All Ireland series, against Mayo at Fitzgerald's Stadium at 3pm.

**MUNSTER LADIES FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Well done to the Kerry team, on their win over Tipperary in round 3 of the Munster Championship.

**RESULTS EAST KERRY U17 LEAGUE**

Division 1: Kenmare A 3-21 Rathmore 2-07

Division 2: Currow 3-09 Spa 4-18

Division 3: Kenmare B 2-08 Legion 6-13

**MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB****LOTTO**

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown  
The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, May 15th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 4, 16, 22 and the bonus ball was 28. Lucky Dip winners were as follows: €50 - Br. John Guinane, Killarney. €50 - Derek Twiss, Milltown. €25 - Denis Jerr Ferriter, Castlegregory. €25 - Deirdre O'Gorman, Milltown. €25 - Marguerite Corcoran, Killorglin. €25 - Maria Teahan, Furies

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 29th 2023 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.

**CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 6 RESULT****Milltown/Castlemaine 2-17 (23) Spa 1-13 (16)**

A great result for our Senior 'A' side and management in Killarney on Saturday evening as we picked up a big victory in Round 6 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League against Spa. Well done lads, mighty stuff!

**CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 7 FIXTURE**

Milltown/Castlemaine 'A' will host table toppers Killarney Legion on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown in Round 7 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League. All support would be most welcome for the lads.

**CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 6, ROUND 7 FIXTURE**

Milltown/Castlemaine 'B' will make the journey to Castleisland on Friday, May 19th as they take on Castleisland Desmonds in Round 7 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League at 7:30pm. All support would be welcome.

**KELLIHERS TOYOTA TRALEE CENTRAL REGION MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 2 AND FINAL RESULT**

Our Minor side followed up their one point victory against Austin Stacks last week (1-14 to 1-13) with another win over near neighbours Keel/Listry on Friday evening on a score of 1-11 to 1-08 in Round 2. This saw the team and management qualify for the Central Region Final yesterday evening (Monday, May 15th) where they met Laune Rangers in Keel but despite a spirited effort, the lads came up short as Laune

Rangers emerged victorious on a score of 2-13 to 0-11.

**CONDOLENCES**

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of the late Thomas Spillane of Knockavota, Milltown, Co. Kerry who passed away in recent days.

Thomas' son Michael, daughter in law Patricia and grandchildren Conor and Daragh are active members of our club with Conor lining out for our Senior side on Saturday evening against Spa and putting in a terrific performance at wing back, tagging on a point. Daragh meanwhile represents our Minors and was part of the side which had victories over Austin Stacks and Keel/Listry last week. Michael and Patricia are great supporters of their boys and the club.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Thomas's family and friends at this most difficult time.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

**FÉILE LUGHNASADH**

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**U9 BOYS: GO GAMES ROUND 3 RESULT AND ROUND 4 FIXTURE**

Well done to our U9 Boys side last week who travelled to Barraduff Community Field where they took on Glenflesk in Round 3 of the Go Games. A super evening of football on display by both clubs where our lads enjoyed themselves whilst showcasing the skills they are learning on a weekly basis thanks to the dedication of their management team. Keep up the good work!

Round 4 of the Go Games takes place next week when Milltown/Castlemaine visit Lewis Road in Killarney to take on Dr. Crokes. Fixture details are still being finalised.

**U15 BOYS: LEE STRAND COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION 3A SEMI-FINAL RESULT**

Hard luck to our U15 players and management team who hosted Kilcummin last Wednesday evening in the semi-final of the County League and came out on the wrong side of the contest with the away team emerging victorious on a score of 4-7 to 1-6.

**U12 GIRLS: RESULT AND UPCOMING FIXTURE**

A hard fought win in difficult conditions for our under 12 girls last week when they played Southern Gaels 'B' in the second round of grading in Cahersiveen.

A difficult wind in the first half left the girls trailing by 3 points at the halfway point, but they bounced back in the second half to grind out the win!

Well done to all our girls on a cold and wet evening in south Kerry! Those hot chocolates on the way home went down a treat!!!

We face Kilcummin this week in the 3rd round!

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**ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES**

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

**TEAM UPDATES**

Contacts for the various teams are as follows:

MC Minis: Contact Colin McKenna (087 068 7653)

GAA 4 All: Contact Danny McClure (087 653 6631)

U7 Boys: Contact Jason Giles (087 237 6862)

U8 Girls: Contact Susan Sheehan (087 942 6553)

U9 Boys: Contact Trevor Dunlea (087 948 8650)

U10 Girls: Contact Deirdre O'Sullivan (086 170 3332)

U11 Boys: Contact Liam Doherty (086 041 3593)

U12 Girls: Contact Adele O'Dwyer (086 072 1847)

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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

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

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**GENERAL ENQUIRIES**

For any other queries, please send an email to our Secretary or Chairperson at the following addresses: [secretary.milltowncastlemaine.gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.milltowncastlemaine.gaa.ie) or [chairperson.milltowncastlemaine.gaa.ie](mailto:chairperson.milltowncastlemaine.gaa.ie)

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

**DR. CROKES****EK MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE****Dr. Crokes 3:09 Legion 2:14**

Another local derby that went to the wire as the visitors finished strongly with a 2 point win.



An outstanding team performance has us in a 2 point lead at half time with goals from Ben Kelleher and a great solo run from Adam Byrne. We led 2:05 to 1:06 at half time. The second half was yet again end to end with Ben Kelleher scoring an outstanding individual goal. Legion got the upper hand in the final moments and scored a goal which deflected in, this gave them the boost they needed and they finished strongly with a 2 point win. Some great saves by Kacper Roebak, with Cian Mulcahy and Gearoid Sugrue excellent in defence, Adam Byrne in midfield and some great finishing and passing by Noah Sexton and Ben Kelleher. Next up is Kilcummin at home on Monday night.

#### **SHL DIV. 1 Dr. Crokes 0-21 Abbeydorney 1-15.**

Another fantastic win for our senior hurlers see us sitting comfortably in the middle of the table. Next up is Lixnaw away on Friday evening.

**SFL DIV. 4 Dr. Crokes 1-17 Ballyduff 2-08.** Our second team got their first win of the season when they welcomed Ballyduff to Lewis Road on Sunday. Ballyduff started the better with a goal within the first few minutes of play. After a rocky start we led 1-08 to 2-03 at half time. The experience of this group of played proved to be the difference as we ran out comfortable winners in the end.

#### **SFL DIV 6 Dr. Crokes 1-12 Castleisland Desmonds 0-11.**

Our 'C' team had a fantastic win over Castleisland Desmonds B on Saturday evening. This was a brilliant team performance.

#### **ACADEMY D**

Ue to the Kerry V Mayo game in the Fitzgerald



*PwC GPA Player of the Month for April in ladies' football, Kayleigh Cronin of Kerry, with her award at PwC's offices in Cork. Kayleigh was instrumental in Kerry's Allianz League final win against Galway, while she put in a strong performance in Kerry's opening TG4 Munster Football Championship win against Waterford. Photo by Eóin Noonan/Sportsfile*

Stadium on Saturday, May 20th the Academy will not go ahead. We will be back the following week on May 27th with hurling from 10 to 11 and football 11:15 to 12:15. All welcome, bring a friend!

**LOTTO** took place May 15th Numbers drawn were 1, 7, 12, 21 Jackpot of €8,300 was not won. Jackpot for draw on May 15th will be €8,600. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?IL\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?IL_id=734#Anchor)

#### **BINGO**

**Dr Crokes Bingo** continues every Sunday night in St. Marys Parish Hall at 8pm. Doors open at

6:45. This week's jackpot is worth a whopping €2,600 with another €1,650 in prizes to be won in 10 games of bingo. Everyone Welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kayleigh Cronin who has been named as the Women's Footballer of the month for April by the Gaelic Players Association.

**CONDOLENCES** to the Collins and Dunne families on the recent passing of Noreen Collins, Ross Road and to the O'Connell family on the passing of Michael O'Connell, Cahersiveen. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

#### **NOTES**

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



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It's no different for us today friend. Doing the right thing can feel scary or too complicated because the devil tries to control people and situations through fear of man and dread of disaster (2nd Corinthians 4:4). He is the 'god of this world' – note the small 'g'. But Satan is a liar; he is nothing like God – Yahweh the Creator of the Heavens and the earth, the Glorious Lord of Hosts – our Father Who loves us (Jeremiah 10:6). So, when faced with decisions of what to do we should follow God's command and 'do the right thing'. Act justly and see that justice is carried out. Even if it costs – and it most certainly carries a cost (Luke 14:28). But the reward is worth it – to grow in the knowledge of our beautiful Lord, producing fruit that lasts, all for His Glory (Colossians 1:10; John 15). The apostles discovered that following Jesus had a cost. They were beaten, persecuted, and hated for preaching about the Risen Jesus our Healer, by those who did not want to see God's Kingdom demonstrated. But they didn't give up, and we believers are here today because they said 'yes' to God and 'no' to man (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Praise God!

Doing what is right, showing God's mercy and love to others, and dying to self to please God and honour His name will bring His manifest Presence and Power into even the darkest of situations. Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego found this to be true when they were faced with obeying God or man (Daniel chapter three). The Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar demanded that all his subjects bow down before his golden image and worship him. The three boys refused, declaring their allegiance to the Living God of Heaven only. The king was enraged and condemned them to death in a burning furnace. But he didn't figure on God Himself being in the fire with them, and delivering them out of it alive, so they did not even smell of smoke after. Read it yourself you will enjoy it!

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Congratulations to the boys and girls of Presentation Monastery NS and St. Olivers N.S. who received their first Holy Communion this weekend. We pray every blessing on all receiving Jesus into their lives in a special way over these weeks.

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Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

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

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## NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.

This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your Father sees it.

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

Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF NOREEN CRONIN (NEE SCANNELL)



### MOULAGOW, RATHMORE WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON 18TH MAY 2022

As we lovingly remember and greatly miss Noreen on this, her First Anniversary, Patrick, Mairéad, Mary, Eileen, Breda & Norita together with our families wish to express our deep appreciation and thanks to all those who helped and supported us at the time of Mom's passing and this past year.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent floral tributes, mass cards, perpetual enrolments, who took the time to write letters of sympathy, send online condolences, text messages and phoned.

Our sincere gratitude to all those who called to our home, who lined the route from Moulagow to Rathmore, attended the removal, funeral mass and burial. Thank you to those who travelled long distances to be with us.

Thank you to the Killarney Palliative Care team for the care, kindness and compassion shown to Noreen and us during that difficult time.

Special thank you to Fr. Pat O'Donnell and Fr. Pat McCarthy for visiting Mom so often in her final weeks and concelebrating her funeral mass.

Fr. Pat McCarthy and Noreen were childhood friends and we are so thankful for the precious memories you shared about Mom at the funeral home.

Fr. Pat O'Donnell, thank you for your guidance and for the beautiful, comforting words which summed our mother's life so perfectly at the funeral mass.

Thanks to sacristans: Sr. Stella for the preparations at Rathmore church for the funeral and to Bridie & Mary for the preparations at Shrone church for the month's mind mass.

Thank you to Paud O'Donoghue and Mary O'Callaghan for the wonderful singing and music at the funeral mass.

To Breda Nagle Florist for the beautiful flowers on the altar and to David Long of Impact Print for the mass booklets.

We are very grateful to Seán O'Mahony, Funeral Director who went above and beyond to help us with arranging our mother's funeral and for your calming presence throughout. Thanks also to the grave digger who prepared Noreen's final resting place.

Many thanks to our kind neighbours and friends who brought food and refreshments to our home and for assisting with traffic management at Shrone for the burial, it was very much appreciated.

Thank you to all those who attended the month's mind mass, to Fr. Jim Kennelly for celebrating the mass and again to Paud O'Donoghue who's singing enriched the mass.

We trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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**First anniversary Mass for Noreen will be offered on Saturday 27th May  
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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & FIRST ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF NORRIE ALLMAN (NEE TEAHAN)



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As we lovingly remember our dear mother Norrie, on her 1st anniversary, husband Brendan, daughters Eileen, Margaret, Caroline, Marian, Norma and Fiona, sons Donal, Tim, and Brendan, would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who attended the removal, funeral Mass & burial and all those who travelled long distances.

Those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and messages of sympathy. To everyone who visited our home and to those who brought food and refreshments over the days. We are forever grateful for your generosity.

Thanks to Fr Danny Broderick & Fr John O' Sullivan who officiated at the funeral Mass. Thanks to the musicians & to Mary Ellen for her beautiful singing which really enhanced the ceremony. Also to Colleen for her lovely song at the graveside.

Sincere gratitude to O'Shea's funeral directors for their professionalism and to Seamus who prepared mother's final resting place.

To Farnfore Medical Centre & Aherns Pharmacy and all the staff of Ashborough Lodge, for the care shown to our mother.

We are truly grateful.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually. Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude.

A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### Norrie's First Anniversary Mass

will be celebrated on Saturday May 20th, at 6pm in Listry church.

## JESUS

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