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FROM THE EDITOR

It seems that we are tentatively welcoming warmer times with a glorious week in Killarney.

The cherry blossoms are at their best and a walk in Killarney House and Gardens is a must this weekend.

The county is looking amazing following the hugely successful Kerry County Clean Up last Saturday.

Huge praise must go to KWD who have facilitated this initiative for over 11 years in conjunction with Kerry County Council. The company are the first in Ireland to do so and the initiative is now being rolled out in Limerick.

The volunteers on County Clean Up Day are at the heart of this fantastic event and this year over 3,500 people took part across the county collecting thousands of bags of litter. Even though the elements were against them at times - there was great camaraderie and fun on the day. It is vital for everyone to do their bit in keeping Kerry clean on a continual basis, we are lucky enough to live in a magnificent place and should be proud of all that we have to offer.

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The Rally Family bid farewell to their star man

By: Ivan Hurley

A black cloud hung over the rallying community on Thursday last as the sad news of the passing of Craig Breen started to filter through our devices.

Hundreds of motorsport fans and followers from Kerry made the journey to Waterford earlier this week to attend the funeral service, Craig Breen's final stage.

But as mentioned by his family, Craig would like to be remembered for the happy moments in his life. From his school days, he always wanted to make people proud, never put himself first and always wanted to see others happy and successful.

Of course, Craig had huge connections. Paul Nagle, from Aghadoe – the now retired World Rally Co-Driver owes a lot of his success to the Slieverue native. Craig had a claim to the Kingdom himself, his grandfather originally hailed from the Strand Road area of Tralee before he moved to Waterford to open a shoe shop.

In 2019, the Waterford/Kerry duo landed the International Rally of the Lakes crown while 2 years later, the pair went on to win the Killarney Historic Rally with the Maurice Nagle cup returning to its Aghadoe home for the first time, something Paul will be forever grateful for.

Although his love of rallying stemmed from home, he was known worldwide mainly due to his famous stage end chats on live television. Just last month, Craig finished in second position on Rally Sweden, an all snow rally which was round 2 of the World Championship.

It's still numbing and hard to comprehend that we have lost our idol at just 33 years of age. A hero to many, an inspiration to the next generation of top rally drivers in the country. The Irish motorsport family travelled



The late WRC driver Craig Breen (right) and his co-driver Paul Nagle, who were overall winners of the Rentokil Initial Killarney Historic Rally and Maurice Nagle Memorial Cup in 2021. They are shouldered high by Dan Keane (Killarney & District Motor Club Chairman), Ivan Hurley (PRO), Michael O'Mahoney (Rentokil Initial managing director) and Martin Farrell (Clerk of the course) at the prizegiving ceremony at The Gleneagle Killarney on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh (File Photo)

to the four corners of the globe, carrying the famous tricolour on every stage that Craig Breen was due to traverse. In a fitting end, his hearse on the short journey from Slieverue to Ferrybank was surrounded by the green white and orange.

To finish with the words of the man himself "Don't let anyone ever put you down, only you know your full potential. You have to enjoy it, that is the main thing, life is very short"

As you said in school you want to make people proud – Mission Accomplished pal.



Cllr Donal Grady has announced his retirement from Council Life.

The popular public servant has served the people of Killarney for over 24 years serving on Killarney Urban District Council before becoming a Kerry County Councillor.

Cllr. Grady retired from his role in the fire service as station officer in 2005 and devoted all of his time in his role as a councillor for the Killarney Municipal District.

He was first elected in 1999 and

topped the poll in 2004 and served as Mayor of Killarney for two years during his 24 year tenure.

Donal Hangs Up His Council Cap

Donal was born in Killarney, and spent his younger years between Killarney and Kilcummin.

A former student of the Presentation Monastery in Killarney followed by a number of years in Clashnagrane National School, Kilcummin he spent his secondary school years were spent in the Technical College, New Street.

Donal has held a number of roles over the years including:

Founding member of the Killarney Drugs

Liaison Committee

Founding member of the Kerry Life Education Mobile Unit Ltd

Current member of the Killarney Twinning and Marketing Committee

Director of South Kerry Development Partnership.

Past member of the Killarney Looking Good Committee

Donal's son Martin, who is a Peace Commissioner with a great interest in politics will be co-opted onto his seat.

Martin is one of a number of family members who work with Killarney Fire Service.

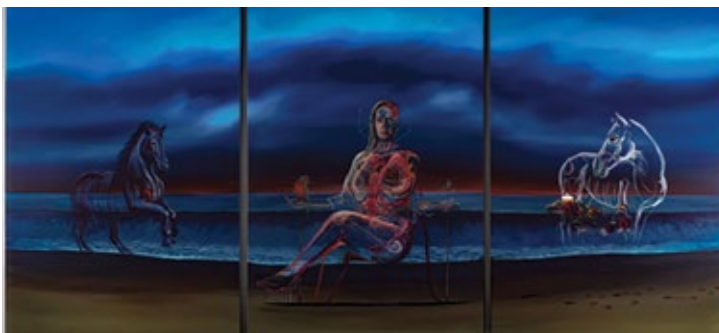
RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY TO HOST VICKY PHELAN CAMPAIGN & PORTRAIT TOUR TODAY

Just a reminder that cancer support charity, Recovery Haven Kerry, has been chosen as the host organisation for the Kerry leg of the poignant Vicky Phelan Campaign and Portrait Tour, which comes to Tralee today, April 21 and tomorrow, April 22.

The Tralee-based charity has joined forces with portrait owner David Brennan and friends and family of the late cervical cancer campaigner for an awareness raising initiative, kindly supported by MTU Kerry and Tralee Chamber Alliance.

As part of the weekend's programme, the stunning portrait will be open for public viewing at the Sólás Centre, MTU Kerry North Campus on Saturday, April 22 from 10.30 am -1pm. David Brennan, lifetime friend

of Vicky, will be present to unveil the portrait at 11am sharp, followed by public viewing until 1pm.





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TIME TO REGISTER FOR NATHAN'S WALK - DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2023

The team behind Nathan's Walk: Marie and Denis O'Carroll pictured with family and friends at last year's Nathan's Walk. Photo: Konrad Paprocki.



The official launch of live registration for Nathan's Walk, Darkness into Light 2023 will take place at J.M. Reidy's on Tuesday 2nd May between 7-9pm and will be hosted by Radio Kerry DJ Brendan Fuller along with other guest speakers.

In addition to registering online, Nathan's team will be on hand at Reidy's for live registration where each person will receive a Pieta House TShirt to wear on the morning of the walk. Live registration will be available also on the nights prior to the walk and two hours before the walk commences at Killarney Race Course on Saturday morning, May 6th at 4:15am.

Thursday 4th May, 4-8pm

Friday 5th May, 4-9pm

Saturday 6th May - 2 hours prior to Nathan's Walk at 2am.

Those who wish to register via the Pieta website can do so by accessing the 'Kerry' in the dropdown menu where tshirts are posted to each participant via this method of registering. Each county are allocated enough tshirts for their live registrations therefore online registration must retrieve their tshirts via post.

Darkness Into Light, the annual fundraising event organised by Pieta & supported by Electric Ireland, is taking place on Saturday May 6th 2023 in eight locations around Kerry. More than 100,000 people will come together across 200 locations for the most important sunrise of the year. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for communities to come together and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. Launched by the local committees, and proudly supported by Electric Ireland, organisers are welcoming everyone to join the event and raise vital funds for Pieta's lifesaving services.

Suicide continues to be a real problem in Ireland and was the leading cause of death in young men aged under 25 in the country in 2019. Darkness Into Light helps raise essential funds and enables Pieta to continue providing free of charge suicide prevention, intervention and bereavement support to people of all ages across Ireland.



In Munster in 2022 alone, Pieta delivered over 14,000 hours of free, one-to-one therapy, and helped almost 2,000 clients. Over 30% of clients presenting to Pieta in 2022 in Munster were aged between 18-35 years and a further 25% of clients in the same year were under 18 years. The funds raised from this year's Darkness Into Light will help communities within Kerry, with the funding going directly to Pieta's services.

Speaking ahead of the launch, Marie O'Carroll, from Nathan's Walk - Killarney Darkness Into Light said, "I'm involved in Darkness Into Light, Nathan's Walk because I lost my 14 year old son to suicide 16 years ago. I don't want any family to have to live with losing a child to suicide. Darkness Into light is very important to raise awareness and to fundraise to support Pieta in providing free services to those in need and those bereaved by suicide. Our walk goes through Killarney National Park and it's very special as it brings our community together to show that there is hope and support for those who need it. We walk in solidarity, to remember all those lives lost to suicide and to show support for anyone in our community who might be struggling."

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OPEN INVITE to Dr Crokes for Older Members of the Community

As part of the Irish Life GAA Healthy Club Programme, Dr. Crokes are continuing with this initiative with Alone on Monday night next, April 24th.

Larry McCarthy, Uachtarán CLG, said this week, "The GAA is built on the shoulders of the generations that came before us and we are delighted that our clubs are hosting events to highlight the wonderful services provided for older members of the community by ALONE, one of the GAA's five charity partners for 2023", announcing the partnership between the GAA and Alone Ireland rolling out the pilot programme involving 4 rural clubs and 4 urban clubs nationwide.

Dr Crokes is one of the 4 urban clubs in the partnership. The Dr Crokes club is hosting this event as part of its involvement in the Irish Life GAA Healthy Clubs Programme. It is one of a series of such information sessions being hosted across the four provinces by GAA Healthy Clubs as part of a pilot between the GAA and ALONE.

The event will take place in Dr Crokes Clubhouse on Monday next, April 24th from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm followed by light refreshments, and the opportunity to chat and discuss in confidence with 3 members of Alone Ireland, including a technician who will be in attendance. They will inform individuals of the supports and services they offer to those 60+ and what you can do to support an older family member, or older members of your community.

All are welcome to attend this free service on Monday next April 27.

ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age happily and securely at home and are strongly connected to their local communities.

It works for all older people and aims to improve physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. It has a National network of staff and volunteers who provide an integrated system of Support Coordination, Practical Supports, Befriending, a variety of Phone Services, Social Prescribing,



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ALONE supported over 20,000 older people last year with practical supports, as well as making 165,000 support and befriending calls and beginning construction on 50 units of age-friendly housing.

ALONE CEO, Seán Moynihan commented, "We are delighted to be partnering with Dr Crokes GAA Killarney to expand our network of supports into Killarney and Kerry. We know the pivotal role that GAA clubs play in their local community not just from a sporting point of view but from a cultural, social and economic perspective as well. Ireland's over-65 population is going hit one million in the next ten years and it is vital that community organisations like Dr Crokes GAA are at the centre of how we support this increasing population. Our aim is to support the older person to age at home as independently and comfortably as possible."

Bualadh bos

POP UP GAELTACHT A GREAT SUCCESS



Teddy O'Connor's pub played host to Killarney's first Pop Up Gaeltacht in recent years, on Thursday the 6th of April.

Drawing on all age groups, the event aimed to bring together Irish speakers of varying abilities in a relaxed and social environment. A Pop Up Gaeltacht is an informal gathering of Irish speakers that has grown in popularity in recent years. Organisers were delighted with turnout for the first night, with over 30 in attendance. They hoped the night would act as a stepping stone towards bringing Irish speakers in Killarney together outside of formal settings, with many Irish speakers currently living in Killarney, but no outlet to use the language.

The organisers of Killarney's Pop Up Gaeltacht aim to build on the success of the first event and organise another Pop Up in the coming months. For more details on upcoming events, keep an eye on their Instagram @popupchillairne."

Organisers and attendees enjoying the Pop Up Gaeltacht at O'Connor's Traditional Pub.

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Photographer Valerie O'Sullivan looks at Killarney National Parks Longest Serving Volunteer - Áine Ní Shúilleabháin

Áine Ní Shúilleabháin is the longest serving volunteer in Killarney National Park, with over 41 years volunteering as a research biologist - dedicated to the recording of valuable scientific data on waterfowl and water quality in Killarney National Park. Her research has been an invaluable source of material with recordings dating back to 1982. Áine's contribution, observing ecosystems, and reports on her findings have will be recognised for generations to come.

Áine's 'wingman' is Boatman and co-counter, John Michael Lyne, who operates from Muckross boathouse, John's knowledge of the lakes and interest in wildlife is remarkable. Generations of John Michael's family have been involved with Muckross and Killarney National Park. The day on the lakes, John Michael, Áine and Bird Expert and National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Ranger, Sam Bayley, observed, nesting Herons, ringed Mute Swans, Golden Eye pair, an Egret, Cormorants, Irish Red Deer Hinds by the shoreline, and a White Tailed Eagle in the distance.

'It's a wonderful privilege to be working in Killarney National Park, the Rangers are so open and welcoming. I first came to the park in 1974, working with Dan Kelleher and the late Paudie O'Leary, and then on contract from 1976-1984. My supervisor suggested that I link my work as a fresh water biologist looking at the lake water quality with

my great interest in wildlife ecology and management, that's how I started doing the waterfowl counts." The project was spearheaded by prof John Bracken, Zoology Department UCD.

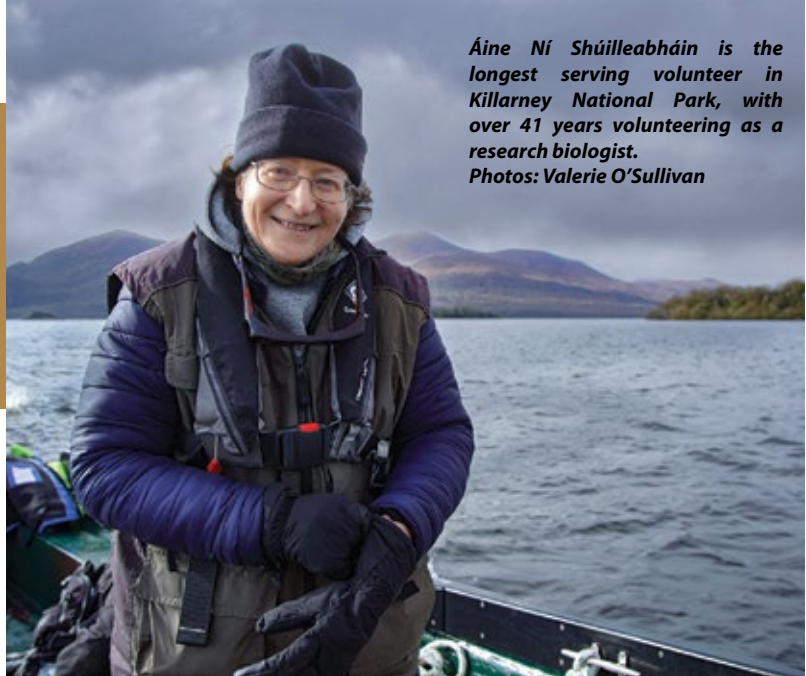
When Áine was appointed Senior Fisheries Environmental Officer in Donegal and Cavan (1982-2008), she still found time to travel to Killarney and carry out her bird counts. "Being involved in waterfowl counts and waterfowl research in the Killarney National Park, alongside the great staff, so committed and knowledgeable from Dan Kelleher to the current management and staff, Éamonn Meskell, Danny O'Keeffe, and the great team of Conservation Rangers, and Sam Bayley being the Bird Expert, is such a privilege for me".

After retiring, Áine returned to Kerry and Glenflesk became her home place. She immersed herself helping Glenflesk GAA Club, with her strong Kerry roots, she served as Club PRO and now as Health Club Officer. She was appointed to the role of Kerry County Board Children's Officer, a role she is very proud to hold.

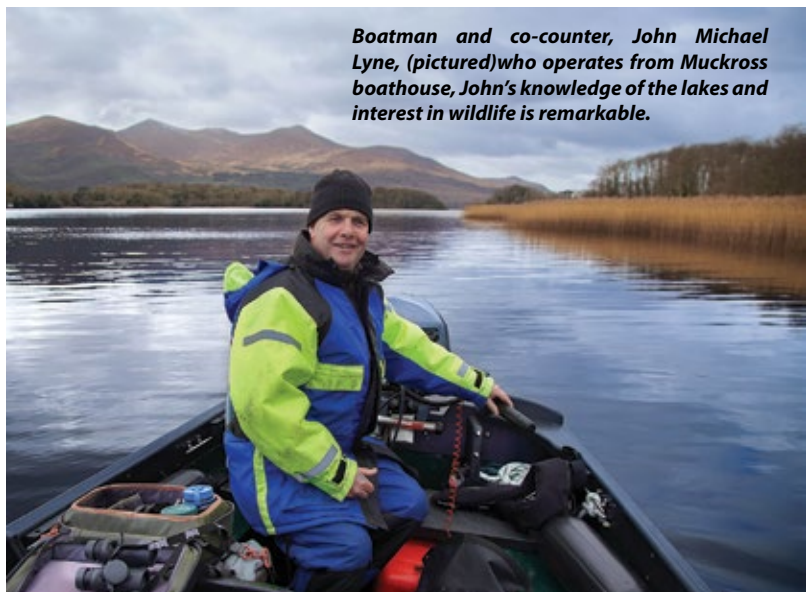
As she says she is in a unique position volunteering "It's unique having a long series of data going from 1982 to 2023, that's because of the commitment from past and present staff and for me to continue to work as Volunteer is a wonderful privilege, it's great to be out in nature, in such a beautiful place, so many different ecosystems and great wildlife".

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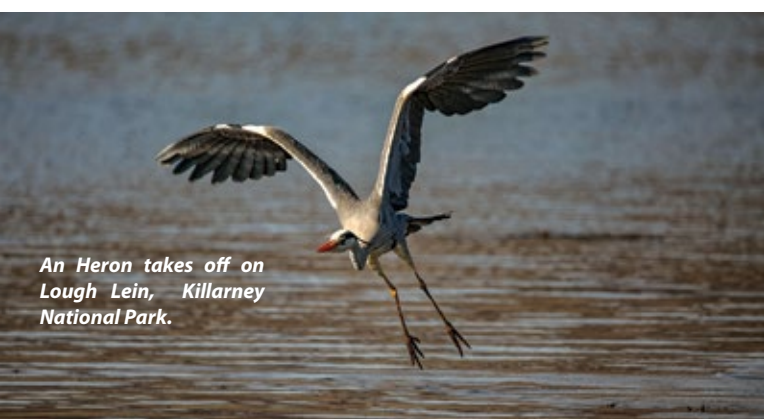
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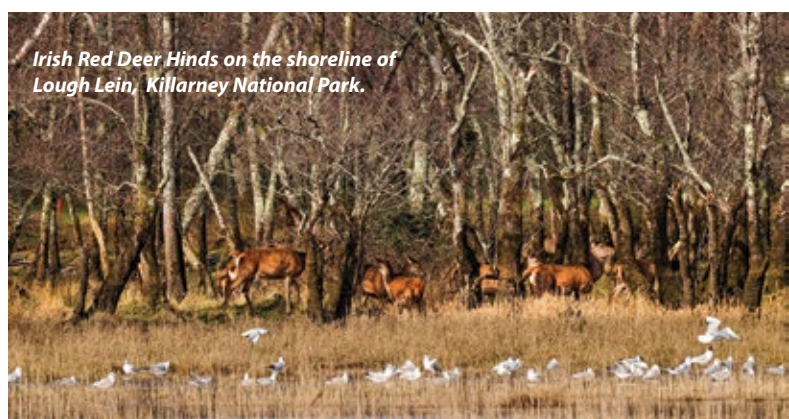
Boatman and co-counter, John Michael Lyne, (pictured) who operates from Muckross boathouse, John's knowledge of the lakes and interest in wildlife is remarkable.



Cormorants perched on rock outcrops on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park.



An Heron takes off on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park.



Irish Red Deer Hinds on the shoreline of Lough Lein, Killarney National Park.



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

St Finan's: Councillors back motion to look at delisting

During a busy monthly meeting, the motion by Brendan Cronin which asked planners "to consider" removing its protected status so something could be done with St Finan's got serious attention and it may well lay the foundation for urgent action. Finally. It is clear from Monday Killarney councillors, and neighbour Norma Moriarty who seconded the motion, want something done before it is too late.



Cllr. Brendan Cronin has asked planners "to consider" removing the protected status on St Finan's



Moira Murrell CEO Kerry County Council understands the motion and will consider it.

The only dissenter was Cathal Foley of Sinn Féin who said he would be "vehemently opposed" to removing the status. And there would be uproar and the State needs to step in - which is what everyone wants anyway. But what are SF about, I do wonder? First they have sought to hold up a new courthouse for Tralee because of their fond attachment to the decrepit British Empire building in Ashe Street. And now they are coming out swinging for another Victorian era pile, this time in Killarney, saying don't touch it. Next they will want Ashe Street to return to its Lord Nelson name!

Meanwhile, pigeons were already flying in and out of the attic of the Killarney building 30 years ago, Donal Grady pointed out. He would not be for knocking the building but something has to be done, Donal said. "A protected structure is all well and good but it won't put a roof over anyone's head," Maura Healy-Rae said.

John O'Donoghue had similar welcome for the motion and he would not want the building knocked either but something must be done to "knock the HSE heads together", as he so cogently put it.

Brendan Cronin had thought long and hard before putting down the motion "to consider" removing the designation, he said.

In responses from the HSE and the Council

over the years, the protected status emerged as an impediment to doing anything with it. "Killarney will end up with a derelict eyesore if we keep the protected status," Brendan said.

Refurbishment cost, estimated at 115 million Euro, was "financially toxic" and no one had expressed any interest.

Not a single affordable house was being built in Killarney, the meeting was also told.

"The bar to remove the protected status designation would be very high. It was a decision for the chief executive and there would have to be exceptional circumstances," council chief executive Moira Murrell said.

However Moira - who like myself lived on the Rock Road underneath the hospital during earlier lives - did understand the motion and she will consider it.

"We will consider it. It would have to be something very convincing and we have to take in its heritage value," she said.

Moira is also to meet with the land development agency this week.

Tweaking the boundaries: A Telling Tweet from the Electoral Boundaries Commission

There was an interesting tweet last week from the electoral commission.

We are going to have one or two extra MEPs and extra TDs by the next elections. We have 160 TDs currently and from 2024 there will be at least eleven more, according to the information being put out by the commission. The consultation underway seeks to encourage submissions on both Dail and European Parliament by the May 10 deadline. "Geography, and significant physical features" as well as population density are the factors to get consideration, their April 14 tweet said.

I make no secret of my view that Kerry as a single constituency does not work for the old Kerry South. It takes well over two hours to get from one end of the county to the other. It is not distance so much as poor roads and few people sitting behind desks in Cork or in Dublin or even Tralee appreciate how far away Lauragh, or Castlecove are from Killarney. Or that crossing several bridges on narrow roads and mountain passes across three peninsulas is itself a lesson in geography. You'd be in Cork or Limerick quicker.

Kerry North and Kerry South have different economies and they have different histories. We in south, west

and east Kerry are much nearer north and west Cork in our history and outlook. And North Kerry is more naturally west Limerick than it is Iveragh.

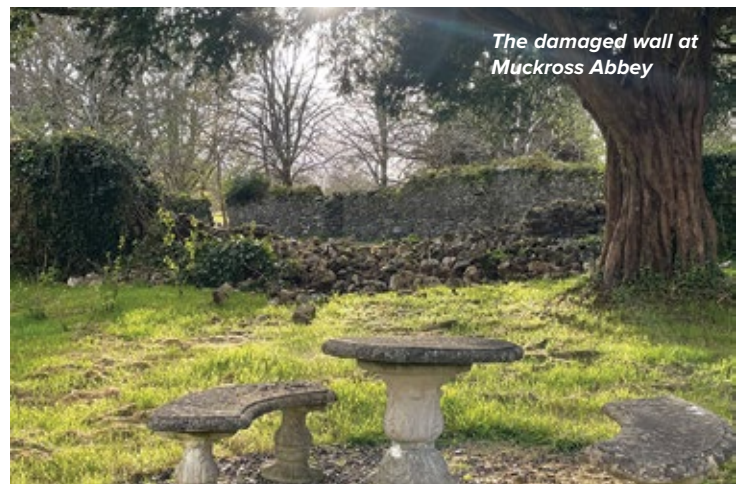
Given the tweet, I would put a few bob if I were a betting person on Kerry returning to two constituencies this summer. An Coimisiún Toghcháin, The Electoral Commission (@ElecCommIRL) / Twitter

Good Work in Muckross but a lot more to do around the Abbey and on the N71

This column occasionally makes reference to the royals. It would welcome another royal visit because of the great spruce job on Muckross House and on the route taken by their majesties in 2018. The great work continues in deepest Muckross.

But the area around Muckross Abbey is sadly neglected. From the entrance gate to the railings the walkway is in a terrible state. This is a very popular area and bent, unpainted and rusting iron railing is a distraction. Even the ornate entrance gate near the jarvey stand is in q state and could badly do with a coat of paint.

The surface of the car park at the Abbey is all but gone. As for what passes for a roadside footpath at this location: it is simply rough gravel. Opposite the hotel a whole stone wall just at the back of the yew tree collapsed last week with the weight of ivy. Now continue further on and the N71 is hardly better than the worst local road. While we commend the council elsewhere in this column, what are councillors and management and our TDs doing about the state of the road around the Muckross Post Office? This area is home to the most famous bluebell wood in the whole country. Potholes are so deep and it has been patched so often it is almost impassable. The tourist season is underway and my heart goes out to the drivers of the big coaches. As for the unsurfaced footpath - you can hardly walk there either. We definitely need another royal visit. Maybe a cable car is the best solution.



The damaged wall at Muckross Abbey

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Let's Get Physical FOR NATIONAL ARTHRITIS WEEK

With the theme of physical activity, National Arthritis Week is taking place between the 24th-28th April. Current research has shown that movement and exercise has a positive and beneficial effect on the management of a persons arthritis, once the person is on a medication treatment plan for their arthritis. Arthritis is the greatest cause of disability in Ireland affecting 1 in every 5 people and causing the greatest number of GP visits, greatest days of work resulting on a great drain on the social welfare system. There is still no known cure. People living with arthritis find it difficult to do the basic things that healthy people take for granted like tying buttons and shoe laces, carrying grocery bags and cooking utensils. Arthritis also steals a persons social life as your too tired and fatigued at the end of the day to socialise with family and friends as well as not being able to stand, walk or go shopping for long periods.

Arthritis Ireland and its local branch network have a wide range of events planned over the five days. The Kerry Branch are doing a FREE TASTER SESSION—Exercise Programme, a prelude to NAW on Sunday April 23rd in the Kerry Sports Academy Gym and Hydro Pool. 1.30 pm-Introduction to walking with arthritis and other Musculoskeletal Conditions using Activator and Nordic Walking Poles. 2 pm to 3 pm- Strength & Conditioning (using Thera Resistance Bands), Balance, Mobility & Aerobic Dance Exercise Class. A person has the option of doing this class sitting on a chair. 3.30 pm to 4.15 pm-Hydrotherapy Exercise Class in



Josephine Twyss, Arthritis Kerry Branch; Dr Derek Griffin, Specialist Physiotherapist Bon Secours; Ger Collins, Arthritis Kerry branch and Tom Barrett, Arthritis Kerry branch: Pictured at Tobar Naofa at the Kerry launch of National Arthritis Week is taking place between the 24th-28th April. This year's theme is Physical Activity or Let's Get Physical. Current research has shown that movement and exercise has a positive and beneficial effect on the management of a persons arthritis, once the person is on a medication treatment plan for their arthritis

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the KSA Hydro Pool. This event is tailored for people who are living with any form of arthritis to come and sample our exercise programmes. For more information on NAW Events check out The Kerry Branch of Arthritis Ireland Facebook Page. If a person is interested in attending it's advised that they book a slot on 0876723442 as space is limited.

The KBAI message for NAW is; "KNOWLEDGE is everything"-the more you know about your condition the better and the quicker you can improve your quality of life. The Kerry Branch's Facebook Page and Arthritis Irelands Web Page is a good source of relevant, current and up to date information. Arthritis Irelands "Living Well With Arthritis", "Breaking The Pain Cycle" and "Behind The Pain" Courses are once again

back Face to Face and now are also Online. "MOVEMENT is the best medicine"-once your medication treatment plan is in place and working, then exercise is the next best thing to help you regain lost strength and function which no doubt your disease has stolen from you.

"LITTLE THINGS make a big difference"-A combination of medication, exercise, diet and knowledge etc all combine and add up to help you back on your feet. "IT'S NEVER TOO LATE to take back control"-The sooner you take action, the sooner you can reap the rewards of a better quality of life. Just remember the only person who can make that decision is you. Trust me, it will be one of the best decisions you will ever make.

All info. and videos are up on the Kerry Branch of Arthritis Ireland Facebook Page.

TALENTED KEVIN IS AN ALL ROUND TEAM PLAYER



Kevin pictured with his team mates including Patrick Donovan Jamie Cook, Alusin Jahm, Paul Ruane, Gary O'Sullivan, Eugene McCarthy, Jonathan Kerins and coach Jillian Kerins.

Kevin Looney is a man of many talents. Kevin has been part of the Kerry Stars Special Olympics for many years and has represented the club on a number of occasions including the recent Special Olympics Basketball Tournament which is held once a year.

Not only is Kevin talented on the courts, he is the club's head designer, creating fabulous soccer and basketball gear.

A talented athlete who can run 5K in 18.18, Kevin also excels on the soccer pitch and has his eye on a place on Kerry FC.

The bright kind talented individual with a heart of gold led by example at the Little Island complex in Cork last weekend where he captained the club for another year and

the team brought the cup home for a second year in a row. Kevin was joined on the court by his talented team mates to capture the final against Waterford of the Special Olympics Munster Regional Cup Competition with Limerick in third place. The team included Patrick Donovan Jamie Cook, Alusin Jahm, Paul Ruane, Gary O'Sullivan, Eugene McCarthy, Jonathan Kerins and coach Jillian Kerins.

Kevin would like to thank the fans, the people and the team but most of all his family because "I wouldn't be where I am if it weren't for them. I'm proud to be captain for this club and represent it with all my heart", Kevin told Killarney Outlook.



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NEW TEAM AT THE HELM AT BNI

The Killarney Chapter of BNI (Business Networking International) have announced the appointment of a brand new leadership team.

The highly successful Killarney Chapter welcomed Tony Dunne (Kingdom Media) as Chapter President, James Crothall (AMO Digital) as Vice President and Ciarán O Ceilleachair (AgriFinance) as the Chapter's Secretary Treasurer. The new team will steer the networking group in building new business and boosting the local economy through effective referral networking among its members. This Kerry BNI Chapter supports local jobs and consists of local businesses and trades around the county. The group has generated almost €400,000 worth of business in the past 12 months, and over €21,000,000 worth of business since the Chapter was started back in 1999. The Executive Director for Ireland South & East endorses the Killarney chapter.

Speaking of the new Killarney leadership team, Simon Finn, Executive Director of BNI Ireland South & East said: "I would like to welcome the new leadership team and look forward to working with Tony, James & Ciarán over the coming months."

These local business people have an important role in building their



Front (L-R): Secretary Treasurer Ciarán O Ceilleachair (AgriFinance), President Tony Dunne (Kingdom Media), Vice President James Crothall (AMO Digital)

Rear (L-R): Anne Hannan (SortMyBooks), Mary B Teahan (Irish Drain Services), Adrian O'Keeffe (CAD AOK)

networking group and attracting new business for themselves and their fellow members. Regardless of the national economy we believe local networking groups can contribute hugely to the continued growth of the local Kerry economy. We welcome any local business people who would like to come along to one of our meetings (either in person or online) to find out more about BNI and how they too can grow their business. Those interested in finding out more about BNI and the BNI Killarney Chapter can contact Tony on 086 820 2832 or visit www.bnkillarney.ie.

TIME TO TEE OFF FOR THE AUTISM GOLF CLASSIC

Following a four year hiatus, The Autism Golf classic is back.

The last golf classic was in 2019 with the 2020 event postponed due to COVID.

The venue for this years classic is Beaufort Golf Club on the 28th of April with teams of 3 costing €180 which includes a meal. According to one of the organisers, Brigitta Looney, teams are filling up nicely so to book Tee time please contact Sonny 087 2438535 or Brigitta 087 6303659.

All sponsorship welcome Tee box €50 and Green is €100. All business are advertised throughout the event.

"We have a monster raffle taking place after the prize giving round 8.30 pm where our Top prize is weekend for Two at Parknasilla Resort and Spa. Michael Healy Rae

will be our M.C for the Raffle", Brigitta told Killarney Outlook.

Tickets are €5 some fantastic prizes up for grabs, 3 hotel breaks, Dinners, Lunches, Afternoon teas, vouchers, hampers all up for grabs.

"I would like to thank all our raffle sponsors for their amazing prizes and all our Golf sponsors for helping us making this Golf classic a growing success after our long break", a grateful Brigitta said. 1st Prize in the Golf is sponsored Clevercards and Waterville Golf club and the main Raffle prize sponsor is Parknasilla Golf Resort and Spa", a grateful Brigitta said.

"Most importantly all funds raised goes to "SFSS PARENTS GROUP" of St Francis Special School in Beaufort supporting the children with private therapies such as Speech and Language a vital service that's needed for all the children", she added.

"We are blessed that we are able to continue this amazing service with

the fundraising that's achieved so far, the children have their very own private S.L.T weekly supported by Kerry Speech and Language clinic", Brigitta said.

Brigitta and the SFSS parents Committee of Madeline Murphy, Jacqueline Riordan, Tracy Sullivan, Esther O Hara, Pauline Cronin, Siobhan McAuliffe, Isobel McCarthy and Angela Doherty would like to thank everyone who has sponsored and supported us to date and helping us raise much needed funds for this service.



Pictured at the launch of the Autism Golf Classic 2023 Fundraiser are: Joey McAuliffe, Aengus Looney and Don O Sullivan.

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"Bryan Cooper is a 'winner alright' for the 2023 season at Killarney Races"

Recently retired Champion Rider - Bryan Cooper, with a stellar career of 532 wins under his belt, winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Bryan was on hand at Killarney Racecourse to launch this years racing fixtures for 2023, May, July, August and September meetings. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Recently retired jockey Bryan Cooper has made many media headlines of late following his shock announcement, that he was hanging up his boots at just 30 years of age. It may have been a shock to many in his retirement from race riding but the renowned young Kerry man is showing the same fortitude and resilience in the new and evolving chapter in his life as he did when race riding. In recognition of his successful riding career and the courage, honesty and grace he has shown throughout his career, Killarney Racecourse is delighted to announce Bryan Cooper as the Official Ambassador for the 2023 season at Killarney Races.

Chairman of Killarney Racecourse, Billy O'Sullivan commented, "for Killarney Races this was obvious fit. We are only too delighted to show our support of Bryan Cooper as the next chapter in his career unfolds and we are very much looking forward to working with him in the build-up to and during our four-festival season here at Killarney Races. Bryan is a fantastic young man who has shown great courage in choosing to speak out the way he has done about his reasons for retiring and he did so with such grace, it is most honourable and we are thrilled to have him on board."

The news comes as preparations are well underway at Killarney Racecourse for their busy racing season which is set to kick off from May 14. With no less than four festivals to choose from, between May and October, there is something for everyone from tickets to dining options at Ireland's most scenic racecourse as



Recently retired Champion Rider - Bryan Cooper, with a stellar career of 532 wins under his belt, winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Bryan was on hand at Killarney Racecourse to launch this years racing fixtures for 2023, May, July, August and September meetings. Also included is Áine O'Donoghue, Director, Killarney Racecourse, Philip O'Brien, Manager, Killarney Racecourse. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

all packages officially go live online today! MayFest takes place from Sunday, 14th to Tuesday 16th inclusive, offering two jump cards followed by an all-flat fixture. A popular fixture with locals, this offers a great chance to let your hair down before the tourist season really kicks off in town!

Bryan Cooper, Ambassador of Killarney Races said "The support I have received since I announced my retirement has been incredible. The swift approach by my local track to be their official ambassador for the season was most

welcomed and a very special honour indeed. I love horse-racing, I always have loved it and I always will and whatever the next chapter in my career holds this is a cracking start for which I am grateful and I can't wait to be there on the opening day of the season on May 14th!"

So come along to Killarney Races to meet Bryan and all the gang who have been working hard behind the scenes at the boutique racecourse in preparation of their opening meet next month.

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Fenit goes wild for nature

Fenit gets set to embrace her wild side this coming weekend, as WildMind returns with a bang after an enforced break due to the pandemic.

The WildMind Festival returns to the seaside village with a bang from April 20th to 23rd. The festival promises a stellar lineup of scientists, environmentalists, authors and artists mixed with a series of fun events, film, music and comedy, in what promises to be a fun filled family weekend.

Coinciding with World Earth Day, the festival will take place at the end of the Tralee-Fenit Greenway in a specially constructed "Festival Village" If you have ever thought about growing your own food, learning about what lives in Tralee bay or learning of the amazing history of the Tralee to Fenit railway line, then Fenit

is the place to be this coming weekend. Treat yourself to a turn in a wood-fired sauna on the beach, take part in a guided walk that talks you through the biodiversity that we pass every day or meet Fenit's friendly dolphins on a kayak tour of the Lighthouse. Just a snapshot of the many events that will showcase our wildlife systems in Kerry and how we can bring about the change that our planet so desperately needs.

Over the course of three days, the sleepy village of Fenit, Co. Kerry, will come alive with a wide range of events and activities each of which aims to inform, inspire and immerse us in our natural environment. WildMind aims to empower people to make everyday changes in how we think about and treat the planet. Changes that collectively, do make a difference.

The Festival will be officially launched by Duncan Stewart on Friday at 6pm in the Festival Barn at the end of the Greenway. The festival ends on a lighthearted note as comedian Colm O'Regan brings his comedy show Climate Worrier to Fenit on Sunday April 23rd at 7pm. Tickets are €15 euros and are available on Eventbrite. All information on events and tickets can be found at wildmind.ie.



The Tralee Holistic Fair Returns

The highly anticipated Tralee Holistic Fair is back and will take place this Sunday, 23 April from 11 am till 7 pm at the Ballyroe Heights Hotel Tralee. The event promises to be an exciting day out for those interested in all things spiritual and holistic.

Visitors can expect to browse and purchase a range of goods from over 30 merchants, offering everything from incense and herbs to holistic beauty products. In addition to the retail aspect of the fair, there will be a variety of psychics, mediums, therapists, and holistic retailers from all over Ireland available for consultation.

Some of the featured experts at the fair from Kerry include holistic artist Dunja Engel from Fossa, Mary Madigan Spiritual Psychic Reader/Healer

from Tralee, and Tarot Reader/Druid Jan Tetteroo from Killarney. These experienced professionals are sure to be popular with visitors seeking guidance and support.

The Tralee Holistic Fair is free entry, and no tickets are required, making it accessible to everyone. Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or just curious about holistic practices, the fair promises to be a fascinating and informative experience.

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Thousands of volunteers take part in 11th ANNUAL COUNTY CLEAN-UP

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr John Francis Flynn has thanked the thousands of volunteers who took part in the County Clean-Up across Kerry on Saturday. Thousands of bags of litter were collected from the roadsides and towns and villages during the seventh annual clean-up which was organised by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council.

'This was another fantastic turnout for the County Clean-Up and shows how civic-minded many of our citizens are when it comes to keeping the county neat and tidy.

'Despite the rain showers, people of all ages rolled up their sleeves and got involved from early morning.

'It would be great to harness the involvement of members of the public on Saturday by getting more people to sign up with their local Tidy Towns group or start a group in their own area and to get people out and about collecting litter more often.'

Cllr Flynn thanked KWD Recycling and their team for helping to distribute gloves and bags ahead of the Clean-Up and for arranging to dispose of the bags of rubbish collected.

Noel O'Reilly of KWD Recycling said they were delighted with the turnout and the positive attitude of all the participants. He thanked and congratulated local volunteer groups for their involvement.

In and around Killarney, a grand total of 336 bags of rubbish was collected according to Bridget O'Keeffe, Senior Executive of Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, including:

Molls Gap to Muckcross 62 Bags

Cleeney Roundabout to Farranfore 51 Bags

Kerry Airport to Castleisland 33 bags

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Kerry County Clean-up Ambassador Colm Cooper leading out the Annual County Clean-Up Day, Kerry's biggest annual mobilisation of community groups, tidy towns committees, sporting organisations, individual residents and families across the county. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/



Dr Patricia Mangan and John Healy on the Kenmare Road, taking part in the Annual County Clean-Up Day



At the 'County bounds' Noel O'Reilly KWD Recycling and crew, taking part in the Annual County Clean-Up Day



Pádraig O'Donoghue, Breda Daly and Peg Coffey, from Muckcross



At the 'County bounds' Sean Murphy and his Son Luke Murphy of KWD Recycling, taking part in the Annual County Clean-Up Day



Cork and Kerry Crews meet at the County bounds, Luke Ó Liathain, Dan Healy, Aoife Healy, Conchubhair Ó Luasa, Noel O'Reilly, and Tadhg Healy, KWD, in the Annual County Clean-Up Day



Break for the border...At the 'County bounds' the competition between Jack Lynch, left, from Cork and Kevin Foran, from Kerry was tense at the Annual County Clean-Up Day



Catherine McGuire and Roan Daly, taking part in the Annual County Clean-Up Day



At the 'County bounds' Conchubhair Ó Luasa, left and Luke Ó Liathain, from Baile Mhuire, taking part in the Annual County Clean-Up Day



Anna Papa Murphy, taking part in the Annual County Clean-Up Day

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KILLARNEY CONNECTION FOR NEW MURDER MYSTERY MUSICAL MOVIE

Twin brothers Harry and James Knight are no strangers to Killarney. The sons of Killarney native Philippa O'Connell and Darren Knight have leading roles in a new movie which is due to be released on December 1st this year.

THE MYSTERY OF MR. E is a murder mystery musical movie from bestselling author Sophie Hannah.

The boys, who are the grandsons of Hazel and the late Ralph

O'Connell and are regular visitors to Killarney.

They were part of the Westminster Lourdes Choir who performed at St Mary's Cathedral in May 2019 and raised money for the Kerry/Cork Health Link Bus.

Harry and James are currently studying for their A levels and are hoping to pursue a career in both acting and singing. 'We are very grateful for the opportunity we have been given to star in this film and are



looking forward to the London West End Premier in November. Making the film was lots of fun and we were surrounded by an amazing cast and crew". When asked about the storyline, they told us "If you love Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap and musicals with catchy songs, then you will love this movie!"

Sophie Hannah is an internationally bestselling author of crime fiction and the film is based on a new and completely original stage musical of the same name by Sophie Hannah and Annette Armitage. It was adapted into a screenplay by producer/director Martyn Tott and musical director Chris Collier rearranged the songs for the new film version and cast soundtrack.

Further updates including where you can watch the movie when it's released, a preview clip of the movie and the chance to win tickets to the London West End Premier can be found on Sophie Hannah's website www.sophiehannah.com

STRONG KERRY REPRESENTATION IN IRISH TEAM FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Alan Cronin, Declan O'Donoghue, Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Michael Kennedy will compete in the World Multisport Championships in Ibiza in May.

Four East Kerry athletes will represent Ireland in the upcoming World Multisport Championships in Ibiza in May. Declan O'Donoghue, Alan Cronin, Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Michael Kennedy have successfully qualified as members of the Irish Triathlon Team and the Irish Aquabike Team and will represent both county and country on May 7th next. Through what has been a gruelling 18 month preparation period for the men, it is with great pride that they represent their country. In addition to this fantastic privilege of being part of an Irish team, Declan has been selected as the Irish Captain of the 25 strong athlete team. He along with Diarmuid will contend in the Triathlon race that is composed of a 3km swim, 120 km cycle and 30 km run. Alan and Michael are part of the Aquabike team who will contend in a 3km swim and 120km cycle.

Declan, who is the founder of Triumph Coaching Killarney has also been instrumental in the coaching of athletes from all over Ireland who have been successful in qualifying for the Irish team - 6 of the current Irish team has been coached by Declan. Declan noted that "we have a very strong Irish Triathlon and Aquabike Team competing in Ibiza and are extremely hopeful of achieving some podium moments. It is a great privilege to be selected as Captain of this fantastic Irish Triathlon Team and I look forward to completing the race on May 7th. This team are a very competitive bunch, and I am delighted to be leading them in the World Championships."

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Connecting Club with County" The Kerry Ladies Football team promoting Rathmore One Good Club Initiative.



Rathmore LGFA are continuing on their journey with Lidl One Good Club.

They recently held "connect" activities which saw them heading to Croke Park to the Ladies National Football League Final.

"We have two Kerry players from Rathmore Danielle O'Leary and Mary Collins and we were delighted to support them in the final", Jodie O'Sullivan Monson told Killarney Outlook.

Rathmore LGFA Connect Club with County

Connecting Club with community: Members of Rathmore LGFA took part in County Clean Up Day.



"The Kerry Ladies team are great at helping promote Rathmore LGFA for Kerry and Youth Mental Health in the Lidl "one good club" competition", she added.

The group also did a second activity promoting The County Clean up " bringing the Rathmore community together, connecting with each other and their environment as they collected rubbish around the area.

LISTRY GAA CLUB RECEIVES FUNDING FOR WALKING TRACK INITIATIVE

Listry GAA Club is one of two clubs in Kerry to receive funding announced this week by Minister for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy Hildegard Naughton, and the President of the GAA (Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael) Larry McCarthy as part of the GAA Walking Tracks initiative.

The club will receive €10,000 as part of a once-off €815,000 funding provided by Healthy Ireland is designed to make community walking tracks located on GAA grounds more accessible to more people while St. Mary's in Caherciveen has received funding of €15,000

Minister Naughton said: "I am delighted to welcome the announcement of the successful clubs for this very worthwhile initiative. Healthy Ireland has been a long-standing partner of the Irish Life GAA Healthy Club Project and supporter of the GAA's efforts to transform clubs into hubs for health in their communities, all of which makes a significant contribution to the Healthy Ireland agenda.

"GAA clubs have opened their doors to their local communities in recent years, particularly under the "Ireland Lights Up" initiative. They play an invaluable role in fostering social connections and by expanding access to their facilities they are helping to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone who uses them.

"I'd like to commend the clubs for their wonderful contribution to their communities and I want to thank the GAA for the significant work involved in the process."

In partnership with Healthy Ireland, funding of €815,000 was made available through a competitive application process to affiliated GAA, Camogie and LGFA clubs in the 26 counties to upgrade existing walking tracks situated on club grounds.

Almost 340 applications were received and following a comprehensive evaluation process by a selection committee, 54 clubs across 26 counties were successful.

Listry GAA Club has received funding of €10,000 as part of the GAA Walking Tracks initiative.





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RIDE DINGLE A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN IN WEST KERRY



Cyclists snake around Sleah Head for Ride Dingle 2023

Over 2,500 cyclists descended on Dingle last Saturday for Ride Dingle's annual 55km and 120km cycles.

Popular with cyclists from all over the country for its stunning route along the Dingle Peninsula, Ride Dingle cyclists are treated to uninterrupted views of iconic Irish landmarks such as Skellig Michael, the Blasket Islands, Conor Pass, Sleah Head and the historical fishing port of Dingle. Despite the rain and winds blowing in from the Atlantic, cyclists took shelter at the food stops en-route, as well as whilst enjoying refreshments and a warm-up at the finish in Paul Geaney's Bar.

Ride Dingle partners with Dingle Peninsula Tourism to promote cycle tourism, working with local suppliers, producers and accommodation providers in the overall promotion of the event. Ride Dingle is also proud to make a significant annual contribution to local charities, which last year totalled €30,000.

This year's event saw the return of the former Mayor of West Springfield Ed Sullivan who enjoyed completing the cycle with friends and family, in recognition of Dingle's long-standing ties with Springfield, Massachusetts and the relocation of residents to the area from Dingle and the Blasket Islands.

For the second year running, it was possible to complete the event on

an electric bike, making Ride Dingle accessible to a wide audience of varying abilities and fitness levels, and those who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to complete the event alongside friends and family.

Organisers Elite Event Management and Dingle Cycling Club are looking forward to staging Ride Dingle again next year with a provisional date of Saturday 6th April 2024.



Cyclists line up for the start of Ride Dingle 2023

COMMEMORATION OF DEATHS OF THREE CIVILIANS IN MILLTOWN DURING THE CIVIL WAR

A commemoration is to be held in Milltown next month to remember three local civilians who died during the Civil War. The deaths of Jeremiah Hanifin, Jeremiah McKenna and Mary McKenna in separate incidents during 1922 represented almost one quarter of all the civilian casualties in County Kerry during the Civil War.

Organised by local historian and author, Owen O'Shea, and with the support of the Milltown Community and Chamber Alliance, a memorial plaque will be unveiled at the Square in Milltown on Sunday, 7 May at 12 noon.

'In all wars, the toll on civilians is often forgotten and overlooked. During the Civil War, a total of fourteen civilians lost their lives in Kerry. It is important that they are remembered and not forgotten as we approach the centenary of the end of the Civil War,' said Owen.

Father of ten, Jeremiah Hanifin was talking to a neighbour outside his home near Farran Cross, Milltown in September 1922 when a Free State army patrol passed by. Shots were fired indiscriminately and Hanifin was mortally wounded. Two months later at Kilderry near the village, mother and son Mary and Jeremiah McKenna died when they were fired upon following an ambush of a Free State army cycling patrol. All three were

innocent bystanders with no apparent connections to the conflict.

'Thankfully, my home town of Milltown was spared much of the viciousness and brutality of the Civil War which impacted communities in many other parts of Kerry. There were, for example, no known fatalities among natives of Milltown in the ranks of the Free State army or the anti-Treaty IRA.

'Sadly however, three innocent civilians became victims of the dreadful war, which claimed the lives of a total of 14 civilians and over 150 combatants in Kerry. It is important that we remember and commemorate those who died during this dark period in our history, be they combatant or civilian,' said Owen.

The commemoration ceremony on Sunday 7 May at 12pm will feature a short address by Owen O'Shea on the Civil War in Milltown and the unveiling of a stone plaque to the memory of the three people who died by local councillor and Cathaoirleach of the Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District, Cllr Michael O'Shea.



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IT'S TIME FOR STATE EXAM CANDIDATES TO FOCUS ON JUNE'S WRITTEN EXAMS



By Billy Ryle

WRITTEN EXAMS

Just over seven weeks remain before the state exams get underway on Wednesday, 7th June. The Leaving Certificate exams, the Junior Cycle exams and the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) exams will run until Tuesday, 27th June, Monday, 19th June and Thursday, 15th June, respectively.

GRADES

The H/O grading system and the CAO common points system have been very successful since being introduced in 2017. Grades now cover multiples of ten percentage points and 625 points is still the maximum CAO score. Grades from H1 to H7 are awarded points at Higher Level while grades from O1 to O6 merit points at Ordinary Level.

JUNIOR CYCLE

Last year, Junior Cycle exams were held for the first time since 2019 and there were significant changes as a consequence of the Junior Cycle reform which has been ongoing for the past few years. All Junior Cycle subjects have undergone syllabus change and no Junior Cycle exam will last longer than two hours. In addition, all subjects are now examined at common level except for Irish, English and Mathematics, which are still be offered at both Higher and Ordinary levels.

DESCRIPTORS

Six new grade descriptors - Distinction (90% to 100%), Higher Merit (75% to < 90%), Merit (55% to < 75%), Achieved (40% to < 55%), Partially Achieved (20% to < 40%), Not Graded (0% to < 20%) - have been gradually phased during the past few years in the reformed Junior Cycle programme. The old A, B, C, D, E, F and NG grades have now been phased out since last year.

OPTIMISM

Candidates can approach the state exams optimistically because they are well prepared by a dedicated teaching force. The national results achieved each year in the state exams are very impressive. In addition, places in further and higher education courses, apprenticeships and traineeships are very plentiful in a buoyant economy. At this stage, there will certainly be more places available than there will be applicants to take up these places. More employment opportunities are

available to school leavers as the economic continues to thrive. Nevertheless, if the trend of previous years continues, the vast majority of Leaving Cert exam candidates will continue in education as the changing nature of the work environment means that employers are looking for staff with qualifications at craft, traineeship, degree or post-graduate level.

CERTIFICATION

The stigma of failure is long gone from the state exams. Back in the day, failure in Irish meant overall failure. Thankfully, those days are far behind us. Every candidate's performance is now acknowledged by individual certification. Exam candidates' main aim nowadays is to achieve the minimum entry requirements, the specific course requirements and the points for their preferred courses. The State Examinations Commission (SEC) also provides a range of exam supports, known as "reasonable accommodations," for candidates with physical, visual, hearing and learning difficulties in order to remove, as far as possible, the impact of the disability on the candidate's performance in the exams. This facility ensures that no candidate for the state exams is disadvantaged because of a disability.

GOOD MANAGEMENT

Despite all the hype about exam pressure, all you need is a cool head, a positive attitude, optimum use of the remaining weeks, good personal and time management, plenty of nutritious food, rest and an exercise programme to burn off any excess stress. Approach the exams with confidence, do your best during the remaining weeks and at the actual exams. Then forget about them and enjoy the summer. Exams should be kept in perspective. They are just another milestone on the eventful journey through life.

SCHEDULE

With the oral exams now concluded, including, this week's contingency days on the 19th and 20th April and practical coursework, project work and study reports due to be completed or nearing completion, exam candidates have a great opportunity to bank very precious marks. Remaining practical exams will be conducted from Wednesday, 3rd May to Friday, 5th May. The Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP) written exam is scheduled

for Wednesday, 3rd May. The written exam in Leaving Cert Computer Science will take place on Wednesday, 24th May. In the final term, the written papers now become the major focus of attention as the June exams draw ever closer.

CHECKLIST

- The State Examinations Commission (SEC) runs the second-level exams
- The new LC H/O grading and points system are very successful
- New grade descriptors are now used for the Junior Cycle
- Candidates can face up to the state exams with considerable optimism
- Candidates are well prepared by a dedicated teaching force
- Results achieved each year in the state exams are very impressive
- The stigma of failure has been totally removed from the state exams
- The state exams are impartial, unbiased and comprehensive
- The vast majority of candidates can be certain of doing well in the state exams
- The written papers now become the major focus of attention
- Do your best during the remaining weeks and at the actual exams
- Exam timetables are available on www.examinations.ie
- Leaving Cert Engineering Practical is on Tues 25th, Wed 26th & Thurs 27th April
- Leaving Cert Art Practical exam window is from Tues 25th to Thurs 27th April
- CAO closing date for late applications at €60 fee is 5pm on 1st May
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon on 5th May
- The priority closing date for renewal applications for a SUSI Grant is 8th June
- The priority closing date for new applications for a SUSI Grant is 6th July

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TY Students from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary school participated in the National Spring Clean on Tuesday. National Spring Clean is Ireland's most popular, well recognized and successful anti-litter initiative. Taking place during the whole month of April and now in its 21st year, the campaign encourages every sector of society to actively participate and take responsibility for litter, by actually conducting clean ups in their own local environment.





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New Arts & Craft Gallery for Kenmare

Kenmare Courtyard Gallery is an exciting new contemporary arts and crafts gallery on lower Henry St in the centre of the vibrant town of Kenmare. It opened on St. Patrick's day and is now open seven days a week from 11 to 6pm.

Twelve small art and craft businesses based in Kerry have got together to share this wonderful new venture. A wide variety of hand made products are on sale including jewellery, paper clay crafts, soaps, candles, art prints, greeting cards, wood craft, photos, knitwear, pottery, ceramics and original paintings.

Killarney based artist Annie Gammell is one of the members and she has a large display of her products on display there.

If you're looking for a unique gift or just treating yourself, this is the perfect place to call for a browse. Each member of the group takes a turn to work in the shop so you will get a chance to meet one of the them when you call. A great opportunity to support local small businesses and all products are made in Ireland.

Follow them on Instagram or Facebook for more information and check out our website Kenmare Courtyard Gallery



DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND MUNSTER BRANCHES and Tour de Munster form partnership with Munster Rugby



Munster Rugby Players, Jean Kleyn, Paddy Paterson and John Hodnett, Tour de Munster founder, Paul Sheridan, Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI) CEO, Barry Sheridan with Jeni Preston Kiely, Carrigaline, Co. Cork pictured at the official announcement of the Munster Rugby charity partnership with the Munster branches of DSI and Tour de Munster. The four-day charity cycle takes place from Thursday, August 3rd to Sunday, August 6th. For more information see www.tourdemunster.com. Picture: Alan Place

Munster Rugby has announced its latest charity partnership with Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI) Munster Branches and Tour de Munster. This year-long partnership will see the DSI Munster branches and the popular 600km charity cycle benefit from the support and backing of a renowned and respected organisation.

Munster Rugby is backing DSI and Tour de Munster in their quests to raise vital funds for the six Munster branches of DSI. The funds raised each year as a result of the Tour de Munster make a huge difference in enabling DSI Munster branches to continue to provide much needed supports and services to their members. The DSI branches deliver 'all-through-life' support to people with Down syndrome and their families from Speech and Language Therapy to Occupational Therapy and much more.

The four-day Tour de Munster charity cycle was established 23 years ago, and sees an average of 120 cyclists embark on the testing journey around the towns and villages of Munster in efforts to raise vital funds for the Munster branches of DSI. The tour is set to take place this summer from August 10th to 13th. To date, Tour de Munster has raised a staggering €4 million for DSI Munster branches.

The 2023 tour de Munster will kick off from Cork City on Thursday, August 10th and continues over four days around the six counties of Munster before returning to Cork City on August 13th.

Golf Classic in memory of Anthony "Skinner" O Sullivan

Kilcummin GAA club are organising a fund raising golf classic in memory of Anthony "Skinner" O Sullivan in Kenmare Golf Club on Saturday April 29th. Teams of three cost €180 and a Tee box can be sponsored for €80. Contact Mike 0876258642 or Muiris 0861614136 for a Tee time.

Anthony, the eldest son of Paddy and the late Sheila O'Sullivan passed away in Australia in November 2017.

There was a wide outpouring of support when Anthony died and over €65,000 was raised for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Fund who helped bring Anthony home for burial.

Known across Australia, Anthony was a popular DJ who is greatly missed by his father Paddy and his six brothers.



Pictured at the launch of the Golf Classic were - Breda Duggan, Eugie McSweeney, Kevin O Riordan, Muiris Healy, Mike O Riordan & Niamh Dwyer

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Milltown/Listry Hospice Committee wish to sincerely thank everyone who participated in or supported our Good Friday walk. A total of €2460 was raised thanks to your wonderful generosity. A special thanks to the Muintir na Tire hall for use of their facilities and Donal Clifford for all his help.

MY HEALTH IS MY WEALTH

A series of 4 weeks of informative sessions on Breast Cancer, Coping with growing older, Prostate Cancer, Gambling ,commences on Monday & Tuesday next at Dr Crokes GAA Clubhouse, Upper Lewis Rd. Killarney. Tuesday 18 April@ 11.00 am(Gentle Activity Sessions for Senior Adults, men & women by qualified instructor. Any enquiries to Kathleen 085-8179171. All sessions end with teas/coffees and opportunities to talk in confidence with the presenters who are on their recovery journeys to health. Ample parking. Everyone welcome including carers This is a free service.

KILLARNEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The group meet every Friday in the KDYS Hall (back of Franciscan Friary Bookshop) from 2 to 4 PM New Members Welcome

BINGO

Taking place at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays@ 8.30pm.

OPEN AA MEETING

Will take place in Parish Centre, Church of Resurrection, Park Rd, Killarney on Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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Michael Healy Rae TD facilitating Information Clinics on NI Planned Healthcare Scheme

Deputy Michael Healy Rae TD is facilitating two Information Clinics for Kerry people who are looking to access more information on the NI Planned Healthcare Scheme which allows for people in the Republic of Ireland to claim repayments on a number of healthcare procedures.

The purpose of the Information Clinics will be to get first-hand information on how you can access treatment at Kingsbridge Private Hospital in Belfast or Ballykelly via the NI Planned Healthcare Scheme.

"I have lost count of the number of successful operations that I am glad to have facilitated for people over the years, who have taken the bus to Belfast to access this very useful scheme. I am delighted that I am able to invite the experts to Kerry to provide first-hand information to help people make any informed decisions on accessing this important scheme for those waiting for a number of healthcare

procedures" Deputy Michael Healy Rae TD has said.

Experts will answer a range of questions including how to apply for the cross-border healthcare scheme, the types of treatments available, costs and reimbursement rates and what to expect when travelling to Belfast.

The Drop-In Information Clinics will be hosted in the Torc Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday 26th April (2pm-7pm) and the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee on Thursday 27th April (2pm-7pm)



7th Heaven for Castleisland Community College Wood Technology Department!

Following on from the Junior Cycle appeals process, the final number of 7 Distinctions in Wood Technology has been awarded to Junior Cycle Wood Technology students of 2022. The overall number of distinctions received by the 60 junior cycle students of 2022 stands at a staggering 28- this is at higher level papers in Irish, English and maths and also common level exam subjects such as wood technology. A distinction means that the student achieved over 90% in their exam.

The hard work and dedication of our high achieving woodwork students is a testament to their love of the subject which has snowballed in popularity in recent years in the school with 63 students choosing the option subject in first year, 58 in second year and 44 in third year. Past pupils have ventured into many disciplines e.g. medical & pharmaceutical, educational, business,

agricultural and apprenticeships with the key hand eye coordination skills and creativity being honed.

Past investment in the room has brought it up to modern health and safety standards and with the most recent approval from the Department of Education and Science for a brand-new suite of hand and power tools, the quality of facilities is unrivalled. A brand-new laser cutter will also form part of the most recent investment to come with delivery of equipment due September 2023. The Department Inspector said that the most recent investment will bring the school into line with a brand-new school build.

"It will be the type of woodwork/ construction studies room that my 12-year-old self would have loved to have walked into!" Aidan Joy Wood Technology and Construction Studies teacher stated.



Students from Castleisland Community College who were awarded 7 distinctions following the closure of the junior cycle appeals process. From left standing Aidan Joy (Wood Technology and Construction Studies teacher) David Mc Carthy, Eabann Kearney, Dominic Peters and Teresa Loneragan (Principal). Kneeling from left Isabelle O Connor, Noah Moynihan, Ella Killington and Seán Mc Carthy. The students are holding their Wood Technology projects from their Junior Cycle exam.

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Triple Accredited Kemmy Business School recognises the success of Junior Cycle Business Studies Students

Students from Secondary schools in Kerry who obtained a Distinction (90-100%) in Junior Cycle Business Studies 2022 were presented with Certificates of Achievement from the Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick on Wednesday, 8th March 2023 at an awards ceremony held in the University Concert Hall. The event, held in association with the Business Studies Teachers' Association of Ireland (BSTAI), celebrates and recognises excellence in Junior Cycle Business Studies.

At this, the first in-person awards ceremony since 2019, students representing 64 secondary schools from Clare, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary, were recognised at the ceremony, with parents, families, guardians, business studies teachers and school principals in attendance.

The triple accredited Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, is one of Ireland's leading business schools and in the top 1% of Business Schools globally, with a reputation for quality and employability of graduates. This event reinforces the important relationship between Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, and the region's second-level students, their schools and their business studies teachers. Recent years has seen a significant increase in demand for the school's undergraduate programmes.



St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, Killarney

L-R Prof. Philip O'Regan, Former Executive Dean, Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, Muireann O'Brien, Ciara O'Sullivan, Gráinne Byrne. Absent from photo: Li Chen



St. Brendan's College, Killarney

Back Row L-R Dr. Fergal O'Brien, Assistant Dean, Postgraduate Studies, Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, Ian Coffey, Neil O'Carroll, Rory Clancy, Ciam Fleming
Front Row L-R Shayan Javaid, Shafin Alam, Harry Bolger, Callum McCarthy
Absent from photo: Noel Casey, Kieran Leacy



Presentation Secondary School, Milltown, Killarney

L-R Dr. Fergal O'Brien, Assistant Dean, Postgraduate Studies, Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, Sarah Fitzgerald, Orlaith Allen, Ms. Lauren Moriarty, Business Studies Teacher

Absent from photo: Niamh Anderson, Maeve McCarthy, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Grace O'Sullivan



Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore

L-R Anna O'Mahony, Dr. Fergal O'Brien, Assistant Dean, Postgraduate Studies, Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, Katie Rea, Ms. Helen Reidy, Business Studies Teacher

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MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB**SKIBBEREEN REGATTA**

The club kicked off its regatta season for 2023 in style last weekend, travelling to the National Rowing Centre in Farran for the Skibbereen Regatta. Congratulations to our seven winning crews. Mens Club Single: Marko Tot. Mens J18A Quad: Daniel Fleming, Dan Daly, Ian Coffey, Con Stack. Mens J18B Quad: Con Stack, Oisín O'Sullivan, Diarmuid, Cathal Coffey, Jenna Coffey (cox). Mens J15 Quad: Sean Pierce, Leon Bowler, Cian O'Donoghue, Ronan Fahy. Mens J15 Single: Ronan Fahy. Womens J15 Quad: Muireann O'Donoghue, Isabelle Brosnan, Jenna Coffey, Sinead Byrne, Khim Fleming (cox). Womens J14 Single: Roisin Beazley. The club was second in five finals, including the Mens J14 Quad, Mens J16 Double, Womens J18B Double, Mens Masters Quad and Mens J15 Single. Three third place finishes completed the podium placings in the Mens Masters Single, Mens J15 Quad and Womens J15 Single. Sincere thanks to all who helped in organising the club's participation and well done again to all our rowers, coxes and coaches on a great club performance.

NATIONAL TRIALS

Congratulations to Daniel Daly who has been invited to the April trial for the national rowing squad as one of 14 rowers in the U19 Mens category. Congratulations also to Niamh Coffey (UL RC), also invited to trial as one of six athletes in the Senior/U23 Lightweight Womens category.

LIMERICK REGATTA

Best of luck to Denise Casey and Aine Sweeney, competing in this weekend's Limerick Regatta as part of the Carlow/Muckross composite Womens Masters Eight crew.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB**JUVENILE NEWS**

The Cougars enjoyed an active easter holidays with games for our U18, U13, U11 and U10 boys all completing in tournaments in Miltown, Duagh and Killarney.

U13 EASTER TOURNAMENT

Our U13 Boys were victorious in the Easter Tournament held in Duagh Sport's Complex, victories over Tralee Magics, Rathmore Ravens saw them face St Joseph's in the Semi final

and a narrow win saw a final against St Mary's Castleisland.

An exciting final saw an overtime victory over St Mary's Castleisland in a thrilling finish with Adam Galvin excellent free throw shooting helping to secure victory, with Luke Clancy receiving the MVP award. Our Coaches on the day Tony O'Sullivan & Nathan Cox did an excellent preparing the boys who have had a very enjoyable and competitive season.

U11 ACADEMY SPRING BLITZ

Our U11 Spring Easter Academy Tournament saw St Joseph's, Rathmore Ravens, St Colman's and St Brendan's visit the Pres Gym with the Boys Red White & Black teams all in action at the Pres Gym on Easter Saturday with bronze medals going to our Cougars White boys with MIP Awards to Cougars George Nomikos & Luke Bowler.

A strong St Joseph's Duagh were the tournament Champions with excellent performances throughout the day.

REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS. At the recent Inter Area tournament & Four Nations Tournament the Cougars were well represented, three Cougar boys were selected to represent Kerry at the Inter Area Tournament U14 & U17 in University Limerick on Easter Monday, well done to Conor Lynch, Cian Stack & Evan Cox on your selections to represent the county in games against Cork, Galway, Limerick, North Munster & Midlands.

At the International Four Nations Tournament our Senior Coach Kelly Ahern was a member of the Ireland U16 Girls Coaching team for the 2023 Tournament with England Scotland & Wales at the National Basketball Arena in Dublin.

Well done to all on their representative achievements.

ACADEMY PRACTICE

Our Friday Academy basketball resumes after the Easter break this week. U8 Boys & Girls 4.45pm. U10 Girls 5.30pm. U10 Boys 6.30pm.

SENIOR NEWS

Senior Mens Training continues at the Presentation Gym Tuesdays at 8pm

KILLARNEY RFC NEWS**HUGE WEEKEND AHEAD - WEST MUNSTER FINALS FOR U14 AND U16**

A huge day of rugby ahead next Saturday for our U14 and U16 boys as they contest their

respective West Munster Cup Finals! Both matches take place at Tralee RFC and both teams face Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne in what promises to be two brilliant matches. All support very welcome so please try and get to O'Dowd Park to support both teams. Best of luck to all players and coaches. U14 kick off at 2@30pm while our U16's kick off at 4:15pm.

LILY MORRIS REPRESENTS IRELAND U18:

A huge congrats to our own Lily Morris who represented Ireland in England over the past week and a half, taking part in the U18 six nations tournament. Lily played in all games and scored tries against England and Scotland and is joint top scorer from Ireland for the tournament. We are so proud of you Lily! Very well done!

Girls only Give it a try - 22 April:

Our Give it a try rugby programme aimed at getting girls aged 8-14 playing rugby, kicks off at Aghadoe on Saturday the 22nd of April next at Aghadoe. This 8 week programme is a great way for girls to play rugby, make new friends and have great fun. Run by our own excellent coaches, these hourly sessions are a fantastic way to get girls playing rugby. For further information contact Fiona on 087-2304689.

MINIS FINISH SEASON WITH PARTY

Last Saturday our Minis finished up their season with an end of season training session and party. Player awards were handed out along with medals to celebrate another successful season. Thanks to all of our players who trained hard all season and had great fun making new friends playing rugby. Thanks also to our coaches for looking after their charges, our fantastic volunteers who helped with hospitality and sign in and to our Coordinator Dave Hickey for looking after everything.

Fixtures:

U14 WEST MUNSTER CUP FINAL

Killarney V RCD - @ O'Dowd Park, Tralee - 2:30pm

U16 WEST MUNSTER CUP FINAL

Killarney V RCD - @ O'Dowd Park, Tralee - 4:15pm

Killarney Rugby Club Under 16 team who will contest the West Munster Cup this weekend.



Killarney Rugby Club Under 14 team who will contest the West Munster Cup this weekend.





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St Paul's u13 Boys KABB Division 1 league winners

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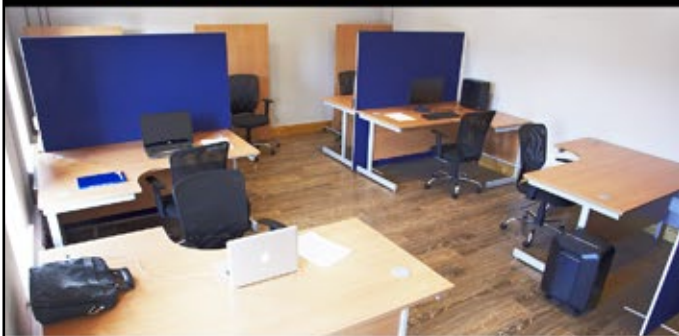
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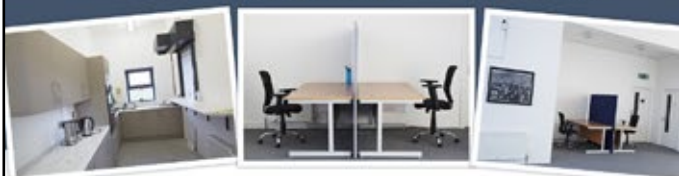
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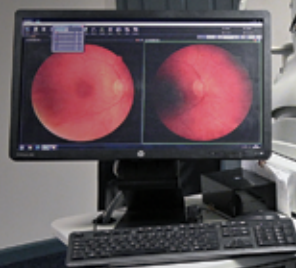
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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan



Kilcummin Community Care group seen here travelled to St. Gobnait's Shrine in Ballyvourney during February of this year.

➤KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care will hold an open day on Tuesday the 25th April. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome anyone in the surrounding area to come along and enjoy light refreshments and entertainment from 11am to 1pm. If you have any queries or would like more information, please contact Mary on 086 1550803.

➤DAY TRIP

Kilcummin Community Care group seen here travelled to St. Gobnait's Shrine in Ballyvourney during February of this year. All convened to the Mill's Inn for lunch followed by a tour of the local shop. An enjoyable day was had by all. This trip was part funded by Community Foundation Ireland.

➤HOSPICE WALK

The organisers of the Kilcummin Hospice walk wish to thank all participants for your generous donations to this worthy cause. Many thanks to all those who helped with refreshments, baking, stewarding and recording. Over 2,963.45 euro was donated on the day. Those wishing to make a late donation may hand in your contribution to Kilcummin post office. All funds raised will be given to the Kerry Hospice Foundation

➤COUNTY CLEAN UP

The County Clean Up took place on Saturday 15th April. We would like to thank all the volunteers that assisted in collecting rubbish on the roads in



Mastergeeha U15 Champions

their area. Bags, when full, can be returned to the Rural Dev. Office. If you are unable to do so, please contact the 064 6643357.

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➤KILCUMMIN GAA

Kilcummin GAA are running their annual Golf Classic on Saturday April 29th in Kenmare G.C. Following on last year's very enjoyable social and sporting event we return to Kenmare for a fund raising event which is vital for the running of the clubs fields and facilities. Teams of three will cost € 180 while sponsoring a tee box will cost € 80.

➤MASTERGEEHA FC

U15 DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS Mastergeeha "A" 5-0 Ballyhar Dynamos

Scorers; Milosz Niezgoda, Cillian Miley, Ben Carmody & Thomas Myers. Our boys topped off a fantastic Easter week for Mastergeeha with a second league title in a week. This time it was the U15s who were confirmed Division 1 League Champions following a well earned victory versus our near neighbours and closest rivals on Saturday evening.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 14th April 2023 of the Jackpot for €2,400. Numbers drawn were 1,13,18,22. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Eileen Devane c/o James Sr; Noreen O'Sullivan, Cellbridge, Kildare; Marian & Isabelle Collins, Aghadoe, Aisling & Darb O'Donoghue c/o Las. The next draw will be Friday 21st April for Jackpot of €2,600.

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

➤FIXTURES

Good luck to minor men and management in the Co minor league, Div 6 final on Friday, 21st at 6pm against Annascaul/Lispole in Milltown.

Senior men will be home to Templenoe, Sunday, 23rd in round 4, Div. 2, Co League.

Junior men will be away to Kerins O'Rahillys, Saturday, 22nd at 6.30pm in round 4, Div. 6.

➤RESULTS

Beaufort 1.05 Duagh 1.06 in round 2, Development league

➤CONGRATULATIONS to Hannah O'Donoghue, Fiadhna Tangney and the Kerry Ladies senior team and management on winning the Lidl Ladies National League, Division 1 final. They defeated Galway in the final. Congratulations also to Lori O'Connor, Keeva Riordan and Kerry Ladies U16 team and management in winning the Munster Ladies U16 B final. Congratultions to Avril Rooney and Kerry Ladies U16 team and management on winning the Munster U16 B Championship, B final.

➤LOTTO

No jackpot winner of €12,600 on Sunday, 16th April. Numbers: 3,13,18,21.

Consolation Prizes. €80 Ger Jake Doyle, Carnahone. €50 Jason Coffey, online. €50 Pat O'Sullivan Greene, Beaufort Valley. €50 Ann Maria c/o Ian The next lotto draw for a jackpot of €12,800 will be on Sunday, 30th April



Pictured at the Beaufort Bar to honour Sharon Clarke who worked with the Beaufort CE scheme which has now ended are: Brian & Siobhan O Connor, Sharon Clarke, Margaret Sweeney, Donal & Sheila O Connor, Martin O Donoghue, James Kennedy & Victor. Everyone in Beaufort wishes Sharon the best of luck in the future.

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>SCOR

Scór na bPáistí

Scór na bPáistí County final takes place on April 29th. Tráth na gceist in Killorglin at 11.30am followed by the main event in Glenbeigh at 2pm.

Beidh Cluiche Ceannais an Chontae ar siúl ar an naoú lá fichead d'Aibreán i nGleann Beithe ag 2p.m. Is i gCill Orglan a bheidh Tráth na gCeist ar siúl áfach, ar an lá céanna ag 11.30a.m. roimh ré.

Scór na nÓg

Congratulations to our set dancing team members Róisín O'Sullivan, Isabele Waters, Grace O'Connor, Aine O'Sullivan, Ciara O'Donoghue, Dara Brosnan, Diarmuid O'Donovan, Colm O'Connor and Oisín O'Sullivan. The team on the evening danced outstanding and were deservedly named Munster Champions in the Scór na nÓg final that took place in Ovens over the weekend

>KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

The Mens and Ladies All Ireland Gaelic Football 7-A-Side Tournament is back this year on June Bank Holiday Weekend, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th. There will be a meeting held on Thursday April 20th at 20:30 at the Clubhouse about the upcoming tournament. All are welcome to attend

>COISTE NA NOG RACE NIGHT

The second Spa Coiste Na Nóg Race Night will be held on 22nd April 2023 at the Great Southern Hotel. There will be a variety of prizes on offer on the night. This is one of the main fund raisers to support the ongoing development of the Juvenile Club. Entry cost: FREE Event: 10 races (one every 15 minutes) in which fun bets of €2 upwards can be placed on your favourite horse. Buy a horse for each race €20 per horse

>FIXTURES

Well Done to our Senior Ladies on their win over Beaufort GAA in Round 2 of the Donal Curtin. It was a great team performance in a 13 a side game that saw the ladies with an 8point advantage on the final whistle. Round 3 of this competition will take place April 30th when Corca Dhuibhne will travel to Spa to play

In the 2nd Round of the Credit Union Senior Development League Division 2 Spa were due play Na Gaeil at home however Na Gaeil had to concede the game giving the points to Spa

Round 4 of the Credit Union SFL will be played this coming Sunday April 23rd at home against Dingle



Spa GAA Rince Seit Scor Na nOg Munster Champions

>CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kerry Ladies Football team on their Division 1 National League title after a marvellous performance in Croke Park on Saturday. A special mention to our Club Senior Ladies player Cass Buckley and Senior Men's S&C Coach Eric McDonnell whose hard work and contribution with this team has deservedly paid off

Congratulations also to the Kerry Ladies Camogie team after their successful nail-biting finish over Meath in the Division 2A Final in Croke Park on Sunday

>LEGO LAUNCH CLUB

Lego Launch Club for 1st-4th class starting Monday April 24th from 3.30pm-4.30pm in Spa GAA Club. Sibling discount available. Run by two fully qualified teachers. Places are limited. For further information contact Charlene O'Connor and Karol Fleming by emailing legolaunchclub@gmail.com

>ITEMS FOR NOTES

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

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LOTTO

7, 9, 13, 26. €100-David, Maura, Mike Kennedy. €50 Anne O'Brien, Lahard. €50 Nuala Kelly, Ardfer. €25 Jim O'Reilly. €25 Mgt Doherty, Listry. Next weeks Jackpot €3,600.

>FIXTURES

Seniors: Listry seniors are at home to Annascaul Sunday 23rd April at 2pm, best of luck to the team and management.

U15: Wednesday April 26th A team are at home to fires in div 1 Lee strand county league. B team -Monday 24th April B team are away to John Mitchels in div 9 Lee strand county league.

U11: Thursday April 27th Lee Strand U 11 go games County League, Listry V An Gaeltacht away.

U13: Sunday the 23rd April U13's are at home to Milltown/Castlemaine in Keel at 5.30 and 7pm.

>QUIZ NIGHT

Our coiste na nóg quiz takes place on Fri the 28th April in Faha court table of 4 €40, great family night out.

>KERRY LADIES

Congratulations to Niamh Broderick and the Kerry ladies on their National league win last weekend.



Louise Ni Mhuirheartaigh of Kerry, left, and mentor Cassandra Buckley celebrate at the final whistle of during the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Kerry players including Niamh Broderick (Listry) celebrate after their side's victory in the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



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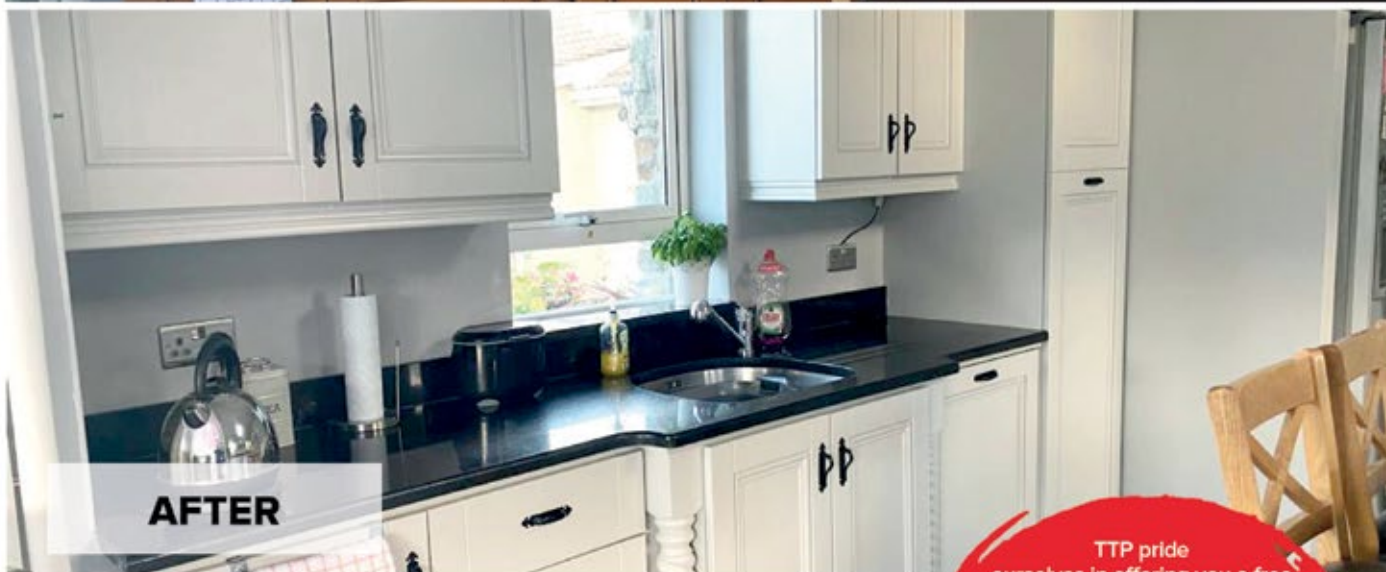
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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

➤ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Kieran Fitzgerald Moulagow Rathmore the winner of Gneeveguilla Gaa Lotto jackpot €18,400.

➤ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Donal Cremin, of Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra on his Election as Vice President of the ASTI at their Annual conference rennily

➤ **KISKEAM GAA PRESENTS** SEÁN MOYLAN IRISH REVOLUTIONARY, written by & Starring MICHAEL PATRIC, in KISKEAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRIDAY 5th May at 8pm. Tickets €15.

➤ **KERRY LADIES FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to Mary Collins and Danielle O'Leary and the Kerry senior team on winning the National League 1 final. Ciarraí abú.

Speedy recovery to kerry Ladies Footballer & camogie playler Danielle O'Leary Rathmore who currently injured & is out of action hopefully will be back to full action very soon with Rathmore & Kerry

➤ **KERRY CAMOIGE CONGRATULATIONS** to Kerry Camogie team & Rathmore Danielle O'Leary who won the Very Division 2A National League in Croke Park sunday last. Ciarraí Abú!

➤ **SLIABH LUACHRA MENS SHED**

A Shed is place where men can meet to chat, coffee, get involved in a Project, play cards, etc, and generally socialise. It hope re organised the sliabh Lachra men's shed formed a committee to re organised men's shed. New member welcome for further information contact 087 6676817.

➤ **RALLY OF THE LAKES 2023**

Record Breaking Entry for the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes. The 42nd running of the biggest rally in Kerry will take place on April 29th and 30th.

So far over 220 crews have entered, setting an all-time record for the

event and beyond doubt proving the rally's popularity. Along with a high volume of entries, there is strong representation across all the categories, including the Juniors and Historics who will run separately from the main field, allowing for an extra 50 cars to take part in the event.

The rally returns to the Beara Peninsula on Saturday for the first time since 2019 and the route will include the favourites like Cod's Head, Ardgroon and the Healy Pass.

Sunday's route also features some new roads, and after two runs over Moll's Gap and Ballaghbeama the rally heads to east Kerry.

The sting in the tail includes two runs over Gortnagane and a stage that has not been used for rallying since the 1983 Circuit of Ireland – the last time the famed five-day event visited Kerry.

➤ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Rathmore U12 footballer who played Bitz in Croke park recently very enjoyment day held by all

➤ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Ross Moriarty who ref'd his first game rennily in Croke Park. Ross may be the only club member to represent the club playing hurling (u12 2017), football (u12 2019) and now as a referee (2023) in Croke Park.

➤ **BEST OF LUCK** to Declan O'Donoghue of Beheenagh, Headford who will be representing Ireland at the World Triathlon MultiSport Championships in Ibiza on the 7th May 2023. Declan has also been selected as the Irish Triathlon Team Captain. Best of luck to all.

➤ **NOTES**

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

GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

➤ **LOTTO**

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 3rd April 2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3 000. The numbers drawn were 5, 9, 15, 23. There was no winner. Consolation prizes of €50 each 1. Oliver O'Connor (online). 2. Shane Riordan, Glencar. 3. Mary Woodcock & Julie Brosnan (Sellers' prize). 4. Padraig Dineen, Clonkeen. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 17/4/2023. Jackpot will be €3,200. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers. Lotto tickets including annual tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs and shops or online before 6pm on the date of the draw at: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor. Jackpot for the next draw on Tuesday 17th April 2023 is €3,200

➤ **MUNSTER CHAMPIONS SCOR NA NAG 2023**

Glenflesk Ballad group are Munster Champions of Scór na nÓg 2023. Congratulations to this fantastic group who represented Glenflesk GAA Club last Saturday in the Eire Og GAA Pavilion, Ovens, County Cork. The Ballad group members are Aoise O Donoghue, Abby Cronin, Cliona Moynihan, Muireann Healy, Patrick Mullane and Sub Sara O Donoghue. Congratulations to their mentor Rosie Healy and Club Scor Officer Allison O Sullivan. Best of luck in the All Ireland Final taking place in the INEC Killarney on Saturday May 6th.

➤ **COUNTY LEAGUE RD 4**

Best wishes to our Division 2 team and management in round 4 of the County League on in Glenflesk Sunday 23rd April against Kenmare Shamrocks at 2pm. Best of luck also to our Division 5 team and management away to Waterville also on Sunday April 23rd at 2pm.

➤ **THE LIDL LADIES DIVISION 1 FINAL**

Congratulations to Ava Doherty who was part of the victorious Kerry Ladies Senior team who defeated Galway last Saturday in the Lidl Ladies Division 1 All Ireland Final in Croke Park.

➤ **KERRY LADIES U16**

Congratulations to the talented Aoise O Donoghue who played for Kerry Ladies u16 last Friday in Mallow in the Munster Final where they defeated Waterford, well done Aoise who had a very busy weekend also part of the Glenflesk Ballad group who won Munster Scor na nOg on Saturday.

➤ **GLENFLESK COISTE NA NOG**

Glenflesk Coiste na nÓg Family Table Quiz which held last month in the @the_kerryway. Congratulation to the McMahon family who were the overall winners on the night and a special thank you to the Kerryway for



Glenflesk Ballad Group came out on top in the Munster Scor na Nog Finals held last Saturday in Eire Og's GAA Pavillion, Ovens Co.Cork. Glenflesk GAA would like to thank the supporters who cheered them on including the three other Kerry clubs who were competing on the day also, Spa, Dromid Pearse's and Crotta O Neill's. The ballad group members are Cliona Moynihan, Muireann Healy, Abby Cronin, Aoise O Donoghue, Patrick Mullane and sub Sara O Donoghue. Congratulations also to their mentor Rosie Healy who had them in top shape. They now go on to the All Ireland Final which takes place in the Killarney INEC on Saturday 6th May.

Chairman of Munster GAA Council Ger Ryan presenting the cup to Glenflesk Scor na nOg Ballad Group in the Eire Og Pavillion, Ovens, Co Cork last Saturday after they won the Munster final. Front l to r; Muireann Healy and Aoise O Donoghue. Back L to r; Abby Cronin, Margaret Whelan (Munster Scor chairperson) Cliona Moynihan and Patrick Mullane. Photo Seamus Healy.

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➤ **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Glenflesk GAA would like to thank the Glenflesk Community Defibrillator Group for purchasing a new cabinet and defibrillator for the stand here in Glenflesk. We would also like to thank one of our great clubmen, Donie Donovan for installing it for us!

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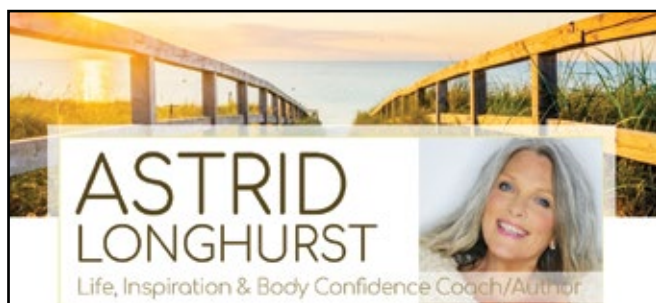
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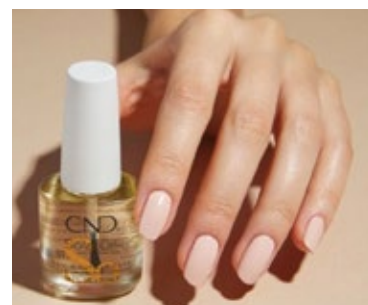


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Valerija Bencic, with her beloved dog 'Miki' taking a moment to enjoy the cherry blossoms in Killarney House and Gardens, Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



KICKING OFF THE START OF REGATTA SEASON ON A HIGH

Last weekend Muckross RC completed in their first regatta of the season, Skibbereen Regatta in the National Rowing centre. The regatta was held over two days, Saturday and Sunday.

We had 7 wins across the weekend with plenty of top 3 place finishes across multiple categories. Muckross RC also placed tenth overall as a club. Fantastic to see the long winter training sessions paying off. Well done to everyone, including our rowers, coaches, those who towed our trailer and helped out over the weekend.

JUNIOR 14 BOYS SQUAD WITH THEIR COACHES.

Back row left to right: Shóna O Sullivan, Harry McGough, Cillian Tangney, Fionn Tangney, Christopher Flynn, Aine O Sullivan.
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WOMEN'S JUNIOR 16 QUAD:

Rachel Fuller, Aine O'Sullivan, Muireann O'Donoghue, Khim Fleming & cox Alicia Lee.



Our Master Men's quad on their way to the start:
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Great Prizes in 'Get SunSmart!' Children's Art Competition

An OPW Heritage Card, A family Day Pass for Dublin Zoo and National Book tokens are up for grabs in the Get SunSmart! Children's Art Competition.

An initiative of Healthy Ireland in collaboration with the HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), the competition is open to all primary school children.

Depending on their age category, children will be invited to complete the SunSmart colouring sheets or draw their own picture showing how to be SunSmart.

The competition is designed to help educate young people about the importance of protecting skin while enjoying time outdoors.

Children and young people are particularly vulnerable to the damaging effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays.

However, skin can be protected by following the 5 Ss. These simple protective behaviours should be practised daily, especially from April to September when the intensity of UV radiation from the sun is greatest, even when it is cloudy.

The SunSmart 5 Ss are:

Slip on clothing that covers your skin such as wearing long sleeves, collared t-shirts;

Slop on broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) water resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30+ for adults and 50+ for children, with high UVA protection. Reapply regularly;

Slap on a hat with a wide brim: Protect your face, ears and neck.

Seek shade: Sit in cover of trees to avoid direct sunlight and use a sunshade on your buggy or pram. Keep babies and children out of direct sunlight.



Slide on sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Announcing the competition, Minister Naughton said:

"Spending time outdoors is very important for our health and wellbeing, and particularly for young people. By following the 5 Ss of the SunSmart campaign, children can protect their skin while having fun outdoors.

"I'm delighted to open the call for entries for the Get SunSmart! Children's Art Competition and I'm really looking forward to seeing the results.

"Our young people have so much talent, imagination and creativity so I can't wait to see how the SunSmart behaviours are illustrated in pictures."

The Get SunSmart! Children's Art Competition runs until 5pm on 31 May, 2023.

There are three age categories with a prize for the winner in each category. The three age categories are junior infants to 1st class; 2nd to 4th class, and 5th and 6th class.

The winner in each age category will receive an OPW Family Heritage Card which provides free admission for 2 Adults and 3 Children into all fee-paying State managed sites for one year, a family day pass for Dublin Zoo for 2 adults and up to 4 children and a National Book Token worth €20. Runner-up prizes of a Healthy Ireland SunSmart kit will also be awarded in each age category.

For details of the competition rules as well as instructions on how to enter, see the competition webpage at gov.ie/getsunsmart

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO GET YOUR ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY 2023 PACK

With only two weeks left until Alzheimer's Tea Day 2023, preparations are in full swing to raise awareness and funds for dementia support services.

Alzheimer's Tea Day is an annual event held on the first Thursday in May, which brings people together over a cup of tea to raise funds and awareness for dementia, which affects over 64,000 people in Ireland. The campaign is The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's (The ASI) biggest fundraising event of the year.

Traditional Tea Day events in the past have raised €500,000. The ASI hopes to continue rebuilding Tea Day and, this year, raise €300,000.

There are an estimated 2,429 people living with dementia in Kerry, and

the number of people living with dementia is expected to double by 2050. That's why events like Alzheimer's Tea Day are so important to help raise funds and awareness and support people affected by this disease.

The ASI Fundraising Team is working to ensure that all Tea Day Participants get their packs in time for Thursday, May 4th. They've also invited some of their advocates from the Irish Dementia Working Group (IDWG)/Dementia Carers Campaign Network (DCCN) to see how the packs are created and distributed. However, those who receive them after May 4th can still host a Tea Day at a later date.

TV Stars and Ambassadors Bryan Murray and Una Crawford-O'Brien joined the Tea Day campaign this year. Bryan and Una have lived experience of Alzheimer's Disease - Bryan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease over three years ago - and they're calling on everyone to join in and help make a difference.

People can host tea parties, sell tea and cakes, or simply make a donation. Funds raised will support vital services, such as The ASI's National Helpline, Dementia Advisers, Family Carer Training, Care, and Support Groups.

So, with only two weeks left until Alzheimer's Tea Day, there's no time to waste! Join in, host a tea party, or simply donate. Every little bit counts, and together we can make a real difference in the fight against dementia. For more information on how to get involved or make a donation, visit teaday.ie.



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RESULT OF THE COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2023 AND SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2023 AT KILLARNEY (KILLARNEY-KILLEEN).

1: Breda Duggan 42pts (28) Overall Winner
2: Anita O'Sullivan 36pts (41) Overall Runner-Up
BG: Corrina Griffin 28pts (04)

3: Mary O'Doherty 34pts (16) Overall 3rd Last Six Hole

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ROSS GOLF CLUB - MENS

ON THURSDAY APRIL 13TH THE WINNERS IN THE ROSS SENIORS WEEKLY COMPETITION WERE:-

1st: Donal Doherty 2nd: Colm O'Keeffe 3rd: John Fleming 4th: Jim Casey
Best of Luck to the Ross GC Mixed Foursomes team when they travel to Berehaven GC on Saturday 22nd to take on their hosts in that competition.

FIXTURE

On April 22nd & 23rd we will hold a club sponsored stableford competition. For Saturday players please book your tee time with the Clubhouse and sign-in and enter your scores online. For Sunday players the online system will be available from 7pm on Thursday.

KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB

As the 2023 Pitch & Putt season gets underway in earnest this weekend, it starts exactly how it finished in 2022, with the Adult County Matchplay Championships in Tralee this Sunday April 23rd. Pitch & Putt Ireland have altered their calendar for this year meaning Matchplay and Strokeplay Champions will now go in sequence date wise from county onto provincial and then national.

Unfortunately due to the recent spell of wet weather Newmarket have had to pull out as hosts of this event as the County Board are grateful for Tralee stepping up to take the event following the effect the weather has had on all our courses in recent weeks. Full details relating to all draws will be posted on the Facebook page and emailed to clubs in advance of the weekend. Damien Fleming is seeking a third consecutive Senior Mens title only six months after he defeated Tralee's Jason Cregan in the final on the October Bank Holiday Weekend.

Tralee hosts the only major provincial fixture in the county this year as they will host the Munster Matchplay finals on the weekend of May 21st next. Qualifying for this will take place on Sunday May 7th as the venue for same will be confirmed by the County Board in due course. We are celebrating 50 years of County Board Pitch & Putt this year in the county with Deerpark's foundation in 1973 officially creating the first Kerry Pitch & Putt Board under national auspices. Castleisland had been operating since the 1960's before the other Kerry clubs were formed.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - MEN'S

SINGLES STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. PLAYED SATURDAY 8TH & SUNDAY 9TH APRIL, ON MAHONY'S POINT.

Winner: Brendan Brosnan 40pts (12)

2nd: Alec Rennie 42 pts (14)*

Best Gross: Peter McEnery 74 (4)

Category 1: Winner - Gerard Hogan 37pts (06), 2nd - Moss Lyons Jnr 37pts (07), 3rd - Jason Arthur 36pts (03).

Category 2: Winner - Steven Broderick 37pts (10), 2nd - Anthony O'Carroll 36pts (10), 3rd - Mark Culloty 36pts (10)

Category 3: Winner - Kevin O'Callaghan 38pts (13), 2nd - Padraig Kerins 37pts (14), 3rd - Kieran Fleming 36pts (13).

Category 4: Winner - Frank O'Reilly 40pts (18), 2nd - Michael Anthony O'Donoghue 39pts (20), 3rd - Dermot Kelly 39pts (33).

APRIL MONTHLY MEDAL - SINGLES STROKEPLAY.

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Winner - Liam Murphy 70 (9)

2nd - Padraig Sweeney 70 (8)

Best Gross - Donal Considine 74 (1)

Category 1: Winner - Declan Kelly 71 (8), 2nd - Peter O'Brien 72 (8), 3rd - Finbar O'Mahony 72 (3).

Category 2: Winner - Kieran Cremin 70 (11), 2nd - Donal Cronin 71 (12), 3rd - Ted Healy 72 (12)

Category 3: Winner - Daniel Kelly 72 (15), 2nd - Patrick Buckley 73 (14), 3rd - Tom Carroll 73 (14).

Category 4: Winner - John O'Brien 72 (25), 2nd - Jimmie Smith 75 (17), 3rd - Danny O'Sullivan 76 (23).

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB - LADIES

COMPETITIONS

9 & 18-hole Single Stableford qualifying Competition Saturday 22nd April

9- & 18-hole Single Stableford competition on Saturday 22nd April. Tee times from 10.10am.

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9-Hole Competition Wednesday mornings
Each Wednesday morning 9-hole competition everyone welcome. Meet at 9.45am for 10.00am. All members welcome.

BEST OF LUCK

The best of luck to our Mixed Foursomes team when they meet Bearhaven in Bearhaven on Saturday 22nd. Also to our Junior Foursomes team who meet Bearhaven in Ross.

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COUNTY MATCHPLAY

Our very best wishes to our nine players heading to Tralee on Sunday for the four competitions taking place. Reminder as a County Board competition this is a dress code event.

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY ENTRIES

These must be both received and paid for (€15) by this coming Sunday evening. No unpaid entries will be sent off by the club.

CLUBHOUSE

Our clubhouse is back open and operational now for the summer. Currently it is open from 2pm-7pm daily. Outside of it being open, people are asked to contact 087 7823138 for playing enquires.

MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL

Please note due to road closures related to the staging of the Munster semi-final in Fitzgerald Stadium between Kerry and Tipperary on Saturday afternoon we are closed for play on the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Monthly Medal competition will take place on Friday April 30th next while our Scratch Cups take place on Saturday May 14th. More details in due course.

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A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER FOR KERRY UNDER 16's

Munster LGFA U16 B Championship B Final Kerry B 2-10 -v- Tipperary B 1-04

The Kerry U16 B team made it a weekend to remember by completing a hattrick of victories in the Munster U16 B Championship B Final in Mallow on Sunday. Despite the recent unsettled weather, the pitch was in excellent condition. Kerry got off to the perfect start scoring 1-01 without response. Orla O'Mahony with the point and Sarah Palmer with the goal. Tipperary registered. Tipperary didn't register their first score of the game till the sixth minute from Aoibhin McCarra. It spurred the premier county into action and midway through the half they scored a goal courtesy of Faye Lavin. With a stoppage in play it disrupted Tipp's rhythm as Kerry regained composure and kept their composure and outscored Tipperary scoring six points without response, with six different scorers to open up a seven-point lead going in at the halftime break. Tipperary elected to stay out in the field for their halftime team talk and it seemed to have done the trick as they three points without response to reduce the deficit to four. Leana Gahan, Aoibhin McCarra and Faye Lavin all on target. Amazingly Kerry didn't get their first score of the second half till the twenty first minute through substitute Naoise O'Donoghue. Up until this point Kerry were struggling to get to the same tempo as they had in the first half as Tipperary displayed greater hunger and intensity that resulted in three unanswered points. The Kerry point saw them regain composure and display the intensity they showed in the first half with a Sarah Cooper goal five minutes from time sealing the victory in what was a great weekend for Kerry Ladies Football. A credit to the team and management today with all scores coming from play and with nine different scorers getting on the score sheet

Kerry: A O'Barrett, R Daly, R Cahill, S Harkin (C), C McHugh, S O'Connor McCarthy (0-01), A O'Donovan, O O'Mahony (0-01), L Mae O'Gara (0-02), L O'Shea (0-01), A Kerin (0-01), S Palmer (1-01), S Cooper (1-01), A Granville (0-01), L Carey

Subs: N O'Donoghue (0-01) for L O'Shea, H O'Flaherty for A Kerin, M O'Sullivan for An O'Donovan, M Walsh for L Mae O'Gara, S Randles for S Palmer

Tipperary: C Myles, T Quinn, K B Moloney, Z McCarthy, H McGowan, L Moore, C Cahill, L O'Brien, M Cunneen, S O'Grady (C), S McLoughlin, E Duffy, L Gahan (0-01), F Lavin (1-01), A McCarra (0-02 1f)

A Smith for M Cunneen, K O'Shea for S McLoughlin, O Bergin for L Gahan, R Coffey for A McCarra

Munster LGFA U16 A Championship B Final Kerry A 2- 15 -v- Waterford 3 - 07

The weekend's success began with a victory over Waterford in the U16 A Championship B Final. It was a highly entertaining game played

Kerry Under 16's A team



Kerry Under 16's B team



under lights in Mallow on Friday night. It was a game which at times could have gone either way such was the intensity throughout the game. Waterford opened proceedings with a free from captain Emma Fitzgerald. Kerry were quick to settle into a groove and score six points on the trot to open up a five-point lead. Lisa Slattery, Sarah Fitzgerald (3) and Hannah Nicgearilt all among the scorers. Emma Fitzgerald was doing her upmost for the Deise with another pointed free. The sides exchanged points as the deficit was down to four. Kerry scored two on the trot from Sarah Fitzgerald and Lisa Slattery to bring the lead back out to six. The game completely turned on it's head with two quick fire goals from Waterford drawing the sides level. Treasa Ní Chrotaigh and Clodagh Power raising the green flags to the delight of the travelling Waterford supporters and the disbelief of the Kerry supporters. Great to the Kerry players and management they regained their composure and finished the half the strongest scoring the final two scores from Lisa Slattery and Hannah NicGearilt to go in at the break two points in front. On the basis of the first half anything was possible upon resumption. Kerry needed to remain focus and did just that with a point from Keeva Riordan. Sarah Fitzgerald got Kerry's first goal shortly after to take Kerry's lead back out to six. As

both sides exchanged points, Emma Fitzgerald pointed another free to reduce the deficit to five. Just like the first half, Waterford struck for a killer blow with another goal from Ava Connolly to reduce the deficit to two. Anything was possible now just like the first but credit to the Kerry players they steadied the ship. Lisa Slattery with a point from play to extend the lead back out to three. Emma Fitzgerald lead the Waterford charge and kept them in touch with a free. Unfortunately for them Kerry struck the decisive score late on with a goal from Sarah Fitzgerald to push the lead back out to five. It was a killer blow to Waterford as they had done it on three different occasions during the match. It would prove to be a decisive score late on in the game as Kerry opened up a five-point lead. Substitute Muireann Teahan extended the lead to six as Waterford's Emma Fitzgerald pointed the final score of the game to see Kerry win on a five-point margin.

Kerry Scorers: L Slattery (0-04), S Fitzgerald (2-04), L O'Connor (0-01), H NicGearilt (0-02), K Riordan (0-02), L O'Connor (0-01 1f), M Teahan (0-01)

Waterford Scorers: E Fitzgerald (0-07 6f), T Ní Chrotaigh (1-0), C Power (1-0), A Connolly (1-0),

Four Kerry town groups shortlisted in the .IE Digital Town Awards 2023

The RDI hub is one of four entries which have been shortlisted for an award.



The .IE Digital Town Awards recognise and reward projects with a digital element created by town groups, individuals and local communities.

.IE, the national registry for .ie domain names, is delighted to announce that four entries from Kerry town groups have been shortlisted for the .IE Digital Town Awards 2023. The awards, now in their 3rd year and have welcomed Vodafone as a partner for 2023, recognise and reward projects created by town groups and local communities that have a digital element, supporting Ireland's digital development. .IE provides the pathway for people, communities and businesses to access and unlock a digital world of potential and opportunity by managing the infrastructure that allows this to happen.

The shortlisted entries include: Dingle has been shortlisted in the Agri-tech category. Local farmers on the Dingle Peninsula had been looking for ways to future proof their businesses by embracing digital technology, diversification and inclusion. There is a network of farmers in the local sustainable energy community, whose objective is to reduce energy usage and identify land management practices that could assist in storing carbon. The installation of energy monitoring via an App resulted in a 3% CO2 decrease.

Tralee's Heritage Trail Story Map, has been shortlisted in the Digital Tourism category, which is proudly sponsored by AIB Merchant Services. To promote the rich history of Tralee, a digital self-guided tour was developed providing a rich and immersive experience for users. The software includes an interactive Story Map and audio guide featuring historic images and storytelling.

Killorglin's RDI Hub Digital

Business has been shortlisted in the Digital Business category, proudly sponsored by Vodafone. The hub was launched to facilitate the creation of new products, services and jobs in the South West region. It has transformed Kerry into a globally connected digital technology innovation, enterprise and skillset hotspot boosting economic growth. It runs numerous programmes including hackathons which resulted in Augmented Reality Apps for Kerry tourism; a STEM passport programme whose graduates gain a bonus of 50 Leaving Cert points; and ongoing supports for scaling companies to attract investment and create jobs.

Milltown's EdTech Ireland, shortlisted in the Digital Business category, proudly sponsored by Vodafone. The Irish Education Technology industry faces many challenges including access to funding, increased regulation and policy issues. EdTech Ireland is a representative body for the industry which was set up to address these issues by providing an online hub for those involved. Through its activities, EdTech Ireland seeks to build a thriving edtech ecosystem which develops digital solutions for education.

In addition, national suicide charity Turn2Me, has also been shortlisted in the Community category. The fully online, digital platform offers free counselling and peer support in a safe, anonymous confidential space, eliminating barriers to accessing support including cost, waiting lists and travel time.

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Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s Team 2 who were defeated on Saturday last away to Killorglin FC in a close encounter.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u11s who lost to Listowel Celtic at murt Scott park on Saturday last in cup action. This group have completed their season. Many thanks to their Coaches over the season.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club had 5 underage fixtures over the past week. The U11s lost to Listowel Celtic in the cup in a close encounter. The group have now completed their season. Many thanks to the players, their parents & Coaches over the past season.

The U13s were in Premier league action twice in recent days with this squad defeating Killorglin FC at murt scott park in a 3-2 win. Daire Cornally gave Ballyhar a 1-0 half time lead with Ryan Quilter & Ryan Vickers scoring second half goals. Dan Duggan, Addy Nolan, Jack Kelly, Adam O Meara & Sean O Leary were impressive on the night. Later in the week this group also defeated Tralee Dynamos 8-3 with goals by Ryan Quilter, Jack Kelly, Addy Nolan, Alex Finn, Diarmuid Casey & Daire Cornally.

The U13 second team visited Killorglin FC in Division 2 league action and put in a credible performance in a 6-2 defeat. Killian O Sullivan & Daniel Ryan gave Ballyhar a 1-2 lead. Killorglin who are league leaders got into their stride in the second half but the young Ballyhar Squad can be proud of their efforts with Lan Mrotek =, Jack O Leary & Emma O Callaghan very prominent. The U15s visited Mastergeeha, who are Division 1 winners, where the home team were 5-0 winners. Ballyhar trailed 2-0 at the break with Eoin O Mahony in goal & Marcus Clifford, Cillian Slattery, Jim O Dowd, Jamie Quirke & Ross Lally giving it their all over the course of the game.

This Ballyhar squad look forward now to the U15 shield semi final.

GIRLS

U11 Girls Padraig Hartnett Memorial Shield Semi Final Fenit 6 MEK Galaxy 0 we tried hard against a very good Fenit side but it was not to be. Good luck to Fenit in the final. POTM Oliva Lyttle & Ciara Murphy

Boys

U13 DIVISION 2

MEK Galaxy B 6 Mastergeeha C 3

Well done to the lads specially Cian Riordan who was man of the match. Thanks to Noel Riordan for standing in as coach.

U14 PREMIER DIVISION

Listowel Celtic 0 MEK Galaxy 4

A great performance by the lads. Goals from Leo Allen, Killian O'Donoghue, Sean Clifford and Danny Murphy.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

HENNEBERRY SPORTS RESERVE CUP RESULT

Tralee Dynamos 1-1 Killarney Athletic AET

Dynamos won 4-3 on penalties

Frank Cronin

On a Friday lovely evening in Mounthawk Park Tralee our senior Bs we're up against a strong Tralee Dynamos B team who currently sit top of division 1b. In the absence of a brick wall of a goalie, Conor O'Riordan, Cillian Hickey was in between the stick but had relatively little to do beside a few routine catches in the first half thanks to solid defending from James Suter,

Frank Cronin, Conor Healy and David Naughton.

There was an even share of possession through the first half with neither side able to find an opening which brought us to half time at 0-0.

The action really kicked in during the second half when dynamos scored from a cross to the back post. Things continued to go against us when our left back James Suter received a straight red for a challenge that should have barely warranted a yellow. Nevertheless the blues fought back when Frank Cronin bundled the ball in from a corner later in the half and a cup upset seemed possible. With only a few minutes to go the comeback was completed, when Darren O'Doherty rounded the goalkeeper and from a tight angle found the bottom right corner in the side netting. However due to a gaping hole in the side netting the referee somehow believed the ball to have gone wide and awarded a goal kick, meaning the score remained 1-1 at full time.

Extra time came and went with monstrous effort's from all the blues especially the midfield of Cillian O'Regan, Eoghan Lawlor, Darren O'Doherty who slipped into the vacant left back position. Elsewhere on the night Conor Collins, Aaron O'Sullivan and his brother Dylan who came from the bench, Gavin Moriarty, Armand Gashi, Jesus Villarrubia and Oisin O'Sullivan all played vital roles in a great battle.

Despite a Cillian Hickey save in the penalty shootout it wasn't to be our night as the Dynamos keeper made two good saves but great respect to all the boys who stood up to



MEK U14 side who defeated Listowel Celtic 4-0



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s, who defeated Killorglin FC & Tralee Dynamos FC over the past week in league action.



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be counted to take a penalty. Only our first loss of the season is a great show of how hard this team is working and no doubt there will be more to come this season.

U12 GIRLS

Premier League Campaign came to an end today with a fantastic sporting Game Vs Listowel Celtic. Special thanks to Simon and all at Listowel Celtic for the Warm Welcome. Well done to our young blues for a great season.....Next Up the Cup....

KILLARNEY CELTIC

PREMIER A

Listowel Celtic 0, Killarney Celtic 4

Matej Vrljack 2, Dylan O Callaghan, Witness Odirile.

Killarney continued their good run with a comprehensive win in Listowel last week.

PREMIER B

Killarney Celtic B 0, Classic FC 4.

YOUTHS PREMIER A

Killorglin AFC 2, Killarney Celtic 2

Eoghan Crowley, Calvin O Sullivan
In difficult conditions Celtic led before Killorglin came back to level matters.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 2, St Brendans Park 2

Cian Mulcahy, Patrick O'Brien
Celtic twice came back to share the points in an entertaining league tie.

U13 PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 3, Killarney Celtic 3

Pa McCarthy, Stephen Shine, Kiernan Kelly
Celtic led 3 times but Kenmare came back to share the points.

KILLARNEY CELTIC 2, KILLORGLIN AFC 4

Kiernan Kelly, Stephen Shine.

U13 DIV 1

Camp 6, Killarney Celtic B 2

Conor O Leary, OG.

U12 DIV 2 SOUTH

Inter Kenmare B 8, Killarney Celtic B 1

David Cronin.

WELL DONE TO OUR U11 BOYS who were at the Football Cup Barcelona held in Salou last weekend. Many thanks to the coaches and parents who travelled.

Killarney Celtic U14 Girls squad vs MEK.



GIRLS

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 3, Dingle Bay Rovers 0

OG, Katie Foster, Eve Culhane.

Celtic were forced to dig deep to gain control of this league game but eventually the goals came and the unbeaten league record continued.

U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 2, MEK 2

Amelia Carroll Kelly, Sadbh O'Brien

Celtic battled to the final whistle as they grabbed a late equaliser to share the points with a fine MEK side.

SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

U12'S PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0 v Killarney Athletic 6

U12'S DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha AFC 3 -2 Iveragh UTD

St Brendans Park 7-2 Listowel Celtic B

Dingle Bay Rovers 3 -2 Castleisland AFC

MEK Galaxy B 0-3 St Brendans Park

U14'S PREMIER

Camp Juniors 3 -0 MEK Galaxy

16 PREMIER

Dingle Bay Rover 2 -0 Listowel Celtic

Killarney Celtic 3 -0 Dingle Bay Rovers

U12 BOYS PREMIER

Bottom

Iveragh UTD 2 -1 Killarney Celtic

U12 BOYS DIVISION 2 NORTH

Dingle Bay Rovers B 2 -6 Castleisland AFC C

Listowel Celtic C 2 v Park C 7

U12 BOYS DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Inter Kenmare B 6 -1 Killarney Celtic B

U13 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY Q/FINAL

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Ballyhar Dynamos 3 -2 Killorglin AFC

Killarney Celtic 2 - 4 Killorglin AFC Ballyhar

Dynamos 8 -3 Tralee Dynamos 3

Inter Kenmare 3 -3 Killarney Celtic 3

Killarney Athletic 1 -2 Mastergeeha FC

Castleisland AFC 2 -0 Fenit Samphires

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

St Brendans Park B 3-0 Killarney Athletic B

Camp Juniors 6 -2 Killarney Celtic B

LB Rovers 3 -1 Dingle Bay Rovers

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Killarney Celtic (in green) in action against the local side from Verrés

Some of the Killarney contingent at the AS Roma v Torino Serie A game



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The Killarney contingent on a sightseeing tour*Former Italy and Juventus star Moreno Torricelli (fourth from left) with Killarney Celtic members Timmy Scannell, Davide Mosca, Brian Looney, Timmy Kelly, Mike Doody, Alan O'Sullivan and Roman Carton**Club stalwarts Mikey Lyne and Paul Sherry flying the Celtic flag in Italy.*

Celtic party really enjoyed the Italian job

A total of 42 young Killarney Celtic players enjoyed the experience of a lifetime during the Easter school holidays when they participated in a friendship tournament in Verrés, a beautiful Aosta Valley village, located to the north-west of Turin in Italy.

They competed in an event dedicated to football, culture and friendship.

Flying from Dublin to Milan Malpensa before completing the journey to Verrés by bus, they were accompanied by 21 adult club members and coaches with two Celtic teams competing – with successful outcomes – against the locals in under 13 and under 14 blitz-style tournaments.

As well as daily training sessions, they also had an exciting coaching clinic and a questions and answers session with legendary Italian soccer star Moreno Torricelli, who won three Italian titles, the UEFA Cup and the Champions League with Juventus and was man-of-the-match in the 1996 Champions League final. He also played for Fiorentina and was part of the Italy squad for Euro 96 and the 1998 World Cup.

The Killarney contingent also took in a Serie A clash between José Mourinho's AS Roma and Torino in the Olimpico di Torino which the visitors won 1-0.

As the Alpine province of Verrés is very close to the Italy-France border, and many of the travelling party are studying French in secondary school in Killarney, a full hour of French lessons was organised on each of the five days.

One of the most entertaining events of the visit was a seven-a-side clash between the visiting Killarney Celtic coaches and parents and a local team, starring the Mayor of Verrés, and despite romping into a 3-0 lead, the Celtic representatives were eventually hauled back and the game ended 3-3.

The visiting party from Killarney also enjoyed sightseeing tours to ski resorts and cable car rides in the Alps and, to mark their visit, they were afforded the full VIP treatment when the town square was closed off and a street party and open air disco were held in their honour with souvenir medals presented to the Celtic players by the mayor.

The travelling party was accommodated, free of charge, in campus-style chalets and the visit was supported by a generous €700 donation to Celtic by Kerry County Council under the Community Support Fund.

The club also organised a number of fundraising initiatives – including a quiz night, a cake sale, collecting acorns in the national park and stewarding for an adventure race – to help offset some of the flight costs and expenses.

The main organiser of the trip was Killarney architect Davide Mosca, who is a native of Verrés, and he was joined by Celtic vice chairman Paul Sherry and long-time club official Mikey Lyne in an advance party which travelled out to ensure everything was ready for the Celtic visitors when they arrived. "It was a very positive experience and all the Celtic party enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We were treated like royalty," Paul Sherry explained.

"We hope to arrange an Erasmus-style educational exchange between the two locations and it certainly helped to create great new friendships and bonds for the kids which will stand to them going forward," he said.

Celtic officials intend to reciprocate the visit by hosting children from Verrés in Killarney next year and, hopefully, start an annual trip experience for different age groups for boys and girls in the coming years.



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KERRY LADIES CLAIM NATIONAL LEAGUE

Division One Final:

Kerry 5-11 Galway 1-10

The Kerry Ladies had a great year last year, winning division two and reaching an All Ireland Final. So far this year has gone even better, and this was without question their most convincing performance yet. Kerry beat Galway in their last game of the group stage, but there was a strong possibility of ducks and drakes about that one, given that both sides already knew that they would be meeting in this final. But there was absolutely no doubt whatsoever about this one. This was pedal to the metal football, and it was like a race between and Formula One car and a Morris Minor. That's not to take anything away from Galway, no-one who follows the game needs to be told who the likes of the Wards, the Divillys, the Slevin/Leonard scoring threat, or of course the great Tracey Leonard. But they were simply up against an entirely different class here. Kerry put together as good a team performance as you will ever since, including some simply astonishing individual performances.

Galway actually started well, with Leanne Coen finishing off a good team move with a point. They then retreated into a hard shell – they had coughed up three goals to Kerry in a somewhat open league encounter, and their game plan clearly hinged on no repeat. I worried as soon as I saw twelve Galway players shielding their own square, cutting off any space, about our ability to penetrate.....whatever psychic ability is, it turns out that I have the exact opposite.

Niamh Carmody doesn't need much space, and she clipped over Kerry's opening score from a tight angle. There was good defending at both ends, with Ailbhe Davoren deftly picking no less a pocket than that of Louise Ní Muircheartaigh. I wonder if Kayleigh ever marked Colm Cooper up at club training when she was younger – she plays like she did. Anna Galvin kicked Kerry's



Kerry captain Siofra O'Shea lifts the cup after the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

second score to put us in front.

Kerry were beginning to pick holes in Galway's tight net, applying strong and mostly successful pressure on Galway's kick-outs. A beautifully weighted pass by Louise Ní Muircheartaigh saw Niamh Ní Chonchúir fist to the net, but it was overruled for squareball – the margins on that one were very fine indeed, I thought she had timed her move perfectly. It didn't matter. Kerry won the resultant kick-out and the ball came Ní Chonchúir's way again, lashing a well-judged shot to the net with her left leg. Kayleigh Cronin was cutting wreck at this stage and a good foray forward saw her on the endline fisting across to Ní Muircheartaigh for goal number two with quarter of an hour gone.

Galway weren't giving up, and Olivvia Divilly kicked their second point, but an excellent Lorraine Scanlon coolly replied in kind. Galway were running at Kerry with pace, and drawing fouls (personally, I want a certain lack of ruth

among my defenders at this level), with Roisín Leonard kicking two over. Another perfectly judged pass by Ní Muircheartaigh saw Hannah O'Donoghue lay off to Niamh Ní Chonchúir for another goal chance, but this time she contented herself with a point, with Louise Ní Muircheartaigh added a handy free after Galway under pressure coughed up a careless kick-out infringement.

Half-time Kerry 2-5 Galway 0-4

In fairness, the gap felt bigger than seven points. Kerry had dominated all over the pitch, with Galway struggling especially badly in attack. Things were certainly not going to get any easier for them in the thirds quarter, far from it. Anna Galvin opened the second half scoring. The same player sent a beautiful pass to Louise Ní Muircheartaigh – Kerry's offensive passing was spectacular – but for once, the Gaeltacht sharpshooter was just wide with the goal at her mercy. You won't see that twice in one lifetime!



Ailbhe Davoren of Galway is tackled by Ciara Murphy and Emma Costello of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Kerry joint manager Declan Quill, and Kerry players, from left, Keri-Ann Hanrahan, Ava Doherty and Caoimhe Evans celebrate after their side's victory in the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile

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Kerry players celebrate after their side's victory in the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin.

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Kayleigh Cronin of Kerry is presented with the Player of the Match award by Eimear O'Sullivan, Head of Communications, Lidl Ireland, after the 2023 Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Final between Galway and Kerry at Croke Park, Dublin.

Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

She did kick a free won by Hannah O'Donoghue a minute later, and she produced yet another sensational pass for Niamh Carmody to kick her second score. The floodgates were creaking, and then they buckled completely. Siofra O'Shea set up Niamh Ní Chonchúir for her second and Kerry's third goal. Once again Kerry turned over the kick-out and once again the net jangled as Hannah O'Donoghue slotted home. O'Donoghue was on fire at this stage, kicking three great points.

You could maybe question Galway's tactics or their intensity on the day. The one thing you can never question is their character. Kate Slevin led as much of a counter-charge as they could muster, kicking a point and adding a well-executed penalty. Even then, though Kerry had an answer, and it was the ultimate highlight of Kerry's masterclass on the day. A sweeping team move saw impressive sub Amy Harrington send inside to Lorraine Scanlon. Without looking, the midfield dynamo simply passed it behind her, flatfooting the defence and leaving it wide open for Siofra O'Shea to slot home – the captain never refuses that kind of invitation.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Kayleigh Cronin, Ciara Murphy, Aishling O'Connell, Emma Costello, Cáit Lynch, Lorraine Scanlon (0-1), Mary O'Connell, Niamh Carmody (0-2), Niamh Ní Chonchúir (2-1), Anna Galvin (0-2), Hannah O'Donoghue (1-3), Siofra O'Shea (1-0), Louise Ní Muircheartaigh (1-2, 2f). Subs Amy Harrington (for Mary O'Connell, 43 mins), Aoife Dillane (for Ciara Murphy, 52 mins), Louise Galvin (for Emma Costello, 52 mins), Fiadhna Tangney (for Hannah O'Donoghue, 53 mins)

Galway: Alannah Griffin, Kate Geraghty, Sarah Ní Loinsigh, Eimile Gavin, Charlotte Cooney, Nicola Ward, Aoife Molloy, Ailbhe Davoren, Siobhán Divilly, Leanne Coen (0-1), Louise Ward, Olivia Divilly (0-2), Eva Noone, Roisín Leonard (0-2, 2f), Kate Slevin (1-3, 2f). Subs Chellene Trill (for Eimile Gavin, 25 mins), Shauna Brennan 0-2 (for Roisín Leonard, half-time), Tracey Leonard (for Eva Noone (39 mins), Hannah Noone (for Aoife Molloy, 39 mins), Lynsey Noone (for Siobhán Divilly, 43 mins)

Referee: Jonathan Murphy (Carlow)

KERRY CAMOGIE WIN A CROKE PARK THRILLER

Division 2A National League Final:

Kerry 0-14 Meath 0-13

Kerry saw off a great Meath challenge by the slimmest of margins in a sun-drenched Croke Park last Sunday to win the Division 2A Camogie National League. It was a ferocious battle all the way and it took every ounce of everything Kerry had to get over the line, most of all sheer heart and guts.

It was Meath who drew first blood, and it could have been a mortal wound as a long ball from Aoife Minogue spilled dangerously from keeper Aoife Fitzgerald's hand, only to roll just inches wide. Aoife Minogue stroked over the '45 and was to go on to give an absolute exhibition around the middle that had Kerry on the back foot throughout the first half, even if their shooting was a little off. Aoife Behan opened Kerry's account from a very tight angle and Jackie Horgan nudged Kerry in front. Aoife Minogue and Aoibhinn Lally put Meath into a deserved lead. Meath were slipping smoothly into a higher gear now. Aoife Minogue picked off her third point with ease and brilliant work by corner back Rachel O'Neill led to Leah Devine making it 0-5 to 0-2 in favour of the Royals.

A great score by Amy O'Sullivan was crucial to relieving the pressure. Caoimhe Spillane won a free converted by Patrice Diggin, but Olivia O'Halloran quickly replied for the Royals. Patrice Diggin trimmed the gap with a free.

Aoife Minogue drove through the Kerry defence and lashed a beauty towards the net, but Aoife Fitzgerald pulled off a superb save. Minogue made a great steal to pick off the next score. Jackie Horgan won a free. Patrice Diggin, with that strange telepathy that you get between long standing team-mates, hit a quick one straight to the centre forward, who split the posts.

Half-time Meath 0-7 Kerry 0-6

On the restart, Jackie Horgan, in particular, simply took the game by the scruff of the neck, quickly slotting a free. Straight from the puck-out back came Kerry again, with Jackie Horgan

putting her team in front. It didn't last long, with Meath's Amy Gaffney scoring two well-taken points.

Amy O'Sullivan was denied by a brilliant save. Aoife Minogue had an attempt at the other end, but the shot lacked power and Aoife Fitzgerald mopped up easily. Good pressure by Kerry won a free and Jackie Horgan duly obliged to level the teams again, 0-9 apiece. Aoife Minogue launched a beauty from a long range free but Jackie Horgan again equalised from a '45 after Amy O'Sullivan's effort was blocked.

The ticking of the clock was definitely getting louder now. Brilliant Kerry play by Jackie Horgan and Caoimhe Spillane saw very impressive substitute Norette Casey coolly take her point and put Kerry ahead. Aoife Minogue quickly replied in kind. Patrice Diggin won a free converted by Jackie Horgan. Minogue launched a high ball, but it sailed just wide of the post – a good thing too, because Meath's Abbye Donnelly was lurking with serious intent around the square. Kerry needed something special and got it with a stunning score from Patrice Diggin. That put two points between the teams and provided a bit of precious breathing space.

Aoife Minogue worked her way in once more. Aoife Fitzgerald made another great save, but the rebound spilled out to the always-alert Abbye Donnelly, who lashed it...just a fraction the wrong side of the post.

Donnelly showed her strength as she held her ground to score a point. Just one score between them again as the seconds ticked by agonisingly slowly. Norette Casey found Jackie Horgan for a tension relieving score. Two points between them now and just seconds left. Meath needed a goal. Ellen Burke found Amy Gaffney for one last desperate attempt that still had enough venom in it to worry me, but it went over rather than under the bar and with it went Meath's hopes as the final whistle sounded.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Aoife Behan (0-1), Niamh Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue, Kate Lynch, Clodagh Walsh, Patrice Diggin (0-3, 2f), Jackie Horgan (0-8, 3f, 1'45), Caoimhe Spillane, Anne

Marie Leen, Laura Collins, Amy O'Sullivan (0-1). Sub Norette Casey 0-1 (for Anne Marie Leen, 42 mins)

Meath: Tara Murphy, Sophia Payne, Claire Coffey, Rachel O'Neill, Tracy King, Maeve Cline, Ellen Burke, Cliodhna O'Neill, Aoife Minogue (0-6, 1'45, 2f), Aoibhin Lally (0-1), Grace Coleman, Amy Gaffney (0-3), Leah Devine (0-1), Emma O'Connell, Olivia O'Halloran (0-1). Subs Abbye Donnelly 0-1 (for Emma O'Connell, 51 mins), Sonia Leonard (for Cliodhna O'Neill, 59 mins) Referee: Brian Kearney (Kildare)

HONOURS EVEN IN HURLING CLASH

McDonagh Cup Kerry 0-21 Carlow 0-21

Convincing wins in the opening round made this an intriguing encounter in Austin Stack Park last weekend, and it certainly lived up to the billing. Marty Kavanagh and Chris Nolan gave Carlow a good start, but Shane Conway replied from two frees. James Doyle nudged Carlow in front and Chris Nolan very nearly got in on goal but was denied by strong defending Jordan Conway popped over a nice equaliser. Marty Kavanagh slotted a free but Brandon Barrett, roving from his full forward position to good effect, replied with the best score of the game so far. Shane Conway with another free nudged Kerry in front for the first time. Carlow were beginning to fire on all cylinders, though, with Marty Kavanagh slotting three frees on the trot. Michael Leane pulled one back for Kerry, but once again the Kerry goalmouth had a lucky escape, with Paddy Boland just not quite able to force the ball that couple more inches and over the line. Carlow were well on top now, with Marty Kavanagh slotting another hat-trick of frees before Kerry pulled a point back.

Half-time Carlow 0-11 Kerry 0-7

James Doyle and Paddy Boland opened the second half scoring and things looked ominous for Kerry. Brandon Barrett pulled one back, but Jon Nolan made it 0-14 to 0-8. Kerry had rung a few changes at the break and they started to pay dividends, with Daniel Collins, Shane Conway and Pádraig Boyle splitting the posts and bringing Kerry level. Marty Kavanagh nudged Carlow back in front and the two Nolans added points to stretch the gap to three. Carlow also had a goal chance, but found the side netting – it's unlikely that Kerry would have come back from a goal at that stage. Three points is more manageable, especially for a side with the character of Kerry, and Shane Conway picked off three in a row (2f) to close the gap again.

Once again it was marksman Marty Kavanagh who edged his side back in front, with Jon Nolan's third point doubling their lead. It was a precarious enough advantage with three minutes left. Once again Shane Conway trimmed the gap and the versatile Paudie O'Connor brought the sides level once more. Fiachra Fitzpatrick put Carlow back in front, but there was just enough time left for a nerveless Micheal Leane to fire a deserved equaliser.

Honours even. Carlow look like the team to beat – being honest, they were marginally the

better side here – but Kerry have shown that they are very real contenders. Given their poor early season form, I'm happy enough with that. This is a team who are showing real progress at the right time.

Kerry: John B O'Halloran, Darragh Shanahan, Cillian Trant, Paudie O'Connor (0-1), Eoin Ross, Evan Murphy, Eric Leen, Fionan Mackessy, Kyle O'Connor, Michael Leane (0-2), Jordan Conway, Shane Conway (0-11, 7f) Gavin Dooley, Brandon Barrett (0-2), Colin Walsh (0-1). Subs: Pádraig Boyle 0-3, 1f (for Gavin Dooley, half-time), Daniel Collins 0-1 (for Jordan Conway, half-time), Jason Diggins (for Cillian Trant, 43 mins), Dan Goggin (for Brandon Barrett, 47 mins), Niall Mulcahy (for Eoin Ross, 68 mins).

Carlow: Brian Tracey; Paul Doyle, Conor Lawlor, JP Treacy, Fiachra Fitzpatrick (0-1), Diarmuid Byrne, Jack McCullagh, James Doyle (0-3), Kevin McDonald, Jack Kavanagh, Marty Kavanagh (0-13, 9f), Conor Kehoe, Jon Nolan (0-3), Paddy Boland, Chris Nolan (0-1). Subs: John Michael Nolan (for JP Treacy, 68 mins), Jack Treacy (for Conor Kehoe, 68 mins), Fiach O'Toole (for Paddy Boland, 71 mins).

Referee: Kevin Jordan (Tipperary).

U20S SURVIVE A REAL SCORE

U20 Munster Semi-Final: Kerry 1-20 Clare 4-9

An rud is annamh is iontach, a deireann an seanfhocail. Well, Clare beating Kerry in a football championship match is not just rare. It's almost unheard of. I've seen it happen once that I can remember – it's not an easy one to forget. That was the day that the great Jack O'Shea's playing career drew to an abrupt halt and to be honest, despite one great point, the greatest midfielder of at least one generation had gone on a year too long. He was only a shadow of himself that day.

I've seen Kerry play Clare a lot since. Development squads, minor, U21, senior. Clare gave us some hard battles in Ennis early doors in championship games – part of that was simply because it was the start to championship and Kerry, quite rightly, were not in top gear. Flannans, a truly great sporting nursery in all codes – I have a fierce grá for them, never an ounce of give in their spines – never quite had enough scoring power to get past a Kerry team. Never lay down, not once, but football isn't bred into their bones like it is here. That's no disrespect, but Kerry teams are expected to get past Clare, and I and everybody else was expecting more of the same when I headed to Austin Stack Park last Monday. I even saw a Kerry team under Eddie Murphy, namely son of 'Weeshie 'Long Puck' of Cork, beat Clare in the hurling once – granted, that day it was a league game that Clare took too lightly.

To be quite truthful, I was worried that Clare would play ultra-defensive and we would be treated to a low-scoring and dismal affair, with Kerry running out winners in a dour slog. I've seen a lot too many of those in recent years; it does nothing for me. Thankfully – genuinely, I don't mind a fright, I'd have lived fine with us losing a good game – Clare came hunting.

They weren't one bit afraid of Kerry, and played a huge part in a highly entertaining game of football.

Kerry drew first blood. Clare were running at a Kerry defence who were quite comfortable closing them out with tackles and sending good kick-passes down the field. A good direct ball in from Cian McMahon found Aaron O'Shea, who took his mark and calmly split the posts. So far,. So good.

Except that when Clare started kicking the ball in, the Kerry defence suddenly looked an awful lot less sure of themselves. A good ball in from Cillian McRoary found the whole defence wrongfooted, pushing forward without minding the house, and Paul Frawley produced a silky finish to slide it past a helpless Kieran Mackessy. Brilliantly taken, but that one was very careless defending.

Will Shine, Kerry's best player on the night, swung over a left legged beauty. But then Seán McMahon sent in a high ball into the Kerry square. I'm sorry, but that's bread and butter defending. One under it and one waiting to gather the loose ball. That's basic stuff. Instead, Mackessy came out of his goal into no man's land. If a keeper is going to do that, you absolutely have to get a hand on it. To be blunt, you take man, ball, and acreage with you if it comes to it. Instead, big Joe Rafferty just got the lightest of touches first and it was goal number two.

I still wasn't worried. In hindsight, there's a lot of arrogance about that, but I felt that there was plenty of time to recover. And to be fair, Kerry did take over completely. Will Shine, Aaron O'Shea, and Rob Monahan, all of whom looked good, picked off good points. A good run by an effective Cillian Burke (early days, but that lad will be seen at higher levels) saw Thomas O'Donnell only denied a goal by a brilliant save. Rob Monahan added two more, including a '45, and the irrepressible Will Shine another to make it 0-8 to 2-0 at half-time. We had received a real scare, but I assumed in my innocence that we were over it. Normal service had been resumed. Brendy Rouine clipped over a mark on the restart and added a free, but Will Shine replied in kind and added another from play. A good run by the effective Paudie O'Leary saw Cian McMahon blast just over the bar – a point was not what he was looking for – and Keith Evans and Rob Monahan added scores to make it 0-13 to 2-2. Cillian McRoary, probably Clare's best player on a night where they had a lot of good ones, kicked their third point and Rouine added another. Then disaster struck. I wouldn't blame the defence for that one, it was simply a well-crafted, well-finished goal. Seán McMahon and Brendy Rouine combined well at speed for Paul Frawley to get in again and once again he finished with aplomb. 0-13 to 3-4, level pegging and Clare with wind in their sails.

Rob Monahan had a piledriver tipped over the bar by an alert Thomas Collins. Will Shine added two more points (1f) to his growing tally. Kerry up by three. Back came Clare with two points, the second was actually a good save from a Cillian McRoary rocket. Rob Monahan got a straight red for an off the ball incident – I have to be honest, I didn't see what happened,

Ryan Kelliher in action for Kerry FC. Photo: Adam Kowalczyk.



Kerry Man Of The Match Rob Vasiu in action. Photo: Adam Kowalczyk.



I was watching the play. Clare got a free in – to be honest, Jonathan Hayes had a great game overall, but I genuinely thought that one was a very, very harsh call. Regardless, Thomas Collins put it over and the game was set for extra-time. Brian McNamara, the best midfielder on view, put Clare in front. I was worried now alright! Will Shine pointed a free in reply after good work by Cillian Burke. Cian McMahon won another after a great jinking run, and the Legion marksman obliged again before Aaron O'Shea put Kerry two points in front with a mighty score. 0-19 to 3-8 at half-time in extra-time.

Clare weren't going away. Kieran Mackessy was forced into a superb save from Joe Rafferty. Tom Curran did pick off a Clare point, but Keith Evans finished a good Kerry move to the net and that goal gave us a lot of breathing space. Nobody was relaxing just yet though, not against this Banner outfit! Will Shine added another point to make it 1-20 to 3-9. Five points clear and the clock winding down fast.

And still Clare just would not go away. You have to admire the grit and the resilience. If ever there was a convincing argument for a back door in the U20 (there isn't, the calendar is a bit too tightly packed as it is and I still think that these lads should be allowed to play with their clubs, it's absolutely ridiculous how they have been prevented from playing football as preparation for a football match), this Clare team are it. They still had time for one last goal, a fine strike from Brian McNamara, but this time it was too little, too late.

Kerry advance, by the skin of their teeth, to meet a Cork side that walloped Limerick by 2-14 to 0-6. On paper Cork will be hot favourites, but I actually think that this wasn't that bad of a Kerry display, it was more about great play by Clare. Alright, two of the goals were questionable defending, but that's a fixable problem, even in the tight time frame. We have scoring forwards and we have a hard game under our belts. I would like a bit of speed to go along with the muscle in our defence and there's no question that Rob Monahan will be a massive loss, but Cork are missing some top players through injury. Look, we'll all know soon enough, but I'd be slow to call this one yet.

Kerry: Kieran Mackessy, Joey Nagle, Andrew Moynihan, Cian O'Donoghue, Killian O'Sullivan, Armin Heinrich, Paudie O'Leary, Cillian Burke, Caolán O'Connell, Rob Monahan (0-5, 1'45), Thomas O'Donnell, Keith Evans (1-1), Cian McMahon (0-1), William Shine (0-10, 6f), Aaron O'Shea (0-3, 1m). Subs: Cian Lynch (for Caolan O'Connell, 27 mins), Jack Clifford (for Thomas O'Donnell, 38 mins), Luke Crowley (for Aaron O'Shea, 44 mins), Dara O'Callaghan (for Killian O'Sullivan, 52 mins), Jordan Kissane (for Cian McMahon, 56 mins), Adam Segal (for Paudie O'Leary, 64 mins), Rob Stack (for Cillian Burke, 76 mins), Cian Foley (for Keith Evans, 78 mins). Clare: Thomas Collins, Eoghan Casey, Fergal Guinnane, Joshua Moloney, Liam Cotter, Liam Culligan, Joshua Guyler, Brian McNamara (1-1), James Curran, Mikey Kelleher, Cillian McGroary (0-2), Brendy Rouine (0-4, 2f, 1m), Paul Frawley (2-0), Joe Rafferty (1-0), Seán McMahon. Subs: Odhran Cunningham (for Liam Culligan, 43 mins), Tom Curran 0-2, 1f (for Joe Rafferty, 46 mins), Conor Meaney (for Mikey Kelliher, 54 mins), Dylan O'Brien (for Liam Cotter, 58 mins), Joe Rafferty (for Seán McMahon, 71 mins), Sean Neylon (for Cillian McGroary, 73 mins), Aaron Kelly (for James Curran, 80 mins).

Referee: Jonathan Hayes (Limerick)

GALLANT KERRY LOSE OUT TO WATERFORD

League of Ireland:

Waterford FC 1 Kerry FC 0

Kerry made the long trip down to Waterford and had to make an even longer journey home, knowing that they had been very unlucky not to take at least a point. Waterford had more possession and created all the scoring chances in the first half, despite good work by Cian Barrett and an energetic but ball-starved front pair who worked tirelessly. Wayne Guthrie is fast developing a reputation as one of the best keepers in Division One, and showed why when he safely gathered Shane Griffin's goalbound header after ten minutes. Kerry's defence had him well covered for the most part, especially Jonathan Hannafin. Late in the first half, Samuel Aladesanusi did really well to clear a very dangerous long range shot late in

the half to keep it scoreless at half-time. Kerry were playing really well, even if they lacked a cutting edge.

Waterford were going for three wins in a row and starting to get a little frustrated at Kerry's calmness under fire. They made a few changes, bringing fresh energy onto the pitch. Unfortunately, Waterford broke the deadlock on seventy minutes. Once again, it was a goal conceded from a header from a set piece; in this case Waterford's twelfth corner of the night. Kerry had that weakness in their game in earlier rounds, but on this occasion it was simply a great corner by Barry Baggley, perfectly judged, and a great header by Ronan Coughlan. That goal changed the narrative completely. With Kerry now forced to take risks to get forward, Waterford had several good chances to increase their lead and will likely be a little bit concerned that they failed to do so.

For Kerry, unfortunately, it's back to the drawing board, especially with the daunting visit of Galway United this weekend. Galway have won all nine of their games, scoring 29 goals along the way, six last weekend against Bray, and conceding the grand total of just three goals in total.

Kerry FC: Wayne Guthrie, Samuel Aladesanusi, Jonathan Hannafin, Rob Vasiu, Kevin Williams, Cian Barrett, Leo Gaxha, Sean O'Connell, Ronan Teahan, Ryan Kelliher, Seán McGrath. Subs Seán Kennedy (for Seán McGrath, 68 mins), Cian Brosnan (for Ryan Kelliher, 78 mins), Trpimir Vrljicak (for Jonathan Hannafin, 80 mins)

Waterford FC: Paul Martin, Ryan Burke, Killian Cantwell, Dean McMenemy, Giles Phillips, Barry Baggley, Shane Griffin, Roland Idowu, Niall O'Keeffe, Tunmise Sobowale, Ronan Coughlan. Subs Connor Parsons (for Shane Griffin, 59 mins), Chris Conn-Clarke (for Roland Idowu, 59 mins) Wassim Auachria (for Dean McMenemy, 68 mins), Darragh Power (for Tunmise Sobowale, 68 mins), Dean Larkin (for Ronan Coughlan, 89 mins)

Referee: Chris Sheehan

DELIGHT FOR KERRY LADIES IN THE FIELD OF DREAMS



The Kerry team stand for Amhrán na bhFiann before the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Kerry captain Siofra O'Shea and Kerry PRO Paul Murphy with the cup after the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Kerry players, from left, Amy Harrington, Louise Galvin, Siofra O'Shea and Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh celebrate at the final whistle of the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Kerry backroom staff including Kerry joint managers Darragh Long, left, and Declan Quill, second from left, celebrate after their side's victory in the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Ailbhe Davoren of Galway is tackled by Ciara Murphy and Emma Costello of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Louise Galvin of Kerry with her son Florian and the cup after the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Kerry players, from left, Aishling O'Connell, Fiadhna Tangney and Cáit Lynch celebrate after their side's victory in the Lidl Ladies Football National League Division 1 Final match between Kerry and Galway at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile

FOSSA GAA NOTES

LADIES GAA – BIG WEEK FOR FOSSA LADIES IN ACTION WITH KERRY

Massive congratulations to the Kerry Ladies and management on winning the Ladies National League Division 1 title, a 1st in 32 years. Special congratulations to Fossa's own Erica McGlynn. Congratulations also to our own Clodagh Clancy and the Kerry U16B team and management who beat Tipperary earlier today to win the Sharon O'Keefe Munster Tournament Final. Huge Congratulations to our own Seodhla Colleran, Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football U16 team and Management on their Munster Final win.

MEN'S SENIOR CO DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Fossa started their development league campaign with a hard-fought win over Austin Stacks on Wednesday evening in Fossa. Fossa 1-11 Austin Stacks 1-5. Joe Cahillane scored the all-important goal, coming from corner back to rattle the Stacks net. Jack Sugrue scored 3 points, with 2 each from Jack Clifford, Lee Linehan and Darren Cronin.

On Sunday evening, Fossa travelled to Rathmore to take on the locals. Fossa put in a massive performance to force a draw. Fossa 4-9 Rathmore 2-15. The goals were scored by Sean Dineen, Jack Sugrue, Rocco Sheehan and Eddie Moroney. The ice cool Lee Linehan levelled the match with the last kick of the game, scoring a difficult free kick into the strong breeze to share the spoils.

FOSSA U13 BOYS - COUNTY LEAGUE RD 3

The U13s made the trip to Glenbeigh on Monday night to play Glenbeigh-Glencar-Cromane in Division 4 of the county league. In very windy conditions GGC started the game very brightly with an early goal. They continued to take advantage of the conditions and raced into a 2-1 lead before Fossa registered their first score from the industrious Luke Clancy. GGC pushed on again and scored another 1-2 before Fossa pointed through Eoin Bennet to leave the half time score 3-4 to 0-2. The second half saw an improvement from the Fossa boys where they notched up a further 6 points, 4 from the boot of the hard-working Luke Rennie, and one a piece from Eoin Bennet and Ross O'Gorman. Unfortunately GGC added another 2-5 in that second half to leave the final score 5-9 to 0-8. It was the first defeat in the league for the boys against a very good GGC team. In a backs to the wall display, Oisín Cryan put in a man of the match performance in full back for the Fossa boys while Marc Sheehan was also outstanding on the night. Donncha Vaughan, Ross O'Gorman and Kevin Breen were constantly running and making themselves available. It was a tough day for the boys but they fought bravely throughout.

FOSSA MINORS:

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

Final score: Fossa 0-11 Finuge 1-15

Fossa minors came up short in an evenly contested semi-final played in Fossa GAA Club this evening.

Best for Fossa was David Butler and Ted O'Gorman, they were well supported by younger players Jack Hallissey, Fionn Doyle and Dylan O'Meara.



Fossa U12's - day out in Croke Park - April 12th 2023

With Fossa chasing the game, Fossa management moved the excellent keeper Ryan Brady out field, he came out with 10 minutes left and Jack Spillane went into goals - with Jack making one magnificent full length save to keep Finuge at bay.

Well done to Willie Buckley and Kieran O'Brien for the massive effort put in since January.

Fossa Gaa wish Finuge Gaa all the best now in the final

FOSSA U12'S BOYS

April 12th 2023, will live long in the memories of our Under 12 Boys team who graced the famous Croke Park pitch for their very 1st time. Shortly after 7am, Wednesday morning, 24 Bright Eyed Boys and 3 Blearly Eyed Coaches along with our very vigilant Referee Ted O'Gorman embarked on a Journey of a Lifetime to Croke Park under the care of our wonderful bus driver Johnny O'Meara. Driving conditions were difficult in the driving wind and rain but the constant singing and banter and noise on the bus along with the excitement shortened our journey. But once we hit Jones Road and we could see Croke Park in the distance a hush came over the bus as the nerves and butterflies kicked in and reality had dawned on the boys that today they would follow proudly in the footsteps of their heroes the Fossa Seniors who brought All Ireland glory to our club 3 short months ago. Once the formalities were over, it was now game time. In our 1st game we faced Emly from Tipperary, our lads hit the ground running must have been all the sweets they consumed on the way up! and the poor Tipperary boys didn't know what hit them, it was game over by HT. Next up was Donoughmore from Cork and like all Kerry-Cork games this was a tight and tough game, but Fossa like they always do, dug really deep and fashioned another famous win. Last up were Clashmore from Waterford, but at this stage our lads were on a roll and nothing was going to stop our boys who played their best football of the day to ensure a Grand Slam of victories in Croke Park. Our Referee Ted was outstanding always up with the play and communicating at all times with the players, a bright future lies ahead of this young man. Once the games were over we were treated to a Stadium Tour and photos with one Sam Maguire. We were sad leaving Croke Park behind us, but we know that most of these lads will once again grace this famous ground many more times with

their school, club or county. But this day was really special as they played there, with their best friends with their club mates who they learned to walk and talk and kick ball with since they were toddlers. The trip home was all about the games they played in Croke Park today, the scores they kicked, the possessions they won, the memories, their Special day. Thanks to our Chairperson Siobhan and all in Fossa GAA, for making our club what it is. Thanks to our wonderful Under 12 team and their parents, who made us all very proud and to be able to say we are Fossa GAA and these are our boys! Fossa ABU.

LOTTO:

DATE: 16/04/2023. NUMBERS DRAWN: 1, 12, 18, 21. NO JACKPOT WINNER.5 * €40 Consolation Winners: Michael O'Connell, Whitebridge Manor; Mary O'Donoghue, Two Mile School; Jade & James Houlihan, Curragh; Betty & Brian Walsh, Curragh; Shauna Sweeney, C/O Gary McCormack. THIS WEEK'S JACKPOT: €3,450

KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR MENS

Our Senior Men maintained their good start to the County League with a win over All Ireland Intermediate Champions Rathmore in a ding dong battle played in Direen last Friday night. The game originally fixed for Rathbeg was moved to Direen following an adverse spell of weather which damaged the floodlights. In what was a very entertaining tie the visitors made the brighter start and ran into a 1-3 to 0-1 lead. A couple of Finbarr Murphy frees kept Legion in touch and that kickstarted a flurry of scores from Eoghan O'Sullivan, Ryan O Grady and James O Donoghue. Jonathan Lyne, with a neat finish, made it 1-5 to 1-4 and Peter McCarthy's late point saw Legion 1-6 to 1-4 at half time. Eoghan O Sullivan had the opening score of the second half but Rathmore started to dominate and drew level at 1-7 a piece. Thomas Moriarty, just introduced, made a telling contribution fisting home a Darragh Lyne centre to open up another three point lead. Again Rathmore came back, this time to within a point, but Jonathan Lyne palmed home another goal following good work from Peter McCarthy. Rathmore kept battling away but a Finbarr Murphy point sealed



the win on a score of 3-8 to 1-11.

Round 4 of the County League is this Sunday April 23rd when Dr Crokes will be the visitors to Direen while the Senior B team are also at home to Kilcummin.

GOLF CLASSIC

Just a reminder that our Golf Classic is just a little over two weeks away. O Mahonys Point on Friday May 5th is the date for your diary and if you would like to enter a team or sponsor a tee box you can contact the following Shaun O'Connor 086-2940833, David Randles 086-2595765, Sean Murphy 087-2461780, Liam McGuire 086-2370865, John Bowler 087-2464651, John Foran 086-3907722.

KERRY LADIES SUCCESS

Congratulations to Keri-Ann Hanrahan and the Kerry Ladies Senior team on their fantastic win in the Lidl National League Division 1 decider. No better place than Croke Park on a final day to produce your best performance of the season. The team now head into the Munster Football Championship in good fettle with Waterford being their first opponents in a couple of weeks time.

LADIES FOOTBALL UPDATE

The U14 girls were back in action in Co League Div 4. Ballymacelligott were the visitors on a sunny Sunday afternoon in Direen. The hosts played with the aid of a stiff breeze in the first half and established an early lead that they would hold until the half-time break. The visitors battled gamely throughout the second period, but as the saying goes, "goals wins games," and the home side extended the gap and eventually took the spoils on the day. Well done to all the girls playing today in the spring sunshine. They are at home again next Sunday where they will face Na Gaeil. Thanks to Ballymac for a sporting game.

The U16s entertain Beaufort on Thursday in the next instalment of the County League. Throw in is at 6.30pm. Well done to our own Lauren Carey who lined out in the Munster LGFA U16 B Championship B Final v Tipperary at the weekend and they emerged victorious on a full time score of 2-10 to 1-4.

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies made the difficult trip to Templemore for their Donal Curtin Div 2 Round 2 game this morning, where they faced Inbhearr Sceine Gaels. Up against it from the outset, our ladies found themselves under intense pressure right from the throw-in. The Kenmare ladies hit the net a couple of times early on and never relinquished their hold on the game, taking a commanding lead into the break. To the Legion ladies' credit, they knuckled down in the second half and more than matched the opposition for the remainder. However, the damage had been done with ISG deservingly running out comprehensive winners at the final whistle. Thanks to our full panel of players who all saw game time and particularly to our younger ladies playing up the grades. Next up in Round 3 is Castleisland Desmonds in Direen.

JUVENILE BOYS UPDATE

Our U11 boys visited John Mitchels complex on Thursday last in the second round of County League games. We had 2 teams who competed extremely well with our Tralee hosts and

importantly, all 27 young Legion men played some excellent football against a very sporting John Mitchels. Another Tralee club, Austin Stacks, will visit Direen next Thursday, April 20th. After a fantastic battle, the U13 Boys edged out Na Gaeil in Tralee last week by 3 points. Level at half time 1-8 to 2-5, the boys went in front early in the second half with some well worked points and managed to hold onto the lead till the end. Thanks to an excellent Na Gaeil team for a great game.

In our third trip to Tralee in recent weeks, we met Austin Stacks in Connolly Park on Sunday evening last. We played with the wind in the first half, but it was Austin Stacks through their work rate and intensity who led by 6 at half time 1-5 to 0-2. With their backs to the wall 6 points down and playing into the wind, the boys drove into the game and produced a powerful second half performance to turn it around. In the end, the game ended all square. Thanks to Austin Stacks for a great game. Full time score Killarney Legion 3-8 Austin Stack 3-8.

The U13 White Team were also in action in the curtain raiser in Connolly Park in Div 9 of County League. They came up against a strong Austin Stacks team who took the points in a deserved win. Next up like the Green Team is a home game against Laune Rangers next Sunday evening.

LOTTO

Results Tuesday April 11th. Numbers were 12,15,18, 26. Bonus 7. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Bertie Curtin c/o Pat Moynihan 2. Darran D 3. Darran O Shea c/o Connie 4. Grainne O Carroll Bellview Woods 5. Sharon McIndoe online

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

by Michael Healy

JOE MCDONAGH CUP

Well done to the Kerry hurler's on another good performance in the McDonagh Cup, drawing with Carlow on Saturday

KERRY LADIES FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Player of the Match, Kayleigh Cronin, Dr Crokes & the Kerry Senior Ladies team on winning the Lidl Ladies National League over Galway in Croke Park yesterday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CAMOGIE FINAL

Congratulations to the Kerry Camogie Team who had an historic victory in the National League Division 2 Final against Meath, and will compete in Division 1 next year.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL.

Best of luck to the Kerry Team and Management, in Saturdays Munster Football Championship against Tipperary, on in Fitzgerald's Stadium at 4pm.

MUNSTER SCOR NA NOG FINAL 2023

Congratulations to Glenflesk Ballard Group, Spa Set dancing and Crotta O Neills on winning in Saturday's Munster Scor and will now go to compete in the All Ireland next month.

DR. CROKES GAA CLUB

LGFA DONAL CURTIN CUP

Our senior ladies had an early start and a good

win in the sunshine in Gallarus on Sunday morning. It was a historic day for the Stack sisters. It was great to see all three sisters in action together.

U13

Dr. Crokes 4:08 Spa 1:05

Well Done to the U13 boys who defeated neighbours Spa on Sunday evening in Lewis Road in the latest round of the Lee Strand U13 Division 2 County League. The boys started well against a young Spa side and help a command of the game throughout. Next up is a trip away to Firies next Sunday.

U11 GO GAMES

Our U11s kicked off their season at home on Thursday last with Go Games against Fossa. They had two games in lovely conditions. It was great to see all our young players hard work pay off. There was some great football on display. Thanks to Fossa for travelling in and to our young refs Adam and Alex.

ACADEMY

Our academy continues every Saturday. We cater for boys and girls aged 4 to 11 from the Killarney area. Hurling from 10 to 11 and Football from 11:15 to 12:15. All welcome, bring a friend! Qualified coaches with an emphasis on fun and making friends. We hope to see everyone there!

MEMBERSHIP is now due for the 2023 year. Follow the find below https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=11762#Anchor

LOTTO took place on April 17th Numbers drawn were 7, 14, 19, 26 Jackpot of €7,100 was not won. 4 patrons matched 3 and receive €100. Jackpot for draw on April 24th will be €7,400. We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor

DR. CROKES SHOP you can shop worldwide on our online shop.

GAA HEALTHY INITIATIVES

For the next 4 Mondays there will be various talks in the clubhouse at 7:30pm. Presenters will tell their stories on their journeys from initial shock to recovery and how they coped.

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 €2,100 with over €2,000 in prizes to be won in 10 games of bingo. Everyone Welcome.

WELL DONE to Player of the Match Kayleigh Cronin and the Kerry Senior Ladies team on winning the Lidl Ladies National League on Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joanie Sexton and her husband Ken on the recent birth of their baby Zach.

CONDOLENCES to the family of Peter Sheahan, The Sweet Shop on High Street, who passed



away recently. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

NOTES

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

FIRIES GAA

MINIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 7 FINAL

Congratulations to our Minors who who overcame Finuge on a scoreline of Furies 2-11 v's Finuge 0-10. The team were captained on the day by Michael O'Sullivan and helped no end by a man of the match performance by Cillian Cronin. Well done to all the players and coaches and best wishes on their recovery to the Finuge players who unfortunately had to leave to field due injuries.

U15 HURLING FEILE

Congratulations to our U15 hurlers tonight who were crowned the division three Féile champions in Kilmoyley against Abbeydorney. Furies 3-13 v's Abbeydorney 1-03.

LADIES TEAMS

Well done to our club ladies, Sarah Palmer, Mairead Walsh & Emma O'Brien; Kerry Ladies U16 Munster Champions this weekend. A massive achievement and accomplishment!

U13 FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our u13 Div 2 Footballers who defeated Milltown\Castlemaine in Milltown on Sunday on a scoreline of Furies 5-21 v Milltown\Castlemaine 1-13. A tremendous all round team



Furies club ladies, Mairead Walsh, Emma O'Brien, Sarah Palmer - Kerry Ladies U16 Munster Champions this weekend.

performance and the boys now face Dr Crokes in Farranfore on Sunday at 7pm.

COMMISERATIONS to our u13 Div 10 footballers who lost out to Miltown\Castlemaine in Miltown on Sunday, The boys put in their best performance of the year and continue to improve week on week. Next up for the development team is a home game with Dr Crokes on Sunday at 5.30pm.

SENIOR CLUB FIXTURES

Div 2 23/04 Furies v Listowel Emmets - 1.30pm Farranfore

Div 6 23/04 Furies v Tousist - 3pm Farranfore

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA LOTTO 17/04/2023

Numbers drawn were: 3,7,12,15. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Bernard Doyle, Furies. Mike Sullivan, c/o Bridie. Shiela Fell, Gurteenroe. Jordan O'Connor, Gurteenroe. Katie Doe, Furies. Next week's jackpot €6200

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown

The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, April 17th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 4, 19, 32 and the bonus ball was 3.

Congratulations to our match 3 winner, Gina Lawlor who receives €200. Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 1st 2023 at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 4 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine will be away to Kilcummin in Round 4 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League on Saturday, April 22nd with a throw-in time of 7:00pm.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 6, ROUND 4 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine 'B' will travel to take on St. Michael's/Foilmore in Round 4 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League on Sunday, April 23rd with a throw-in time of 1:30pm. Venue is Foilmore.

KERRY U-20S: MUNSTER FINAL AWAITS!

Well done to the Kerry U-20 footballers especially Cillian Burke from Milltown/Castlemaine as they were victorious on a score of 1-20 to 4-09 on Monday evening in the Eirgrid Munster Football Championship. They will take on Cork

in the Munster Final next Monday, April 24th at 7:30pm in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. We wish Cillian, his teammates and the management all the very best.

CONDOLENCES: JIM DALY RIP

On Wednesday last, 12th April, the Milltown/Castlemaine area was robbed of one of its real characters with the sudden and untimely death of Jim Daly, Ballygamboon, Castlemaine.

"Jimeen", as he was affectionately known to all, was everybody's friend and loved nothing more than to reminisce on the good old days when "football was football" and "soccer was soccer"! And he excelled at both in his playing days. Jim played all his underage football with Milltown/Castlemaine, and also played senior with the club in the 70's and 80's. He was part of the team that brought success at county level to the club for the very first time.

Having lost the 1978 County Novice final to Ballydonoghue, a game which saw Jim leave the field of play after a somewhat bizarre incident, they returned in 1979 to face Knocknagoshel. He scored one of his sides four goals which saw them capture their very first county title on a score line of 4-06 (18) to 1-07 (10).

Jim was noted as a skilful forward, full of trickery, and long before the arrival of the Gooch or David Clifford, "The Ballygamboon Shuffle" was in operation! While a talented footballer, training or pre-match warm ups were not his forte! Jim's idea of a warm up was far removed from today's and he often was heard to say "How can they play proper football, sure they're burned out before the throw in!"

Up until the emergence of COVID-19, Jim was groundsman in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, and his delicate touches with the whitewash were often the difference between the ball being in or out of play; or it being a penalty or a free in!

Jim Daly, an honest, simple living man whose motto was: insult no one and be glad of what you have, because there is always someone worse off than yourself.

Sincere sympathies to Dan, Mary and all the extended Daly & O'Connor families.

Codladh Sámh A Chara.

As Club PRO I would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank Mike Carroll for his time and contribution to this tribute piece for Jim

GAA 4 ALL GROUP: COACHES NEEDED!

GAA 4 ALL Group seeking coaches

Do you have 45 mins to spare each Wednesday

Furies u15 Feile Team



Furies Minor winning Team



evening to help coach an amazing group of footballers and have a whole lot of fun. We are very lucky to have had an fantastic group of coaches over the past two years but as with all teams we need to recruit extra coaches. Our sessions are fun and easy to manage so no experience necessary however we have great news we will be organising training in the coming weeks in conjunction with other CARA sport inclusion. So all coaches will receive inclusion training this season in both theory and practical. Please contact Danny on 0876536631 if you would like to get involved.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Huge congratulations to Darina Burke and Clodagh Heasman who were part of the Milltown/Listry Community Games Futsal team that were victorious in recent days in Munster. The team now qualifies for the All Ireland. Mighty stuff girls!

ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

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

TEAM UPDATES

Our club teams are delighted to be back for the 2023 season. Most have already started and the remainder will commence shortly.

The following team have yet to start back training but will be in the coming weeks:

GAA 4 All: Starting back on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00pm at the club grounds.

The following teams have commenced training:
MC Minis: Contact Colin McKenna (087 068 7653).

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).

U13 Boys: Contact Haulie Clifford (087 693 2126).

U15 Boys: Contact Sean Hogan (087 721 7875)

Minors: Contact Garry Murphy (087 943 2746)

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

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UNDER 12

Training Mondays & Fridays (match dependent) from 6-7pm in Spa. Hurleys & helmets can be provided on a rental basis for the season. Bring football boots, shin guards & water. All girls with birthdays in 2011 & 2012 are eligible for this age group. The U12's kick off their league campaign this Monday v Tralee Parnells in Spa at 6.30pm. Best of luck girls & coaches.

UNDER 14



The Killarney Camogie Club U15 Féile team who won the Division 2 final in Spa last Monday evening against a very spirited Abbeykillix team!

Training continues every Friday and Monday (match dependent) from 6-7pm in Spa. All girls with birthdays in 2009 & 2010 are eligible for this age group. New players welcome.

UNDER 15 FÉILE

Congratulations to our U15 Féile team & mentors Gerard Breen, Padraig Griffin & Kate Lynch who won the Division 2 final in Spa last Monday evening against a very spirited Abbeykillix team! Thanks to Spa for the pitch, Mike for reffing, the umpires & lines people.

Presentations were made to Kate Lynch (coach & Kerry league winner) and Elaine Murphy (County Board Secretary) after the match on their fantastic achievement at the weekend in Croke Park winning the National 2A League Final.

We now go forward to Regional Féile finals. Regional finals take place on the last Saturday in June (Féile na nGael) at venues nationwide.

UNDER 16

Training Mondays & Thursdays in Spa from 6-7pm. All girls with birthdays in 2007 & 2008 are eligible. Please see our Facebook page for updates on upcoming matches.

UNDER 18

Training Mondays & Fridays in Spa from 6-7pm. All girls with birthdays in 2005 & 2006 are eligible.

REGISTRATION

New members always welcome & registration is done on

www.foireann.ie. For any details on registration, please contact Treasurer/Registrar Louise Moynihan or Secretary Sarah Breen. All details on how to register can also be found on our Facebook page.

KERRY SENIOR CAMOGIE

Congratulations to the Kerry senior team on their National Camogie League final win last weekend, especially former player Kate Lynch, who currently coaches our Under 14's, and Elaine Murphy County Board Secretary. It was a nail biting affair, right down to the last few seconds! We are delighted for everyone involved. It is fantastic to see years of hard work within the county & clubs come to fruition.

UNDER 15 DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS UCounty Féile kicked off on Easter weekend where Killarney played Abbeykillix on the Friday; Cillard

& Tralee Parnells on the Saturday; and Ballyduff on the Monday. Our final 2 round robin games were held on Saturday 15th April v Causeway & Sliabh Luachra. After this initial round of games, Killarney were in 5th position & thereby qualified straight for the Division 2 Final without having to play a semi-final. We awaited the winners of Abbeykillix v Sliabh Luachra.

Shortly after 7.30pm on Monday 17th April, Killarney & Abbeykillix took their positions on the pitch for the 12 minute a side final. The girls & coaches had put in tremendous amount of work into preparing for Féile, but they knew there was no time for complacency & they would need to be completely focused on the next 24 minutes of play. An early goal & well taken points by our centre forward eased the nerves amongst both players & supporters alike.

We finished the 1st half ahead. The 2nd half was a closely contested battle, with Abbeykillix scoring a fabulous point from a 45. One of our own super subs scored a very impressive point from play towards the end of the game to seal the deal. Supporters were very relieved to hear the final whistle and that Killarney had won the shield.

Elaine Murphy (County Board Secretary) & Kate Lynch (Kerry National League winner) presented our captain fantastic with the shield; and they were both presented with gifts as an appreciation of the achievement the Kerry senior camogie team had earned the day before in Croke Park.

Many thanks to Spa GAA for providing the pitch; Tommy Guerin for reffing; the umpires; lines people; parents & supporters. A huge congratulations to the wonderful group of players & their coaches Gerard Breen, Padraig Griffin & Kate Lynch.

We now go forward to Regional Féile finals, which take place on 24th June in Carlow.

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SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council **has decided to close** to public traffic the roads described hereunder to facilitate the holding of the **Rally of the Lakes 2023 on Saturday, 29th and Sunday, 30th April 2023.**

Saturday, 29th April 2023

Rally Stages	Road Closing Times	Road Numbers	Details of Roads Closed
SS1 Molls Gap	07:00 to 11.15	N71	Starting 100m beyond the entrance to Muckross House via Galway's Bridge, Molls Gap and finishing at Carrig East.
SS2 / SS5 Healy Pass	08:15 to 15:00	R574 L-4060	Starting at local roads beyond first entrance to Sibin Bar and from Sibin Bar to County Bounds at the summit of Healy Pass.
SS8 Kilmakilloge	14:30 to 18:15	R573 R571	Starting at the entrance of the R573 from the south side via Killmakilloge Pier, Coast Road, Tousist to exit onto Main Road R571

Sunday, 30th April 2023

Rally Stages	Road Closing Times	Road Numbers	Details of Roads Closed
SS9 / SS11 Molls Gap	06:30 to 13:15	N71	Starting 100m beyond the entrance to Muckcross House via Galway's Bridge, Molls Gap and finishing at Carrig East.
SS10 / SS12 Ballaghbeama	07:30 to 14:00	L-7545 L-4047 R568	Starting at Blackwater Bridge via Maulcallee Cross, to the R568 at Gearha Bridge, Gearha Cross via Tooreenafersha and Beallaghbeama Gap and finishing at Shronahiree Moore
SS13 / SS15 Gortnagane	12:15 to 18:05	L-3014	Starting at Headfort via Droom, Doocarrig Beg, Gortacarrin, Auniskirtane to the County Bounds
SS14 / SS16 Knockrower East	12:45 to 18:45	L-3013 L-11211 L-7019 L-11115 L-7017 L-3006	Starting at Quarry Cross towards Knocknageeha Cross, left at Knocknageeha Cross towards Tooreenamult, right at Tooreenamult towards Knockrower East Cross, left at Knockrower East Cross towards Knockreigh, right at Knockreigh towards John Richards Cross, left at John Richards Cross towards Ballahantouragh and finishing at Anablaha.

In addition, all adjoining public roads will be closed for a distance of 205m from each junction within the above routes.

Main Street, Killarney, from the Plaza Hotel to the Junction of Main Street and New Street, will be closed from 18:30 to 21:00 on Friday, 28th April 2023 for the holding of a Ceremonial Start.

Lewis Road Car Park will be used as Parc Ferme and will be unavailable for parking purposes from 19:00 on Thursday, 27th April to 10:00 on Sunday, 30th April 2023.

Padraig Corkery
Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs

Minister Donnelly welcomes the abolition of public hospital in-patient Charges



Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly has announced that, with effect from Monday 17 April 2023, public in-patient charges have been abolished in all public hospitals.

The Health (Amendment) Act 2023 removes the acute public in-patient charge of €80 per day, up to a maximum of €800 in a year (including day-case charges) for people accessing care as a public patient in all public hospitals. Following the enactment of the legislation, the Minister for Health signed the Commencement Order providing for the removal of charges from today.

Minister Donnelly said: "I am delighted to announce that from today,

people will no longer be charged when accessing public inpatient care in our public hospitals.

"This legislation removes the existing financial burden of public inpatient charges when accessing care in a public hospital. The removal of these charges, announced as part of Budget 2023, is an important step towards reducing the healthcare costs of patients and families.

"This measure builds on the abolition of public in-patient charges for children, which I introduced last year, and is another significant step in ensuring that people have access to affordable healthcare services."

DOG ATTACKS

Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill has condemned the injury and death caused to sheep and lambs on our farms recently.

"These incidents are very traumatic for all involved and on top of that, are bringing financial hardship to our hard pressed sheep farmers. Unfortunately the incidences appear to be on the increase and the losses higher than before" stated the Mid-Kerry man.

"We all love our dogs and pets, but we must all take responsibility for them and ensure they have no opportunity to stray onto farmland, worrying livestock and in some instances, causing injury or death. We are talking about people's livelihoods here, not just the pure cruelty

involved" said Councillor Cahill.

"The sight of finding your sheep and lambs lying dead or dying, having been viciously torn apart by dogs is one that you will never forget" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Do you know where your pet is 24/7? Are you entirely satisfied your pet is not straying onto lands stocked with sheep and cattle? If this continues, severe penalties will have to be imposed, both financially and on the freedom of movement of dangerous pets. And that's the last thing anybody wants" added Councillor Cahill.

GREENFIELD SITES RAISED IN COUNCIL MOTION

Cllr. John O'Donoghue has raised the following motion at the recent meeting of Kerry County Council:

The Councillor's motion focused on green field sites within the County zoned residential, and therefore liable for the new tax, how many will require significant upgrades to their services, particularly their foul waste sewer infrastructure before significant development can take place on the site."

What he said on the motion:

"My motion is a very simple one. I have previously highlighted the issue of the proposed 3% tax on land which is zoned residential, and how unfair I feel it is on those running viable farms which are a major source of income for the family, as some of these farms have been in families for generations. All of us sitting here are acutely aware of the housing crisis we are in, and the need to build as much and as quickly as possible. I do however feel this new tax is very unfair as at the very least, the green spaces identified which are not currently being used for anything should be taxed and built upon first, before any moves are made to tax family farms. My question is to wonder if some of the land which may be fully serviced officially, may not be serviced to the level required for substantial development. I have heard, anecdotally it must be said, where other Local Authorities have told landowners that while officially their land should be liable for the tax, they are not serviced to the point where development is a possibility at this moment, and they will be exempted until the facilities are in place to allow for such development. The

foul waste water sewer seems to be a particular issue and I am wondering the following:

- Is this the case in any of the areas zoned residential here in Kerry?
- If so, surely these landholdings should also be exempted from the tax until such time as the services are brought up to the required standard".

The Council's reply to my motion:

In order to be considered in scope for the Residentially Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) lands must be zoned solely or primarily for residential use or for a mixture of uses including Residential and connected to or capable of being connected to relevant services. Irrespective of the cost of connecting to wastewater services, these are matters outside of the control of the Local Authority. There are a number of settlements in the County where the wastewater treatment plant is inadequate to cater for residential development and in light of the legislation and guidelines from the Minister, lands in these settlements are not in scope for the tax until the necessary upgrades take place to the wastewater treatment plant. The draft map identifying lands in scope in the above settlements (List A) was published on the 1st of November 2022. Having regard to the

existing wastewater network and capacity in the wastewater treatment plant serving these above settlements, there were no lands zoned R1, R2 or R4 in these settlements excluded from the draft RZLT map. Landowners had until the 31st of December 2022 to make a submission to the Council in relation to the inclusion of their lands on the draft RZLT map. 52 (No.) submissions were received. Where relevant, these submissions were referred to Irish Water for comment. The Council issued its determination in relation to these 52 submissions before the 1st of April last. Landowners have until the May 1st to appeal the determination of the Council to An Bord Pleanála. Therefore, having regard to the process it is not possible to ascertain if any lands the subject of submissions will be removed from the map in scope.





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By Nicky Barry



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And they've been at it all their lives, often getting hurt.
This does not deter them, for it's how they get their kicks,
Although their poor ole mothers, are at home feeling sick.
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Full steam ahead...



'Nora Batty', left, and her Sister 'Sheila Batty', leading out the Annual County Clean-Up Day, Kerry's biggest annual mobilisation of community groups, tidy towns committees, sporting organisations, individual residents and families across the county. Also leading the clean-up is Jack O'Connor, left, Paul Neary, Acting Director of Services at Kerry County Council and Paulette O'Shea. The County Clean-Up-Day, Now in its 11th year is organised by Kerry County Council and facilitated by KWD Recycling. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student last week we spoke about private tears. Are you in trouble? Does it feel like you are up to your neck in it? "Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck. Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can't find a foothold. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me. I am exhausted from crying for help; my throat is parched. My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me" (Psalm 69:1-3). This Psalm was written by King David a man well accustomed to turmoil. It is quite a prophetic song about the Messiah. Jesus quoted this while speaking about His Love when He taught that He is the Vine and we are the branches. He warns that standing on God's Word will not make one popular – just as He experienced.... "they hated me without a cause" (John 15:25; Psalm 69:4).

At times it can seem that even though you are doing the right thing you are not seeing the results you expected. This is where your faith and personal knowledge of God's Word and His Love kicks in. God warns us that "our adversary the devil roams around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour" (1st Peter 5:8-9). The devil wants you to fail, to fall into destruction and to be utterly defeated. However, the Lord re-enforces His Everlasting Love - telling us to 'cast our anxiety upon Him because He cares for us' - all the while 'resisting the devil firm in our faith knowing that our brothers and sisters in Christ are having similar experiences'. That may be hard to believe because the enemy will whisper that no-one knows how you feel, or will taunt you that no-one else is in the predicament that you find yourself in. Remember this friend - the devil is a liar. He doesn't just tell lies – Jesus revealed Satan as a liar, a cunning cheat, a slanderer and accuser, a murderer and a thief.

Most people cover things up when they are in trouble. It can be financial, family, work, mental health – the problem may differ from one to another but the source and the solution are always the same. Satan, sin and curse is the root of the problem; but our Loving God, His Mercy and His Son Jesus is the answer (John 14:6). No matter what the issue, here is how to see things change. First, acknowledge your sins to God. All of us have sinned and fall short of God's Glory and deserved to die for our sins (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23). But God's Love overcame sin, death, curse and sickness in the Person of His Son Jesus when He laid down His sinless perfect life paying for you and me to be saved with His Blood. Next - ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Making Jesus Lord means turning away from the way you used to live - instead living in obedience to His Word bringing Him Glory. Thirdly, ask the Lord to baptise you with His Holy Spirit Power and watch as His Fire fills your life and opens up and reveals God's Word to you as you study. There is a cost friend – it's your time and your whole heart, but the result will be that you will learn the Truth and 'the Truth shall make you free' (John 8:32). "Return to your rest O my soul" (Read Psalm 116).

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

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MOTHERS' PRAYERS; Mothers Prayer Group was started in England in 1995 by two grandmothers. They felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. Through prayer they learned that Jesus wishes all mothers to surrender their children into His care. To take away pain from the mothers and to pour blessings on their children. Mothers' prayers have now spread throughout the world and are in over 100 countries. There have been many wonderful answers to prayer. Our local meeting is held in St Brigids Oratory, Church of Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney every Wednesday from 10 to 11 o'clock. This year we celebrate twenty years with Mass at 9.30 @ Church of Resurrection on 19th April. Any ladies with an interest in praying for children are more than welcome to join us

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP MEETS EVERY THURSDAY at 10 am in St Bridget's Chapel, Church of The Resurrection Killarney. All Welcome Further information contact Mary 086 0529008

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RETREAT will take place on the 27th of April 2023 at The Church of the Resurrection Killarney . Presented by Fr. Jim Lenihan. See poster for details. Your support will be very much appreciated: To book contact : Maureen at 087 9514352 Margaret at 0872976304.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK this year takes place on the week 22nd and 23rd of April 2023. All details displayed on the Notice Board in St. Mary's Cathedral.

FREE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE – South Kerry Development Partnership have organised an 8 week Steps to Success course facilitated by Nutshell Training. This is a unique, results focused, highly motivational life coaching and personal development course which is designed to help participants gain a sense of direction for their lives, understand what motivates them, identify Barriers and gain the knowledge to overcome these barriers, develop decision making skills, develop an action plan and lots, lots more. The course will be held every Wednesday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm for 8 weeks beginning April 26th. Places are limited and must be booked. Please contact Carol Naughton, SICAP Education Officer, 087 9631935, cnaughton@skdp.net for more information and to book a place

LOUGH DERG 2023 PILGRIMAGE SEASON; In Sanctuary of Saint Patrick, Pettigo, County Donegal, Commencing 1st of June until Monday 15th of August (last day to begin Sunday 13th of August) Three Day Pilgrimages, One Day Retreat, Residential Retreat, Lakeshore Pilgrimage and Quiet Day, For further information, please email mary@loughderg.org or contact +353(0)719861518 Webpage; www.loughderg.org

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Devotions will take place this Sunday 16th of April from 2.40pm commencing with the Rosary in St. Mary's Cathedral. Everyone Welcome.

JESUS

May your Sacred Heart Lord Jesus, be praised, glorified and honoured throughout the whole world now and forever. Repeat this 3 times.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANN DALY



SCARTAGLIN, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON
18TH APRIL 2021.

*We remember now with love
Your life from start to end,
And we're just glad we knew you
As a mother and a friend.*

*Each time we look at your picture
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take
And love each other for my own sake.*

In ár gcroíthe go deo

Loved and remembered everyday by
your sons, daughters and their families.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MICHAEL
O'CONNOR**



LATE OF FAUGHCULLIA,
MUCKROSS & ST BRENDAN'S
PLACE, KILLARNEY.

*Sometimes in my life there are losses that
can never be replaced,
Losing you has been the hardest thing I've
ever had to live with.*

*I wasn't ready to say goodbye,
I wasn't ready to let you leave.*

*I would give anything for just one more day,
Just one more second.*

*But I've learned to trust in unconditional love,
Because the profound thing about death is
that love never dies.*

*Some bonds cannot be broken,
Because even though you're not physically
here, Your heart is - it lives on within me.*

*I carry your heart inside mine,
I carry it on days when beauty unfolds in the
most unexpected places.*

*I carry it on days when I find courage to heal
and to grow. I carry it with me always.*

*Someday we will meet again,
And we will no longer be separated by time
or space.*

*But until that day, I'll find comfort in
knowing that you are still with me.*

Your heart safely tucked inside mine.

*Some hearts just belong together and
nothing will ever change.*

*I loved you then, I love you now, always did,
always will.*

*Forever in my mind, forever in my heart,
I will carry you.*

Always remembered by your loving wife,
Bella.

Anniversary Mass on the 24th of April
in the Church of the Resurrection,
Park Road.

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MICHAEL
O'CONNOR**



LATE OF FAUGHCULLIA,
MUCKROSS & ST BRENDAN'S
PLACE, KILLARNEY.

*You live in our hearts
And walk by our side,
From heaven above
You are always our guide.*

*Deep are the memories
Precious they'll stay
No passing of time,
Will take them away.*

*There is a garden in my heart
Where happy memories grow
Of those who mean the most to me as
seasons come and go.
And among the fairest flowers
That ever could be,
Is the memory of our father and
how much he meant to me.*

Sadly missed, never forgotten by your
loving daughters Liz and Jen,
and Son-in-law, Mike.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**CARMELLA
SHEEHY**



LINN DUBH, AGHADOE,
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON
APRIL 24TH 2019

*If roses grow in Heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for us,
place them in Carmella's arms
and tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.
Remembering her is easy,
we do it every day,
but there's an ache within our hearts
that will never go away.*

Ní imithe uainn ach romhainn.

Forever in our hearts
Eddie, Dáire, Tríona and Éamonn.

Anniversary Mass in Fossa Parish Church
on Sunday April 23rd at 10am.

PRAYER TO SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Most humble Saint Martin whose
burning charity embraces all, but
especially those who are sick, afflicted
or in need, we turn to thee for help in
our present difficulties and we implore
thee to obtain for us from God health
of soul and body, and in particular the
favour we now ask.....

May we, by imitating thy charity and
humility, find quiet and contentment
all our days, and cheerful submission
to God's holy will in all the trials and
difficulties of life.

St Martin Pary For Us
Amen.
Brid

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
adored, glorified, loved and preserved
throughout the world now and forever.
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.
St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us.
Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day, by the
eighth day the prayer will be answered.
It has never been known to fail.

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