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As the town prepares to WanderWild this weekend, we look back on a fantastic St. Patrick's Festival in Killarney with pictures from all events captured by award winning photographer Valerie O'Sullivan. The town pulled out all the stops to ensure that every event planned was a fantastic success and a huge thank you must go to the committee who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

With Easter on the horizon, we have details of the Holy Week Ceremonies, Killarney Valley AC are hosting a 5 mile Road Race on Good Friday and a Killarney actor is crowdfunding for a short film.

Registration is now open for the 12th Annual County Clean Up, there is a call for support for a Killarney man battling illness and set dancers have raised vital funds for Fossa NS Autism Unit.

Captain's Drive In took place in Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Kerry Ladies and Men's Senior Football team sealed wins at the weekend and Killarney Athletic Under 10 are heading to Blackpool.

Finally, as today is Daffodil Day, we ask you to please support this wonderful fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society.

”

Aisling Crosbie

A Stunning view from Coolaslach looking overlooking Killarney captured by Kasia Kolodziej



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A highly imaginative entry, which was very appropriate for the Echoes of Killarney Past theme, has won the best overall prize in this year's St Patrick's Day parade in Killarney.

The Seán O'Keeffe perpetual trophy prize went to Raheen National School who had heads turning all afternoon given the quality and colour of their entry, Standing the test of time: Killarney the tourist town.

Their creative work incorporated Queen Victoria's visit in 1861 and monks scripting the Annals of Inisfallen on the island on Lough Lein.

They received their prize from the St Patrick's Festival committee at a reception in the International Hotel, Killarney on Tuesday night.

The Michael Courtney perpetual trophy for the best interpretation of the theme went to Michael Lenihan for his colourfully decked out vintage 1982 Bedford TK570 while the John 'Killer' O'Callaghan perpetual trophy for the best sporting entry was won by Dr Crokes GAA Club who reflected on their history and their two glorious All-Ireland Club Championship victories.

The Peter Irwin memorial trophy for the best marching group/cultural arts went to Millstreet Pipe Band while the Grand Marshal Shield for the best youth entry was won by Scorchers Cheerleaders, Killarney.

The other prizewinners were:

Best sports club: Kerry Stars

Best musical entry: Gleneagle Concert Band

Best new entry: Killarney Triathlon Club

Best voluntary group: Killarney Tidy Towns and Killarney Coffee Cup project

Best school: Scoil an Chroí Naofa

Most entertaining: Killarney Asylum Seekers Initiative

Best activity group: The Art House

Most original entry: Carnevale di Verrés, Italy

Most stylish entry: Ukrainian dancers

Most imaginative: Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage

Best window display: Scarlett

Best greened building: Dromhall Hotel

St Patrick's Festival Chairman, Jason Clifford, said the weather played its part in making the event such a great success.

The Queen Victoria and the monks wow the judges at

Killarney St Patrick's Day Parade



St. Patrick's Festival Killarney committee members, from left, Maureen Hegarty, Aisling O'Sullivan Darcy, Thys Vogels, Jason Clifford (Chairman), Paul Sherry, Emma Phillips, Stella Maloney, Katy Jacobi (Killarney Chamber Events Manager) and Bernadette Randles. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

"The sun was shining and everybody had a wonderful time. We had close to 70 entries and one of the biggest crowds ever seen on the streets of Killarney," he said.

Jason said the Monarch of Muckross – a giant artistic stag created for the occasion – was a huge hit and the Echoes of Killarney Past theme was really well received.

The six-day festival, which included seven well supported ticketed events, is organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce in partnership with Kerry County Council and

Fáilte Ireland.

The Killarney St Patrick's Festival is organised by a committee chaired by Jason Clifford and it features Katy Jacobi, Maureen Hegarty, Paul Sherry, Thys Vogels, Aisling O'Sullivan Darcy, Emma Phillips, Stella Maloney, Bernadette Randles, Marcus Treacy, Mark McElligott, Dáire O'Brien, Martin O'Brien, Derek O'Leary, Matthew Farrell, Killarney Municipal District Officer and Cllr Niall Kelleher, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council.

It's time to **WANDER WILD....**

The highly anticipated Wander Wild Festival in Killarney, takes place this weekend and the town will be full of outdoor, adventure, and wellness enthusiasts who are gearing up for an unforgettable weekend in the heart of nature.

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BUSY TIMES FOR TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Chairperson Sean Counihan fills in readers of Killarney Outlook on the latest news from the Association

Killarney town twinning had a very busy week hosting twin towns. A lot of planing took place for the visits made by the twin towns of Pleinfeld Casperia Kendal and visitors from our sister city of Springfield and Scottsdale.

Killarney town twinning Association put in place plans of accommodation and organised day and evening entertainment for the visitors. Following invitations, we welcomed the Mayor of Kendal Julia Dunlop Mayor of Casperia Marco Cossu and Deputy Mayor of Pleinfeld Astrid Weibb. Killarney Town Twinning Association is grateful to the Cathaoirleach and Municipal district members for receiving the Mayors to sign visitors book in the Town Hall before taking their place in the reviewing stand. Killarney town twinning hosted an after parade reception in the Window bar of Killarney plaza where chairman Sean Counihan, secretary Sheila Dickson, Treasurer Mike O'Leary along with the chairs of the respective twin associations held a meeting.

The Mayor's explored initiatives which could take place between our areas. They also connected with local schools and sporting and culture groups. One such suggestion was transition year students taking part



Killarney Town Twinning Association at this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

in an erasmus programme.

Finally, As Chairman Sean Counihan thanked all the dedicated committee and associates involved in the twinning. Next Up Erasmus visitors from Pleinfeld and the association wishes to acknowledge funding from KCC community fund which helps a little for us to keep the name Killarney to the forefront for our young interested students across all sports and cultures.



Great day for ducks.. Organisers getting ready for the 600 ducks who raced down the River Deenagh, Killarney In the great river 'duck dash' Killarney with All the proceeds from the charity event going to St Francis Special School in Beaufort, Killarney which provides specialist education for young people with learning disabilities. It was part of the St. Patrick's Festival weekend of events on Bank Holiday Monday. Included - Chairperson St. Patrick's Festival, Jason Clifford, Derek O'Leary, organiser and representatives from St. Francis Special School. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Collecting ducks...John Joe Clifford and his Grandsons Roan and Ben Clifford. 600 ducks who raced down the River Deenagh, Killarney In the great river 'duck dash' Killarney with All the proceeds from the charity event going to St Francis Special School in BeaufortPhoto: Valerie O'Sullivan

Weather for Ducks as Fundraiser is a great success

A fun duck race took place in the pouring rain on Monday last, one of the last events of the St. Patrick's Festival in Killarney raising an amazing €3,400.

All proceeds from the event went o St Francis Special School in Beaufort, Killarney which provides specialist education for young people with learning disabilities and it was deemed to be a great day out by everyone who attended.



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Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm, followed by adoration until 11pm, with a guided Holy Hour 10pm - 11pm
Good Friday - The Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm, Stations of the Cross at 9pm
Office of Readings: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 10.30am
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 8pm With Bishop Ray & Concelebrants

STREET CLOSURES PLANNED FOR ROAD RACE

Killarney Valley AC committee are planning their Streets of Killarney 2024 5 Mile Road Race and to facilitate that, there will be road closures from 6-8pm on New street, High street, Beech road and partial use of New street car park. There are partial road closures on the New road with no traffic allowed from Rock road and St Anne's road direction via New road and no traffic from the New road to Port road section heading left back



to New street for the duration of the event. The race commences at 6.30pm sharp at Killarney house and covers two miles there and via the Killarney National Park at Knockreer. The runners will then emerge from the park crossing onto New street, the first runner is expected to emerge from the park at approximately 6.39pm.

The athletes and runners will then proceed up New street, towards Market Cross turning left up High street, then back via New road and Port road keeping left back to New street.

They will complete two full laps of the inner section of the town route totalling three miles.

On completion of the town loop twice they will head for the finish line via Beech road and into the New street car park turning right parallel with the tourist office where the finish line logistics will be in operation.

The first runner is expected to finish in approximately 25 minutes with the final runners to take up to 1 hour.

With a major traffic management operation plan to ensure the safety of all, can we thank the public for their cooperation and would ask drivers if at all possible to avoid the area at this time and assist the stewards in ensuring a safe event.

"In advance can we thank the Gardaí, Kerry county council, the residents and the business owners for their cooperation.

With hundreds of runners coming from all over Ireland and beyond the showpiece event from Killarney valley AC assists the maintenance and viability of the athletics track within the town", a spokesperson from the club told Killarney Outlook.

<https://killarneyvalleyac.ie/streets-of-killarney-5mile-good-friday-road-race/>

CALL TO EXPAND SERVICES IN KILLARNEY

Following the recent opening of Alliance Medical Diagnostics, who are able to provide M.R.I's, Xray's and Ultrasounds at their new facility at the Reeks Gateway, Building, Killarney, Cllr. Brendan Cronin is calling on HSE senior management to immediately take steps to utilise these new and important services for the benefit of patients in Killarney and surrounding areas of East, Mid and South Kerry. "I believe there is an onus of responsibility on the HSE to negotiate and make arrangements with Alliance Medical so that the general public can benefit from these very important services locally, providing improved patient care without long journeys and waiting times. The availability of these important diagnostic medical services based in Killarney is of major importance and the HSE need to play their part to ensure that this facility is utilised for the benefit of the local population", Cllr. Cronin told Killarney Outlook.



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KERRY REPRESENTED AT ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS IN NEW YORK AND LONDON

Kerry County Council was represented at St Patrick's Day engagements in New York and London over the weekend.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Jim Finucane, attended several meetings and events in New York as part of the national holiday celebrations and took part in the annual St Patrick's Day Parade in the city on Saturday.

Cllr Finucane was accompanied by Head of Finance, Angela McAllen, and Director of Corporate Services, Christy O'Connor, who met with representatives of IDA North America and Tourism Ireland-North America and attended a reception hosted by the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD.

'It was a great honour to join the Kerry Association and represent the people of Kerry at the annual St Patrick's Day Parade in New York and to meet with many organisations and individuals who are working hard in the United States to promote Kerry as a place to live, work and invest,' said Cllr Finucane.

The Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr Johnnie Wall visited London and joined the Kerry Association in the city for the St Patrick's Day Parade and attended a celebration hosted by the Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Martin Fraser.

Minister Foley completes St Patrick's Day visit to Scotland, Wales and England

Minister for Education Norma Foley TD has completed a six-day visit to Scotland, Wales and England as part of the Government's series of St. Patrick's Day visits.

She marched in the St Patrick's Day parade in London and addressed the Irish Festival at Trafalgar Square. Up to 100,000 people attended the celebrations.

Minister Foley met with Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills of Scotland Jenny Gilruth in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh and Welsh Minister for Education Jeremy Miles in the Senedd (the Welsh Parliament) in Cardiff.

She also met the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham.

Minister Foley visited Blackhall Primary School in Edinburgh where she met with students during a Gaelic football PE lesson.

In Cardiff, Minister Foley met with community organisations who create opportunities for people to come together through the mediums of the Irish and Welsh languages.

While in the Manchester area, Minister Foley joined with Irish-born Mayor of Kirklees Cahal Burke at Huddersfield Town Hall for the raising of an Irish flag.

She then travelled to the Irish World Heritage Centre in Manchester for a music performance for school children organised by OneEducation, the



Mayor of Kerry Cllr Jim Finucane with Directors of Service Christy O'Connor and Angela McAllen at the St Patrick's Day Parade in New York.



Leas Cathaoirleach Johnnie Wall with the Kerry Association at the St Patrick's Day Parade in London



Ambassador to the UK Martin Fraser, Minister Norma Foley and Cllr Johnnie Wall in London on St Patrick's Day

Irish Youth Foundation and the Manchester Irish Education Group.

The visit featured a number of meetings with representatives of business groups, including the Tourism Ireland Glasgow Office and Scottish tour operators in Edinburgh, and Enterprise Ireland roundtable meetings on technology enabling engagement and participation in schools.



Norma Foley TD pictured in London.

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It's the talk of the town...

With Anne Lucey



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



The Mangerton Luna display by the Two Mile School Community School in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan.

The St Patrick's Day - Best ever parade

This year's parade was top of the class. History feeds ideas. And the theme Echoes of Killarney was inspiring. Parades are a very ancient means of making us speculate as well as offering a spectacle and a chance to socialise. Just think of all those odes to Grecian Urns! They tick all the relevant boxes so long as the weather is good. This column was especially taken with the Mangerton Luna display by the Two Mile School Community School, and the effort put in by children and teachers. The Two Mile reminded us Killarney's history did not start with Inisfallen or Victoria's visit or even Patrick's arrival. But like ancient Egypt, we had a culture that flourished thousands of years ago. The luna was found in a bog on Mangerton and sold off to a middle man in the 1840s. I once started penning an imaginary story about this event. (Sometime along with all the other boxes of started stories, I will finish it!) This vast area, replete with ritualistic place names like gallán remains largely unexplored from an archaeological point of view. I have long been convinced - not only from the evidence of that stunning gold half moon collar - we have a Newgrange on our doorstep, but to investigate it.

Pity that priceless collar discovered in a

bog on Mangerton is still in the British Museum. The collar was made by beating gold into a very thin sheet then decorated with a complex finely-incised geometric triangle pattern with considerable skill and was probably worn as jewellery or a ritual item, is how the museum itself describes it. I have been pestering them to hand it back. However they feel they bought it legitimately. Other high notes to this year's parade included the Renaissance Italian delegation thanks to Davide Mosca, crowned Count of his native northern Italian village of Verres in February 2020.

Davide was named 72nd Count - the first person living abroad to be honoured with the title.

Massive congratulations to Mike Fuller for his entertaining as ever contribution in Fair Hill. I tend to 'park' myself there now just to be entertained by Mike's take on the floats - and everything else.

One suggestion for next year: could there be a park and ride system put in place from all points please? Car parks were full from very early. The Cathedral field, Liebherr, and maybe Tesco's in Deer Park could easily accommodate a park and ride, is my thinking. Huge congratulations to Teresea Irwin for 52 years of the Irwin school of dancing. As usual, Teresa, Clodagh and sisters and their dancers of all ages made a very stylish contribution.

Where, oh where, is the wifi?

We should at this stage have municipal free wifi in all towns. It is 2007 since Killarney barely lost out to a free wifi programme funded by the EU. It has since apparently become available on Main Street, but a bit of publicity might do it good.

All I can find on the council website is reference to Listowel.

What prompts me to raise the issue is a visit to Tralee MTU last week where there is no guest wifi. I could not believe this. I went back towards the town and tried a number

of Tralee cafes. Wifi not working. Ditto on Friday in the town center. I actually ended up coming back to Killarney to file my story on Thursday. Cyber attacks and fear of cyber attacks has closed it down at MTU apparently. Brian Looney Kerry County Council Head of Digital, Smart Programmes & Broadband tells me there is free public wifi but only in certain spots in the core of Tralee and in the core of Killarney.

This is under the EU's WiFi4EU and is also available in areas of Killorglin Dingle and from the beach amenities at Ballybunion, Fenit Rossbeigh.

Dinis Cottage and Ross Castle enjoy it too and Brian says he wants to roll it out this summer to Torc Waterfall.

In Killarney the scheme again is in the area of the town core: Main Street, the Haha, Anam, College St / Plunket St, Courthouse / Fair Hill. Sit on Beech Road and there is nothing, though.

Before the summer season, Brian expects to do a maintenance round 'and resolve a number of off-air and outstanding additional sites (including Kenmare) town centre and launch the service in these locations with local chambers.'

It is time the chambers in Tralee and Killarney and the county council's enterprise and tourism officers got their acts together on wifi and on work spaces in their towns.

We need wifi in our towns but we also need work stations and hot desks. What happened to the idea of town hubs or was it ever there? With the closure of so many cafés and such poor wifi we need publicly supported internet cafes for workspaces. I see lots of big words about 'innovation' and we are tripping over the fine talk about 'entrepreneurship'. Whole supplements are being brought out about Kerry being 'a great place to do business'. My own experience along with other mobile workers in the county is the whole thing is still up in the cloud! Perhaps it is not just the Government who need to come down to earth a bit.

Rent your bin or else

While we have no hot desks to rent in Killarney to do business, the latest hot idea to extract money from hard-pressed businesses is to rent a bin.

Charging for the spaces to place bins in Killarney! I kid you not. Businesses in Killarney must now rent a bin space as well as pay rates and pay for their refuse collections. Before anyone rubbishes the idea, we really are not talking pavement tables here. We are talking bins.

I must have missed some of the council discussion on this hot topic. Or maybe the whole thing seemed so bizarre, I dismissed it. I sometimes do this. I think - 'this can't be

true'. It is a flaw and I find lately I have to fight it increasingly because the world is truly gone mad. And things no one ever could deem plausible are in fact happening.

Anyway, this latest scheme seems to have stemmed from the IBAL report, Irish businesses against litter, which highlighted unseemly bin placement in the Glebe. Niall O'Callaghan at one point suggested we imitate cities in the south of France where bins go under the pavement. The councillor is correct. We need car parks to go up and bins to go down to improve our town. It is common sense.

In the meantime the council in Killarney is going around to businesses and if they are

not agreeing to annual fees of around 250 euro per bin space they will be fined. A few are taking the bin away altogether, they told me. I rang the town hall for a comment. No one has come back.





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A Killarney actor, model and writer is making a name for himself on the silver screen.

25 year old Dion Marcus has acted in feature films, short films and television. He has acted alongside Paul Ronan and Pascal Scott in 'Tradition' a feature film on Amazon Prime that was shot in Killarney.

"I've acted alongside Kevin McNally in an award-winning short film 'Musketeer' and has acted alongside Steve Coogan in an upcoming TV Series called 'The Reckoning'. He has written 'Survivor' and will be playing Mark, the lead character", Dion told Killarney Outlook.

'Survivor' is a short film about Mark a local professional athlete who was born and raised in his small town. He is known by all and gets a lot of support. He mainly sticks by his friends, Sam and Kyle. Mark suffers from severe depression and anger that he keeps together when he is around his friends but lets it out when he's alone in his apartment. He has been visiting his counsellor, once a week, for many months but has given up hope and believes that it's all pointless. He is sick of being around, until he meets a girl called Lily. Lily sees past Mark's fame and fortune and likes him for him, which Mark adores. Since Mark has met Lily, his life has changed for the better until he gets a message saying that his sponsorship has had to leave him. This leads to Mark, once again, spiralling down that deep rabbit hole that he tries so hard to avoid", he said.

"I feel this 'Survivor' should be made as it shows the importance of speaking up when you are suffering from depression, anxiety, anger. It also shows the common trend that a lot of young people nowadays, especially men, hide their problems

CROWDFUNDING PLANNED FOR SHORT FILM



from their friends as they are scared of being judged. We wanted to show that not only do everyday people suffer from mental health problems but so do professional athletes at the highest levels. We think it is important to address this in films, that there are many well-known figures suffering from huge inner turmoil behind closed doors. Through the story of Mark, we want to encourage speaking to mental health professionals which is something many men do not consider to

be "manly". There is also plenty of diversity, different ethnicities in the characters so we are touching off different cultures in this film", he added,

Dion is holding a fundraising poker night in the Danny Mann Saturday 23rd March to help support this film with a raffle at the break. We have a crowdfunding link below for people to donate to our short film with plenty of perks available.

<https://igg.me/at/survivorshortfilm2024/>

There was widespread flooding in Killarney National Park last week following the Status Orange Weather Alert.

Among the areas which were inaccessible were: Ross Castle Car Park - Ross Castle is currently closed - no access to the Castle, Ross Island - Library Point, Muckcross House trail to Torc Waterfall. Muckcross to Dinis Path, Parts of Knockreer - Game Wood

The Water levels on all three Lakes was particularly high and the National Park has asked the public to be aware of debris on the shoreline.

The only mode of transport to Ross Castle Killarney. Access to the iconic Castle remains closed off due to flooding and very high water levels after the status orange rainfall this week. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



CAKE ON THE MENU AS FUNDRAISER IS A HUGE SUCCESS

On Saturday, 16th March, the Ballydribbeen playground committee held a hugely successful bake sale in the Killarney outlet centre. The event proceeds will help provide a universal playground beside the new sports development in Derreen. The collective community spirit only bettered the impressive array of tasty treats. This spirit led to many goodies on sale and the many hands willing to help on the day. This was the latest fundraising event for the playground, and the next step will be announced in the coming weeks. The bake sale would not have been such a success without the support of many local people and businesses like Killarney Outlet Centre, Centra the Rock, Lidl, Tesco, and TreeHouse Foods. We want to express our gratitude to everybody who landed their hands to make this event possible.



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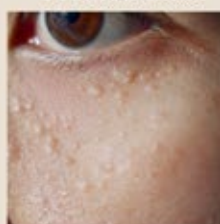
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As part of St. Patrick's Festival Killarney events, featured 'Irish Classics by Candlelight', by Frank McNamara, featuring Soprano, Megan Ruby Walsh and Violinist, Anne Phelan at St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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The magical surroundings of St. Mary's Church of Ireland played host to two amazing concerts on Saturday evening.

At 6pm, Irish Classics by Candlelight immersed audiences in the soul-stirring melodies and dance routines of Ireland at Irish classics by candlelight. Bathed in the warm glow of countless candles, the concert was an intimate and magical experience. Featuring renowned performers Megan Ruby Walsh, Anne Phelan, Tomás Ó Sé and Frank McNamara, this event certainly was a celebration of Ireland's musical heritage.

The concert was followed by Chopin by Candlelight at 8pm, which saw the brilliant Frank McNamara, awaken the senses at a classical concert experience that has captivated audiences worldwide, from New York to Sydney.



Sponsors of 'Irish Classics by Candlelight' as part of St. Patrick's Festival Killarney events from left, Michael Brennan, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Collection, Jason Clifford, manager, The Dunloe Hotel, and Chairperson St. Patrick's Festival, Killarney, and Adrian Steher, Managing Director, Killarney Hotels, Ltd., (Liebherr), As Killarney.



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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day Down Under

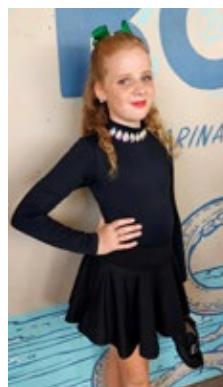
The Irish Community in Perth in Australia put on a huge parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and there were a number of Killarney people involved.

Deirdre Ahern O'Brien from Faha, Mike Lenihan from Killarney and Keith Lynch from Kilflyn were on hand to ferry their daughters to various events to mark the day.

"It was a great day here on Saturday with lots of dance schools participating by either marching or dancing at the family event after the parade and our dance school, the WA Academy of Irish dance performed in pubs across the city as far north as Mindarie and south the Mandurah", Deirdre told Killarney Outlook.



Keirah Lynch and Aleissa Lenihan whose dads hail from Kerry.



Teagan O'Brien, whose mum Deirdre comes from Faha.



Kerry natives celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Perth. Keith Lynch, Kilflyn, Deirdre Ahern O'Brien, Faha and Mike Lenihan Killarney.

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TRIBUTES PAID TO SEAMUS WELDON

Fossa GAA Club have led the tributes to the passing of Killarney businessman Seamus Weldon.

The club said that the members were saddened to hear of the passing of their vice president Seamus Weldon on Saturday, and would like to extend sympathies to Eileen, Kathleen, Mike, James, Padraigh, and their extended families. Seamus was born and raised in Mulhussey, Co Meath and like many more that time, travelled to England for work when he finished an apprenticeship. Here he met Eileen Griffin from Barleymount, they returned home to get married, and a year later in 1967 returned to Barleymount for good. Seamus worked on the buildings for a couple

of years before joining Liebherr. He left them after 17 years to start his own, very successful lawnmower servicing and sales business, taking on the main Ireland John Deere agency in 1993. Seamus was very involved as a coach in Fossa GAA for over 20 years from the late '80's and had great successes with many juvenile teams and also South Kerry Development squads. A Fossa/Listry minor combination managed by Seamus in 2000 won the East Kerry Div 2 Championship and in winning that gave them a crack at the Div 1 East Kerry C'ship which they also won. Seamus took on our Senior team in 2002 for 3 years, winning the County Novice Shield with them in 2002. Seamus was a very active executive member during this time also, and was hugely instrumental in several fundraising initiatives. He was involved in the very successful car draw towards the development of our fine facilities in Grotroe in 1994 when he carried the car all over the county and beyond, and also in the day to day finances of the club. Seamus and Mick Myers were to the fore in setting up the club lotto and several Race Nights in the '00's. Seamus was elected as a vice president of the club in 2017 as a recognition of his great service.

His son James took to Social Media to pay tribute to his dad. "The most driven,

committed, loyal, hardworking, loving man you would ever have the pleasure of meeting in your life. You put your all into every thing you did in life, from sport to your successful business you built up from nothing but most of all your family. Our hearts are broken and we are going to miss your strong presence so much. How lucky and grateful we are to have you as our amazing Dad and Grandad to our children. Rest easy Dad, we love you.

Seamus will be sadly missed by his wife Eileen, daughter Kathleen and sons Michael, James and Padraig, son-in-law James Culloty, daughters-in-law Hilda, Sharon and Gillian, his much loved grandchildren Ewan, Eve, Shea, Ava, Rian, Ruairi, Zachery and Esme, sisters Rita Jennings and Madeleine Hennessey, Co Meath and Mary Tansey, London, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts Kathleen Weldon and Phylis Gorey, relatives, neighbours and a wide circle of friends. Predeceased by his brother PJ and nephew John Gerard Jennings.

Following Requiem Mass at the Prince of Peace Church, Fossa, Killarney on Tuesday afternoon for 3.00pm, Seamus was laid to rest in Aghadoe Cemetery, Killarney.

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The Easter egg hunts are on Friday 29th, Sat 30th & Sun 31st of March. There will be two sessions each day - 10am to 1pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Easter is a ticket only event. Tickets are now The pet farm is a great attraction for both young and old. A great advantage is the all weather facilities, a brand new indoor playgrounds & indoor little stars play centre, so come rain or shine the Kennedy family can offer you an exciting day out.

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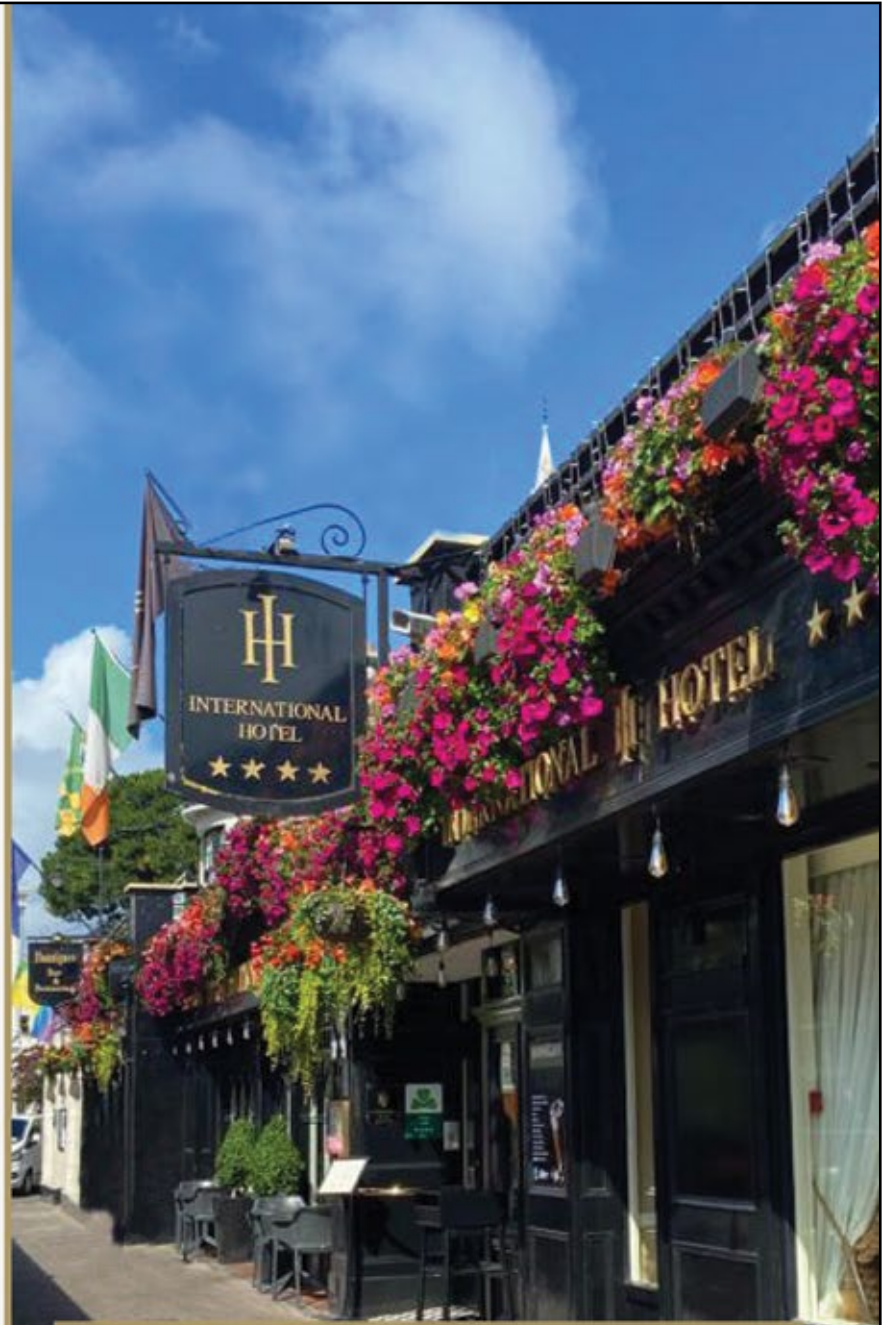
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The 12th annual County Clean Up will take place across the county on Saturday, 6th April and voluntary organisations and individuals across Kerry are invited to get involved in one of the biggest community events of the year in the county.

The County Clean-Up takes place with the support of KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council and over the past decade, hundreds of tonnes of rubbish have been collected along Kerry roads by thousands of volunteers.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Jim Finucane urged everyone to participate in the effort to clear up towns, villages and the countryside across Kerry.

'The tremendous effort of volunteers over the past twelve years has made a major contribution to keeping Kerry litter-free. The County Clean Up greatly complements the work which Kerry County Council does all year round to promote environmental awareness and maintain our wonderful landscape.

'Registration is now open at www.countycleanup.com and I hope that local communities will participate in large numbers,' he said.



With the support of KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, the annual County Clean Up will take place across the county on Saturday, 6th April. Voluntary organisations and individuals across Kerry are invited to get involved. Registration is now open at www.countycleanup.com. Pictured at the launch are Breda Moriarty, Environmental Awareness Officer and Moira Murrell, Chief Executive, Kerry County Council with Tadhg Healy, KWD and Cllr. Jim Finucane, Mayor of Kerry. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

Noel O'Reilly from KWD said: 'KWD Recycling is proud to be involved in the County Clean Up which is now in its 12th year. It is a very important day that has made a huge difference on the roads of Kerry and west Cork with thousands of people showing great community spirit.'

Environmental Awareness Officer at Kerry County Council, Breda Moriarty said: 'The amazing and diligent work of many community groups and individuals for the County Clean Up is admirable. Everyone coming together to keep Kerry clean and our roads litter free for an 12th year is fantastic.'

Groups must register to ensure they receive a clean-up pack and to nominate a collection point for any litter collected.

Club calls for SUPPORT FOR KILLARNEY MAN

A Killarney man who is undergoing treatment for cancer is being supported by his adopted club in Wexford.

Originally from Killarney, Stephen Brosnan is a former member of Legion GAA Club and is now living in Wexford town with his wife Sarah and their beautiful daughters.

Stephen is a member of the mens team at St. Joseph's GAA Club in Wexford and they are now hosting a gofundme page for Stephen and his family as he cannot work anymore.

A statement from the club said:

"Steven is a wonderful person and he and his young family are deeply embedded in St. Joseph's and obviously this news has hit us all hard. Our thoughts and prayers are with Steven and his family at this difficult time. As a club we value our members and players and we will always do our best to support them in any way we can and that's the reason that this gofundme page has been established - so people can offer support to Steven and his family in a quick and easy way. In addition to this we are organising a benefit night for Steven and his family for Friday March 29th at 8pm in Sinnotts Bar, Wexford. We will have live music, food, fabulous spot prizes

and it promises to be a great night.

As you can imagine Steven has had to stop working for a while and his wife Sarah is on reduced hours so all funds raised will go towards Stephen and his family to help them get through this challenging period. Please come along on the 29th to show your support for Steven and his family - it would be greatly appreciated, and if you are unable to make it then feel free to make a donation here and by doing so you are showing your support for an amazing man and a beautiful family. As a club we are so incredibly humbled and grateful for the amazing support one of our club players, Steven Brosnan, has received as he deals with a challenging health situation that has caused him to stop working. We are on the way to reaching €17,000 now for this family and both Steven and Sarah feel quite overwhelmed by the whole reaction, they are just blown away and they wish to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone who has donated and offered support, you truly have made a massive difference to them. If you would like to donate to the fundraiser you can do so at:

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Built through the collective effort of families in the parish, the Ballyfinnane Community Hall stands as an example of what working together as a community can do. Through voluntary labour and contributions from members of the community, the hall came to life, serving as a space where our community could gather. The hall has been run by a voluntary committee since the beginning.

Over the years, the hall has been a hive of activity, hosting a diverse range of classes and events. From yoga and dancing to whist and music sessions, the hall has provided a space for learning, creativity, and recreation for all ages. The local primary school, Scoil

Naomh Carthach beside the hall, also has free access for their educational activities, reinforcing its role as a vital community asset.

Numerous fundraisers have been organised at the hall over the years, including the ever-popular annual table quiz, sales of work, and festive Christmas Markets. Additionally, charity events have been arranged, such as the Hospice Coffee Morning, showcasing the community's dedication to supporting important causes. The hall can also be hired for kids' birthday parties when parents need some extra space. The hall is available for hire for exercise/dance classes with proceeds going back into the hall upkeep. Contact the Ballyfinnane community hall Facebook page to book.

Now, as we look to the future, the Ballyfinnane Community Hall is in need of some structural updates to ensure it remains a safe, accessible, and welcoming space for all. Our first priority is to make the toilets wheelchair



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accessible, reaffirming our dedication to inclusivity and ensuring that every member of our community can fully participate in all that the hall has to offer.

To support this important endeavour, we are excited to announce the upcoming annual Tour De Ballyfinnane cycle on the 13th of April 2024, with all proceeds going towards the upkeep of the Ballyfinnane Community Hall. This event offers a fun and active way to contribute to our community hall to ensure that it is available for generations to come.

The main sponsor of the Tour de Ballyfinnane is Creative Bathrooms based in Ballyfinnane who design, supply and fit the beautiful bathrooms on time and on budget. Visit www.creativebathrooms.ie to see some of their expert workmanship.

The event is generously supported by numerous sponsors from across Kerry and beyond. We are incredibly grateful for this sponsorship, as it is essential for the successful running of the event. Every sponsor, regardless of size, plays a vital role in our efforts, and we value each one greatly.

The Tour de Ballyfinnane cycle has two

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Route 1 – 70km. This route takes the cyclist west to Castlemaine and along the Dingle Peninsula to Keel, Inch, Annascaul and returns to Ballyfinnane Via Glean na nGealt, Camp, Tonevane, Caherleaheen, Farmers Bridge and over the final climb of the day at Garraun. For this route the registration is €30.00.

Route 2 – 45km. This is a flat route and ideal for beginners or inexperienced cyclists. The route takes you east to Currans village, Castleisland, Ballymac, Tralee and back to Ballyfinnane via the Killarney Road and Gortalea. For this route the registration is €25.00.

Cyclists can register online at www.tourdeballyfinnane.ie or alternatively, they can register at the Ballyfinnane community hall between 8.00 am and 9.45am prior to the cycle. The cycle starts at 10.00am

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Killarney students receive entrance awards from Trinity

Three Killarney students were among nine students from Kerry were among a total of 626 first-year students from Ireland and overseas who received prestigious Entrance Exhibition Awards for the 2023/4 academic year from Trinity College Dublin.

Ellen Considine, a former pupil at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, Thomas Knoblauch a former student at St. Brendan's College and Ivan Huggard, a former pupil of ISK Killorglin were among those students accepted into the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree programme who achieve the highest points among Trinity entrants from their secondary school, above a minimum of 500 CAO points (or equivalent).

Many former awardees have gone on to make a significant contribution to the economic, cultural, and political life of Ireland and beyond.

Past Exhibitioners include Taoiseach Leo Varadkar.

The students come from 445 different schools and from all 32 counties on the island of Ireland as well as 28 countries overseas.

The awards were delivered at three ceremonies at Trinity, to which the students and their school principals were invited.

Students who achieve the highest points among Trinity entrants from their secondary school with at least 500 points in the Leaving Certificate (or its equivalent EU/EEA second-level final examinations) are eligible for an Entrance Exhibition Award. This includes bonus points for Mathematics. When more than one student from a school gets the same high points, all receive an award.



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James Flynn presented an illuminating journey into the history of Arbutus Furniture.

Renowned collector and historian, James Flynn, presented a captivating exploration of the illustrious history of Arbutus Furniture. This special presentation transported attendees through the remarkable legacy of Killarney's Arbutus Furniture production, a celebrated craft that flourished from 1825 until 1953.

Flynn's extensive knowledge delved into the heart of Killarney furniture making history, where skilled artisans once meticulously crafted top-tier furniture, propelling the town onto the global stage for its fine craftsmanship. From 1825 to 1953, these talented craftspeople etched their mark in history, showcasing their exceptional creations at prestigious World Fairs in London, Paris, New York, and Boston.



Renowned collector and historian, James Flynn delivered a captivating exploration of the illustrious history of Arbutus Furniture to a packed audience at the Killarney Library as part of the St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney. He discussed the remarkable legacy of Killarney's Arbutus Furniture production, a celebrated craft that flourished in Killarney from 1825 until 1953. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Killarney to take the lead in climate action

A drive to make Killarney the most sustainable destination in the country will move up a significant gear at a meeting in the Killarney Avenue Hotel on Wednesday, March 27th at 6.00pm.

Everybody is welcome to attend to play their part and be included in some unique initiatives and benefits.

The meeting is being organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and the aim of the climate action programme is to create and promote sustainable tourism by making Killarney a better place to live and visit and to bring about carbon reductions and cost reductions.

It is seeking to be the first town in Ireland to provide community-wide energy monitoring, information and benchmarking

and become Ireland's most electric vehicle charge destination.

Tackling climate change is one of the biggest challenges and opportunities facing businesses with rising costs impacting the sector. Reducing carbon emissions is a smart way to save money and boost a reputation as a sustainable tourism business.

is organising a meeting, at which the plan – Vision Killarney: Ireland's Most Sustainable Town 2030 – and the benefits available to businesses and individuals will be outlined.

In 2024, Fáilte Ireland will enhance its strategic supports under a new business resilience framework, which will provide a tailored package of supports to businesses focused on building commercial and financial resilience.



Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce's Sustainability Committee is chaired by Tricel managing director Mike Stack,



ORLA'S TALENT ON DISPLAY IN NEW CAFE

A talented artist and student from Glenflesk has her work displayed in a new cafe in Killarney.

Orla O'Donoghue, daughter of Gillian and Paul is a pupil of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School and a former pupil at Glenflesk NS. Orla is a talented artist with many accolades under her belt having won many competitions in the past.

Another string to her bow is her exhibition of her paintings at the new Celtic Kitchen Cafe on Plunkett Street.

Owners Heidi and Bruce selected Orla's paintings to be displayed in their new cafe Celtic Kitchen Café, which is opened last week. This is a great opportunity for Orla and recognises her hard work and talent.



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From the West End to Muckross School House...Maddie Courtney, performing in Muckross School House, as part of St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney, entitled, 'An evening with West End House School of Acting'.



From the West End to Muckross School House..Killian Fleming, performing in Muckross School House, as part of St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney, entitled, 'An evening with West End House School of Acting'.



From the West End to Muckross School House... Molly O'Connor, performing in Muckross School House, as part of St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney, entitled, 'An evening with West End House School of Acting'.



Brian Bowler, performing in Muckross School House, as part of St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney, entitled, 'An evening with West End House School of Acting'.



A warm welcome in Muckross School House, with Toddy Doyle, Manager Muckross Traditional Farms as part of St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney, entitled, 'An evening with West End House School of Acting'.



Keith Bradley, performing in Muckross School House, as part of St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney, entitled, 'An evening with West End House School of Acting'.



Kyla Shine, performing in Muckross School House, as part of St. Patrick's Festival, events in Killarney, entitled, 'An evening with West End House School of Acting'.



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By Billy Ryle

FINANCE

Higher and Further education is expensive and puts many families under considerable financial pressure. The financial burden is eased a little for students who qualify for a partial or total SUSI grant. Even so, many college students have to work part-time or depend on their parents to make ends meet. Thousands of students who are ineligible for funding must come up with about €14,000 annually if they are living away from home or about €5,000 if living at home. The student contribution also has to be paid.

SUSI

Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is Ireland's higher and further education grants awarding body. Student grants are divided into maintenance grants and fee grants. Maintenance grants are paid directly to the student's bank account. Fee grants cover tuition fees, the student contribution and the cost of essential field trips. SUSI grants are available at PLC, undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION

In Budget 2023, there was a once-off reduction in the student contribution from €3,000 to €2,000. Assuming that the reduction applies in the 24/25 academic year, SUSI will pay the entire €2000 to colleges on behalf of students who have been awarded 100% student contribution, €1000 for students awarded 50% student contribution and €500 for students awarded 25% student contribution.

CRITERIA

To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must meet a nationality criterion, a residency criterion, an education progression criterion and an approved course criterion, all of which are mere formalities for most applicants. To be eligible for funding, your total household reckonable income must fall below specific income thresholds. The SUSI website contains tables outlining the income thresholds and the associated maintenance grant rates for applicants. The minimum distance from home to college for the higher grant (non-adjacent) eligibility is 30km. About 80,000 students should be eligible for some level of standard maintenance grants ranging from €612 to €4,292.

GRANT

The maximum standard non-adjacent maintenance grant payable in the 24/25 academic year will be €4,292. For students who live less than 30km from their college, the standard maximum adjacent grant is €1,774. The gross annual income level for grant eligibility is €40,875 (less than four dependent children), €44,810 (between four and seven children) or €48,575 (between eight or more dependent children). Income thresholds increase by €4,950 for each additional family member in college. The amount of non-assessed holiday income that a student can earn per annum is €6,552.

SPECIAL

There is also a special maintenance grant for applicants whose annual gross income is less than €25,000 (less than four dependent children), €27,400 (between four and seven children) or €29,702 (eight or more dependent children). That payment is now €7,586, non-adjacent and €3,230, adjacent, respectively.

ASSESSED

Applications for academic year 24/25 will open shortly. SUSI usually prioritises new grant applications until July. SUSI will process late applications but its best to be on the priority applications list. Applicants are assessed on gross income from all sources in the 2023 financial year. Applications are assessed as either a 'dependent', 'mature dependent' or 'independent' application. A dependent applicant is assessed on the income of parents or guardians. An independent applicant is assessed on personal income and that of her/his partner.

RECKONER

As the grant is means-tested, visit the eligibility reckoner on www.susi.ie. This facility provides potential applicants with an approximate indication of whether or not they are likely to qualify for a grant. However, it's always advisable to submit a grant application. Even if you don't currently qualify, your financial circumstances may change going forward. There is also the possibility that Mr Harris may alter income qualification levels and maintenance levels, so keep an eye on the SUSI website, www.susi.ie for any updates.

ACCOUNT

Before you start your application, create an account in your SUSI student portal. You will be asked for your Personal Public Service Number (PPSN), Name, Date of Birth, Email address and Phone number. Create your log in details where you can set up your username, password and security pin. Then carefully complete the interactive application form. Once you have submitted a grant application you can follow its progress on the SUSI Online Application Tracker.

CHECKLIST

- Third level education is very expensive
- Many college students have to work part-time to make ends meet
- Many college students depend on their parents to make ends meet
- Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is the grant authority for further/higher ed.
- Familiarise yourself with SUSI on www.susi.ie
- The distance from home to college for the non-adjacent grant payment is 30km or more
- The distance from home to college for the adjacent grant payment is less than 30km
- SUSI will open for renewal and new applications for the 2024/25 academic year in Spring 2024.
- The opening date and priority closing dates for renewal and new applications were not available from SUSI at the time of writing
- In 2023, SUSI accepted grant applications from April
- It's always advisable to submit a SUSI grant application
- If you don't currently qualify, your financial circumstances may change going forward

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Last week the Killarney Community College TY mini company Blithe Works competed in Kerry Student Enterprise Programme Final. They presented to judges on their business - a medieval/fantasy board game 'Ventures of Ventark'. It was an amazing experience for those involved as students were encouraged to come up with innovative ideas, create a business plan, then bring their project to life and present it to the judges.





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Kerry County Council visits Tourism Ireland in New York

Representatives of Kerry County Council, who are in New York this week for the St Patrick's Day period, met with senior executives from Tourism Ireland today (Friday, 15 March). They were briefed on Tourism Ireland's promotional programme in the United States for 2024, which is in full swing right now.

St Patrick's Day offers a unique opportunity for Ireland and Irish tourism and Tourism Ireland in the United States is rolling out an extensive programme of trade, media and consumer activity to capitalise on Ireland's heightened profile this week. The St Patrick's Day Festival in

Dublin is the hero attraction and Tourism Ireland will have renowned US travel broadcaster Gabe Saglie on the ground with us in Dublin, livestreaming from the parade to 40 TV stations across the United States, reaching audiences of up to 50 million across CBS, FOX, ABC and NBC networks. Chefs Darina Allen, Catherine Fulvio and Noel McMeel will highlight our superb food scene with media in New York, Washington DC and Los Angeles.

Alison Metcalfe, Tourism Ireland's Head of North America, said: "We were delighted to meet with the representatives of Kerry County Council and

to have the opportunity to brief them about the extensive promotional programme we are undertaking in the United States this year. The US remains an extremely important market for tourism to the island of Ireland – it's our most important market in terms of revenue and our second-largest market in terms of visitor numbers. Visitors from the United States tend to stay longer, spend more and tour extensively around our regions.

"Our St Patrick's Day programme includes a major programme of trade, media and consumer activity. Our aim is to remind American holidaymakers that Ireland offers the warmest of welcomes and great fun, as well as wonderful scenery and heritage. We are taking every opportunity to capitalise on Ireland's heightened profile around this St Patrick's Day period."

This year, Tourism Ireland is rolling out an extensive programme of promotions in the United States, to increase the value of overseas tourism to the island of Ireland, supporting economies, communities and the environment, by inspiring potential US visitors about all that Ireland has to offer and by strengthening strategic partnerships.



Christy O'Connor and Angela McAllen, both Kerry County Council; Cllr Jim Finucane, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council; and Anna Cahill and Paul McDonagh, both Tourism Ireland, in the Tourism Ireland office in New York.

SET DANCERS RAISE MONEY FOR FOSSA NS AUTISM UNIT

Catherine Joy (front third from left) presenting a cheque for €1350 proceeds of the Killorglin/Fossa Set Dancers Ceili in the Fossa Community Centre to Fossa National School Autism Classes with (front from left) Theresa Kissane, teacher Aisling Mahony, teacher Brid Kissane with Zazu, Mary Walsh, Sarah Griffin, Sharon Dennehy SNA (back from left) Jackie Coffey SNA, Noel Lucey, Tim Kissane, John Burke Principal, teacher Mike Frank Russell and Maureen Fleming SNA at Fossa National School, Killarney. The next Ceili in the Fossa Community Centre will be held on Sunday 7th April featuring the Neillie O'Connor Ceili Band. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin.





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Teenagers and Sleep:
Why is sleep so important for teenagers? Sleep is necessary for physical growth, of which there is a big proportion of at this age but also it contributes to good mental health. Sleep allows the teenager to adapt and respond to daily stresses, from assignments to relationships, navigating the journey can take a toll on the body. We may scold our teens for sleeping in too late in the morning but in actual fact their body needs the extra sleep! Hormones are changing and often heightened in teenagers. Dopamine and Serotonin play key roles in establishing

sleep patterns in teens. Dopamine is responsible for regulating sleep/wake cycles and influences circadian rhythms. This can cause a delay in sleep pressure or need. Serotonin is responsible for relaxation, sleep quality and duration. So, sleep can easily become dysregulated in teenagers and have difficulty getting to sleep. So, what simple steps can be put in place to promote good sleep behaviours...

Again, consistency is key, going to bed at the same time and rising at the same time helps the circadian rhythm regulate.

Similarly, as with younger children, limiting screen time before sleep is vital.

Dimming lights and unwinding relaxes the body and initiates melatonin production.

A dark, calm and cosy room is more inviting for sleep. Appropriate time outdoors, not only burns physical energy but also is good for mental health. This can improve sleep need but also improve the ability to relax into sleep. Meditation and mindfulness can help reduce racing thoughts at bedtime. Training the mind to be present and relaxed takes time but certainly is a very beneficial tool to use.

Using lavender oils/ sprays or herbal teas can also be good sleep associations.

Sleep disturbances or changes to normal sleep patterns, should not be looked at in isolation. Seeking medical assistance when necessary must always be considered if your teen is experiencing difficulties sleeping.



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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

➤HOSPICE WALK

The Kilcummin Hospice walk will take place on Good Friday, March 29th starting at 10.00am. There will be a choice of two family friendly walks, 4km or 8km. The walk starts and finishes in the Recreation Hall with refreshments and free draw for all participants after the walk finishes. Donations will be accepted on the day.

➤KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good AGM will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre. We would like as many people as possible to attend and volunteer to help out with various tasks throughout the year. Looking forward to hearing new ideas, everyone welcome to attend.

➤ANABLA NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Anabla NS Parents Association will be holding a clothes collection on Thursday, 11th April at Anabla National School. Clothes can be dropped to school yard under canopy from Wed 10th April.

➤COOLICK SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Coolick School Parents Association are holding their Church Gate Collection on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th March.

➤KILCUMMIN GAA

LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 11th March 2024 of the Jackpot for €10,000. Numbers drawn were 12,21,26,29. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Aine O'Donoghue, Aileen Brosnan, Tim & Eileen O'Sullivan & Robert Casey on line. The next draw will be on Monday 25th March for



Patricia McCarthy gets a hug from St Patrick

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LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 15th March 2024 of the Jackpot for €9,400. Numbers drawn were 04,07,08,20 Consolation prizes of €50 went to M & P Culloty, Lyretough, Barry Duggan, Eugene McSweeney, and Caroline Hurley. The next draw will be on Friday 22nd March for Jackpot of €9,600.

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

➤FIXTURES

Beaufort minor men will be away to Beale, Saturday, 23rd March at 12 midday in round 1, back game in Co League.

Good luck to senior men's teams and managements as they will begin Co League next weekend.

Beaufort will be away to John Mitchels at 5pm, Saturday, 23rd in Division 2 and away to St Michael's/Foilmore at the same time in Division 6.

➤RESULTS

Beaufort 6.12 Ardfer 3.06 and Beaufort 1.02 Moyvane 2.07 in Co League. Beaufort 1.09 Milltown/Castlemaine 2.14 in round 1, Development league

➤LOTTO RESULTS

No jackpot winner on Sunday, 17th March. Jackpot €2,800. Numbers: 9,18, 23, 25. Consolation Prizes. €80 Chris O'Riordan, online. €50 Roisin Kennedy, Dunloe, Alan Kearins, Mary and DD, c/o Beaufort Bar. The next

draw for a jackpot of €3,000 will be on Sunday, 31st March.

➤MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311.

For Ladies football, LGFA membership has to be paid by 22nd March. For more information, please contact Sue 086 2632219.

➤SCOR

Good luck to our competitors in Scorn a bPáistí and Scor Sinsir next weekend. Scor na bPáistí will begin at 11.30am on Saturday, 23rd March in Tintean, Ballybunion.

Scor Sinsir will be at the same venue starting at 7pm on Saturday, 23rd. The exception are the two quizzes which will be held in John Mitchels GAA On Friday, 22nd March.

Scor na bPáistí quiz will be at 6.30pm and senior quiz at 8pm.



Bishop Ray Browne who confirmed pupils from Fossa National School with Front L-R- Marie McSweeney Class teacher, Raquel Wharton, Killian Clifford, Ross Cronin, Aileen Kennedy, Callie Cummins, Elise Brunner, Ezio Santos, Joshua Birdthistle (centre row from left) Bishop Ray Browne, Arthur Spillane, Cian Reardon, Lily Fogarty, Grace Collins, Emma Hallissey, Donnacha Coffey, Andrea Leech, Béibhinn Kiely, Ashling Coffey, Elaine Cronin SNA, Fr. Niall Geaney P.P. back from left Freya Tracey, Cristina Conté, Shéa Driver, Raul Santos, Charlie O'Meara, Abigail O'Mahony, Ada O'Leary, Ava Harty, Lexie Griffin, Mikie Galvin SNA and Fr Niall Geaney PP at Prince of Peace Church, Fossa, Killarney on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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Written by: Seamus Healy

>CONDOLANCES

Sincere condolence's to all the O Donoghue family and extended families, on the recent passing of Patrick O Donoghue Coracow, Headford, may Patricks soul rest in peace.

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 19/ 3/ 2024 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €8000. The numbers drawn were : 3, 4, 5, 29. Consolation Prizes of €50. 1)Peggy Kelly, Bellevue House, Ballydowney. 2) Jerry O' Connor, Knockanes. 3) Corner Bar (Sellers' Prize) 4). Chris Brennan and Ann-Marie Brosnan, Clonakilty. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Tuesday 2nd of April 2024.

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Best wishes to our senior team and management as they start off their Division 1 County league campaign in Milltown versus Milltown/Castlemaine on Sat 23rd March @ 2pm.

>NOTICE FROM GLENFLESK PARISH OFFICE

The Diocese of Kerry are holding a Youth Week from April 20th to April 26th. They are hoping that teenagers and young adults might participate in their own parishes.

We in Glenflesk are holding a meeting on Wednesday 20th March from 7p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parish centre in Headford. We are hoping that many young people might come to this meeting to help in the planning of some events during this week in April for Engaging with young people. Please come and give your opinions and help.

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1, 3, 13, 24. €100 Luke Clifford, Keel. €50 Mary O Sullivan, Rockfield West. €50 Abigail & Jacob Gallagher. €25 Seamus O Mahony. €25 Noreen O Shea, Lissivane East. Next weeks jackpot €3,450

>SENIORS

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Bishop Ray Browne who confirmed Aoife Casey and Emma Quirke Kelleher from Two Mile School in Prince of Peace Church, Fossa, Killarney on Tuesday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Juvenile members Representing Listry GAA Club at St. Patrick's Day parade in Milltown on Sunday.

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

>SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €206 and the winner was Aeneas Seán O' Leary. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket. Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses who continue to support our project.

>SYMPATHIES to Michael O'Mahony, East End & family on the death of his Uncle John O'Mahony, Annascaul whose funeral took place on Wednesday 28th February. To Mary Buckley, Knocknacopple, nieces & nephews on the death of her brother John (Jack) Dineen Headford l/o Old Chapel whose funeral took place on Saturday 9th March in Glenflesk. To Kevin Murphy, Gortnahaneboy & family on the death of his father Denis

Murphy, Ballydaly Upper whose funeral took place on Monday 4th March in Millstreet. May John, Denis & John (Jack) rest in peace.

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>NOTES

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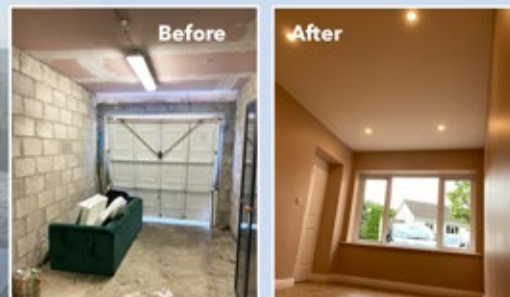
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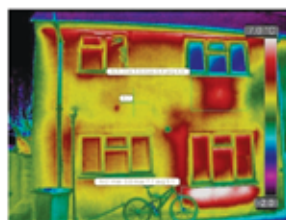
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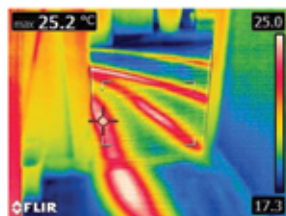
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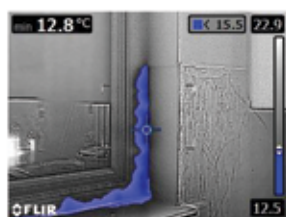
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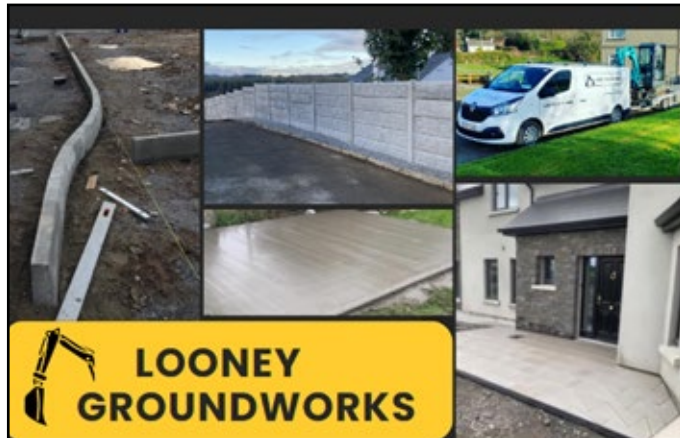


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SCREEN TIME, FACTS FOR PARENTS

Most parents worry about how much time children are spending on digital devices. Here are the facts

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Blue light is a high-energy visible light and has shorter wavelengths. It is known as blue light because it is on the violet-blue band of the spectrum.

Blue light is naturally present in sunlight but is also something we can see from screens such as TVs, computers, smartphones and tablets.

Can blue light damage my child's eyes?

There is currently no scientific evidence that blue light causes damage to the eyes. However, there is evidence to suggest that carrying out near tasks, involving looking at something close-up, such as using mobile devices, screen time and reading a book, can increase eye strain for those who do this for long periods of time.

What is digital eye strain?

Digital eye strain happens when a lot of time is spent using near vision, for example, reading on screen or playing online games. One of the main symptoms is temporary blurred vision but other signs such as sore and tired eyes, dry eye and headaches are also associated with digital eye strain.

Can blue light affect my child's sleep pattern?

Using screens close to bedtime

may contribute to poorer sleep, which may mean your child's concentration levels are lower during the day. This may be because blue light is linked to the suppression of the hormone melatonin which makes us feel sleepy. However, there is a range of other factors linked to disrupted sleep.

Can blue light filtered lenses help?

Some people report that lens coatings that filter blue light make their eyes feel more comfortable or are helpful before bed.

IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN SCREEN TIME AND SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS?

Short-sightedness, or myopia, is increasing throughout the world. Family history, ethnic background, environment (living indoors, in cities) and carrying out near tasks, such as screen use, have all been linked to the development of myopia. However, there is no clear evidence to suggest that screen time alone is the direct cause. But, there is good evidence to suggest that children who spend more time outdoors are at lower risk of developing short-sightedness.

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S EYES HEALTHY

Get them outdoors – regular play and exercise can help prevent or reduce the development of myopia (short-sightedness). Studies show two hours of outdoor activity a day is ideal

Use night settings - using night settings, if your device has them, may help children sleep by reducing the amount of blue light given off by the screen during night-time hours

Make sure digital devices are turned off at least an hour before bedtime

Book your child in for a sight test at least every two years, from the age of three.



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The Week Through The Eye of the Lens



Legacy Elite Cheerleaders and UL Vikings pictured at the Killarney St. Patrick's Day Parade.



The Student Council from Lissivigeen National School presenting the O'Donoghue Sheehan family with a cheque for Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin. The fundraiser, a bake sale was recently held in school and was organised and run by the student council. The event was a tremendous success and €1,415 was raised for this very worthy cause.



Gerard and Mary Hogan, Fossa, pictured with "St Patrick" and their 3 children Ruadhán, Róise and Laoibhse



Keira Geaney pictured on the occasion of her 18th Birthday with her parents Bernard and Linda and sister Laoise. Keira celebrated with family and friends at The Shire at the weekend.



The family of the Late Joe O'Donoghue held a dance in his memory in Caherciveen recently and presented the proceeds to the Kerry Hospice Foundation who cared so well for Joe. The family raised an incredible €11,616 which also included proceeds from a darts tournament which was organised by Joe's Sons. The family want to say a huge thank you to businesses in Caherciveen and Killarney, where Deirdre lives. Pictured are Deirdre Leahy, Patrick O Donoghue and Mary O Donoghue presenting the cheque to representatives from Kerry Hospice Foundation.



On Tuesday 12th March 5th year students headed to the big smoke to take in a performance of John B. Keane's 'Sive'. The play is part of the comparative study section of the Leaving Certificate course this year and was staged in the historic Gaiety Theatre. Students were also given some free time around Grafton Street before catching the evening train. A thoroughly enjoyable and educational day was had by all. A special thanks to the teachers who accompanied the students to Dublin.



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
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ST PATRICKS WEEKEND RESULTS

Sunday - Fourball Betterball - First Nett: Sean O'Brien & John Murphy 37, Gross: A tie between the pairings of Daniel Kelly & Robbie O'Brien Snr & Daniel Kelly & Niall O'Loughlin on 49 as Daniel's score as common partner counted on every hole on B9 and Second Nett: John Murphy & Betty O'Brien 39. Monday- Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Niall O'Loughlin & John Murphy 39 and Gross: Sean O'Brien & John Looney 50.

CLUB MATCHPLAY

Anyone that wants to play in Club Matchplay

on Easter Sunday March 31st (sponsored by Murphy's Bar) please note you must be a paid up member of club by the end of this Sunday March 24th.

COUNTY MATCHPLAY

Entry sheet now on noticeboard for this event which we host on April 14th. Entries to be taken up until Sunday April 7th. Fee: €10 per player. Please ensure you are a registered member and are playing in the correct handicap grade prior to entering.

2024 Fixtures: Please note that a complete list comprising the full 2024 Fixture List of all events of local interest is now on the website and the

noticeboard for viewing.

TIM SCANNELL MEMORIAL INTER-CLUB MATCHPLAY

Please note the County Board are starting this event on Tuesday April 30th this year and clubs are allowed enter second teams this year if interested. Anyone interested please contact Jason regarding same.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

he club offers it sympathies to the family and staff of one of our suppliers in Weldons on the death of its founder Seamus Weldon in the past week.



Kate O'Leary Lady Captain at her Drive In with her mother Ann at the Killarney Goilf and Fishing Club Drive In on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Helen Prendergast Club President at her drive in with husband Tom and (from left) family members Miriam, Caelan, Eoghan, Enda, Shane, Deirdre and Brian at the Drive In at the Killarney Goilf and Fishing Club on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John O'Mahony Captain at his drive in with his wife Eileen, sons Conor and Jackson at his Drive In at the Killarney Goilf and Fishing Club on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Evelyn McCarthy Junior Girls Captain at her drive in with her grandfather Barry Walsh and mother Christine Walsh McCarthy at the Killarney Goilf and Fishing Club Drive In on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Ronan Bennett Junior Boys Captain at his drive in with parents Siobhan Kissane and Declan Bennett at the Killarney Goilf and Fishing Club Drive In on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Helen Prendergast Club President (centre) with (from left) Ronan Bennett Junior Boys Captain, John O'Mahony Captain, Kate O'Leary Lady Captain and Evelyn McCarthy Junior Girls Captain and some club members at the Drive In at the Killarney Goilf and Fishing Club on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

4 SWIMMERS TO GO TO NATIONAL FINALS THIS WEEKEND

Four Killarney Swimmers will represent their schools at the National Irish Minor Schools Swimming Finals at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin this weekend. Evan O'Donoghue, 5th class at St Oliver's NS will compete in the 50M Fly and the 100IM.

Aoife Coffey and Juan Avila will represent Loughquitanne NS. Aoife will compete in the 100IM and Juan will compete in the 50M Back. Cora Sheehan from Kilgobnet NS Beaufort will compete in the 50M Free.

All four swimmers achieved qualifying times for this competition at the Munster Minor Schools Finals in October of last year. This is a huge achievement for them to be swimming at a National Level.

WORKMENS ROWING CLUB NEWS

Our crews are preparing for a number of up and coming flat water slider events in April 2024.

The first event will be the Bantry Regatta on the 6th April, followed by the Skibberreen Regatta on the 13th & 14th April 2024.

Training continues as usual for all members.

We are preparing an open day at Workmens Rowing Club at Ross Castle for any potential young rowers, date and time to follow.

In the meantime, we would love to hear from 5th & 6th class boys and girls interested in trying rowing. If you are interested please contact Mary on 0868098182 or Derva on 0862040469 for fun on the water at Ross Castle.

KILLARNEY RFC NEWS

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS

Last Sunday we took part on what must be the best St. Patrick's day parade yet in Killarney. Our kids sang their hearts out along the route, engaging with the crowd and had a wonderful time at what must have been the biggest parade to date. Thanks to all who took part and to all who looked after our kids on the parade.

KILLARNEY U18.5 GIRLS REACH MUNSTER CUP FINAL

Bantry/Dunmanway RFC 20-43 Killarney RFC
Last Saturday the Killarney u18.5 girls travelled

to West Cork and in horrendous conditions on the day, defeated a very spirited home team to be reach the Munster Cup final. Down three players who were involved in the Irish u18 camp and a number of other players, Killarney had to dig deep to win a high scoring game.

The home side playing with the elements started off very strong and were first to score, which wasn't converted. After some good running rugby by the visitors skipper Ali O'Donoghue had a great interchange with Marina Eagar out wide and set up Mary Ellen McDonald and the Glencar speedster had too much for the oncoming defense to score under the posts, which the outstanding Killarney scrum half Bronagh Dorrian converted, 05-07 to the visitors to the away team inside the first eight minutes. The Killarney side were determined to score next which they duly did, Niamh Dorrian was at the end of a very good run from the Killarney hooker Ella Guerin-Crowley, 05-12 to Killarney. Next up was Bantry to score a fine try which left the score 10-12 and the home side were more than up for the challenge. Mc Donald was next to score after some good play by Joanne O'Keefe and Molly Gabbett. 10-17 to Killarney at half time. Bantry kicked off the 2nd half and were straight on the attack and crossed the try line which wasn't converted leaving the score 15-17 to the visitors, game on. Now playing with the elements Killarney really kicked into gear and played some great expansive rugby and scored some super tries through Niamh Dorrian, Crowley and Mc Donald got her third of the day to finish off the contest in style to reach the Munster Cup final. Killarney Co-Coach Diarmuid O'Malley added "No matter what you throw at this team they are ready for it, losing Clodagh Foley after 15 minutes was a massive loss but what's amazing with this special bunch of girls they all show up and play like a team. In the day that was in it in weatherwise in tough conditions the girls showed how good rugby players they are. We had got news from Killarney earlier that our u16s team had won there cup semifinal so we were determined to join them on Cup final day on Saturday the 30th of March in Virgin Media Park vs Clonakilty, which will be a historic day for girls rugby in Kerry."

U16 GIRLS WIN CUP SEMI FINAL

First up our Killarney/Iveragh/Listowel U16's

hosted a very tough Midleton/Youghal in the Bank of Ireland U16 Girls Munster Cup semifinal at Aghadoe in brutal weather conditions. Killarney/Iveragh/Listowel started well, retaining possession well into the first period. This led to an early try which was converted. The opposition respond well, coming back with a score try of their own. A period of back and forth possession was followed by our 2nd try, scored in the backs after good through the hands ball, which seen us go into half time at 12 to 5. The 2nd half started with our kick off and after winning possession. With good defence play followed by good possession phase play and good hands the movement of ball out wide led to a 3rd try. Killarney received the kick off, keeping the ball away from their string packs and rucks resulting in a 4th try which was converted.

SENIORS INTO MARTIN O'SULLIVAN FINAL THIS SUNDAY

Very well done to our Seniors who also won their semifinal at the weekend. The lads hosted a tough Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne at a sunny Aghadoe in perfect playing conditions on St. Patrick's day. A cracking day for a match, with both teams evenly matched, there would never be much between both sides. With tries from Donnchadh Greally, Shane Looney and Harry Kelly, our side proved the stronger. Ciaran O'Brien's conversion and penalty proved the difference in this hard fought victory for our lads. Next weekend the lads take on Carrick-on-Suir in the Final at Virgin Media Park and kick off is at 2pm on Sunday. All support is very welcome.

RESULTS

U14 Girls Semifinal: Castleisland/Killarney 27 - 14 Midleton/Youghal

U16 Girls: Killarney/Iveragh/Listowel 31 - 5 Midleton/Youghal

U18 Girls: Dunmanway/Bantry 20 - 43 Killarney
Seniors Semifinal: Killarney 20 - 17 RCD

FIXTURES

Seniors Martin O'Sullivan Cup Final V Carrick on suir, Virgin Media Park, Sunday @2pm.

GLENEAGLE SQUASH CLUB

FEBRUARY COMPETITION

by Ray O'Callaghan

February finals took place last Thursday in



Evan O'Donoghue, 5th class at St Oliver's NS (pictured with school principal Colm O'Suilleabhain and teacher Graham O'Sullivan) will compete in the 50M Fly and the 100IM.



Cora Sheehan from Kilgobnet NS Beaufort will compete in the 50M Free. She is pictured here with her principal Maura O'Connor.



Aoife Coffey and Juan Avila will represent Loughquitanne NS (pictured with school principal Alison Coffey). Aoife will compete in the 100IM and Juan will compete in the 50M Back.

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Gleneagle Squash Club, Kindly Sponsored By Tim O Leary Of BSPM Energy Consultancy. Paul O'Brien's team of five faced off Donnagh Crowley's team following a very closely fought semi-final earlier in the week.

In Division 3, While Aquila Club Manager Eoin Horan and Ryan Kavanagh had very close games it was Crowley's team-mate Ryan Kavanagh who won out 3-0.

Onto Division 4, and one of our ladies' coaches Joanne McCarthy faced off Seamus Howard who had made his second final in a row on his very short squash journey. The match went to 1 a piece but then Joanne's experience came through to win out 3-1 for Team Paul who were now 2-0 up in matches and looking red hot favourites to take the night.

But somebody else had other ideas in Division 5. Noah Counihan and Dan Carroll were thrown into the ring and Noah knew he had to get a win for Team Donnagh. Noah, one of our up and coming Juniors at just 11 years of age, showed all in attendance how his training is paying off by winning narrowly against Dan. Each game was tit for tat but luck was with Noah on this occasion and team Donnagh closed the gap in matches.

Division 2 was a tale of the two Johnnies. John Cronin and John O'Sullivan were well matched – their game was played in good spirits and two similar style players went toe to toe and point for point and the match went to 1 game a piece. But John C put on the afterburners and finished out another two close games to get another win for Team Donnagh.

The decider was down to the team captains and Irish international players, Paul O'Brien and Donnagh Crowley. Our two top club players provided us with an exhibition of squash where we all aspire to be. The game was well balanced and was point for point in every game. First two games were shared. Third game was a very close encounter and could have gone any way and Donnagh for the first time took his team into the lead on the night. The last game was close again but Donnagh put everything he had into his performance and came through 3-1, winning the night for his team.

Thanks to Tim O Leary of BSPM Energy Consultancy for sponsorship and once again a big thanks to the Aquila Club team, Gleneagle Hotel Staff and all the Committee who make



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club Killarney monthly competition outing sponsored by BSPM Energy Consultancy were front from left, John Cronin, Joanne and Hannah McCarthy, Tim O'Leary (BSPM Energy), Donnagh Crowley (Captain of winning team), Adriana O'Leary and Connie Counihan. Standing from left are Paul O'Brien, Mike Crowley, Mike O'Donoghue, Seamus Howard, Bernice Enright, Ryan Kavanagh, Noah, Brendan and Ruairi Counihan, Norma Culloty, Arthur Murphy, John O'Sullivan and Ray O'Callaghan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

these Finals Happen Over and Over.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

NATIONAL TRIALS

Well done to Ian Coffey and Daniel Fleming who were invited to compete in the latest round of national squad selection trials for U19 and U23 rowers, held at the National Rowing Centre in Cork on the weekend of March 9-10th. Congratulations also to our university rowers among the U23 triallists, including Ethan O'Neill (UCC RC), Patrick Buckley (UL RC) and Caoimhe O'Sullivan (UL RC).

CORK HOR

On Saturday, March 2nd, the club competed in the Cork Head Of the River. Despite very challenging conditions, the club had some excellent performances and took home a number of wins. Congratulations to the winning Mens Senior Quad, Mens Club 2 Quad, Mens Masters Quad, Mens J16 Quad and Rachel Fuller in the Womens J18 Single. The club was also second in the Womens J16 Double, Mens Club 2 Quad, Mens Masters Single (Danny Lyne) and Mens J15 Octuple. Five crews placed third including the Mens Intermediate Single (Cathal

Coffey), Womens J18 Double, Mens Senior Quad, Mens Masters Quad and Mens J15 Quad.

TRIBESMEN HOR

After an extended absence from the events calendar, the Tribesmen Head Of the River relaunched in Galway for the St. Patrick's Festival weekend. Two Muckross crews made the journey - well done to both of our Mens J16 Quad crews who brought home the pennant for the fastest J16 Quad and a very solid fourth place finish. Special thanks to Sean Real and Eoin Moynihan for supervising the outing.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

A CLUB FUNDRAISER COMPETITION was held on Thursday March 14th. Thanks to all our Members who generously contributed.

Results of the Competition:

North/South:

1st: Ciaran Broadbery and Horst Rosler

2nd: Conor Dwyer and Ger McSweeney

East/West:

1st: Mary Rose Felle and Ann Clerkin

2nd: Breda Counihan and Ann Wrenn



Killarney Rugby Club U18 girls who won their Munster Cup semifinal





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CLINICAL PERFORMANCE BY KERRY SEALS THE WIN

Kerry 1-15 Meath 0-5

By DENIESE O'FLAHERTY



The Kerry panel before the Lidl LGFA National League Division 1 Round 6 match between Meath and Kerry at Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA Club in Ashbourne, Meath. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh led the way with a haul of 0-8 as Kerry put in a clinical performance against Meath in Donaghmore-Ashbourne.

She kicked six of them from play and such was Kerry's dominance, particularly in the second half, Meath were limited to just scoring two points after the break and managed just a single point from play throughout the contest. This result moved reigning Division 1 Champions Kerry back up to second place in the table with just one game remaining. Just 19 seconds had elapsed when Ní Mhuircheartaigh opened the scoring. One minute later she created a goal chance but her effort was saved by Monica McGuirk.

Ní Mhuircheartaigh scored her second point in the third minute. Meath kept in touch with Kerry in the opening 10 minutes with three frees from the boot of Emma Duggan.

Playing with the aid of a strong wind Kerry kept the scoreboard ticking over with six unanswered points. Meath couldn't create many scoring opportunities.

Emma Dineen shot wide in the 16th minute as the visitors dominated proceedings. Hannah O'Donoghue kicked over two fine points while Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Niamh Carmody were also on the scoresheet as Kerry held a six point lead at the break at 0-9 to 0-3.

McGuirk was called into action in the first minute of the second half, saving a shot from sub Danielle O'Leary. Kerry got their first score from a placed ball in the 33rd minute when Ní Mhuircheartaigh hit over a free.

Kerry played some good football and Meath couldn't contain them. The lead was nine points in the 38th minute when Dineen fisted over. Shelly Melia kicked over a terrific point for Meath in the 39th minute, their first in 30 minutes of play.



Kayleigh Cronin of Kerry in action against Shelly Melia, left, and Aoibhin Cleary of Meath during the Lidl LGFA National League Division 1 Round 6 match between Meath and Kerry at Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA Club in Ashbourne, Meath. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

That score was cancelled out minutes later when Ní Mhuircheartaigh scored her seventh point of the game. Kerry extended their lead to 13 points in the 45th minute when Dineen blasted the ball to the net.

Meath woes were compounded in the 49th minute when Ciara Smyth was sin-binned. Ní Mhuircheartaigh kicked over a free in the 51st minute to put 14 points between the sides. Meath scored a consolation point right at the end when Marion Farrelly pointed a free. Scorers - Kerry: L Ní Mhuircheartaigh 0-8 (0-2f), E Dineen 1-2, H O'Donoghue 0-3, N Carmody 0-1, L Scanlon 0-1.

Meath: E Duggan 0-3f, S Melia 0-1, M Farrelly 0-1f.

KERRY: C Butler; B O'Connor, E Lynch, C Murphy; A O'Connell, K Cronin, C McCarthy; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody (c), A Harrington, L Scanlon; H O'Donoghue, E Dineen, L Ní Mhuircheartaigh. Subs: D O'Leary for Harrington (ht), C Lynch for O'Connor (38), K Brosnan for McCarthy (50), J Lucey for Ní Mhuircheartaigh (56), R Smith for Galvin (56), J Gill for A O'Connell (60).

MEATH: M McGuirk (c); K Newe, A Sheridan, N Troy; N Gallogly, M.K. Lynch, A Cleary; M O'Shaughnessy, S Melia; M Thynne, L Young, C Smyth; M Byrne, M Farrelly, E Duggan. Subs: E Moyles for Byrne (41), A McCabe for Melia (46), S Lynch for Smyth (49), O Gore for Cleary (51), A O'Leary for Duggan (58)

Referee: Shane Curley (Galway)

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UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 81 DUBLIN LIONS 68

Report by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls qualified for the MissQuote.ie League Trophy semi final following a good workout in Duagh Sports and Leisure Complex this Thursday evening. Having captured the League title and promotion only last Saturday it wasn't their usual fluid display, understandable when you're coming back down from the heights of that Tallaght performance.

A couple of threes from Lynn Jones and a dominance inside spearheaded by Sofia Paska and Meabh Barry saw them race into an early lead but the Wheelers, Gillian and Ciara, were prominent too for the Lions and they made sure the gap was only three at quarters end, 23-20.

The early part of the second quarter was a blitz of scoring with Rheanne O Shea, Denise Dunlea, Rasheed and Paska all helping to push it out to 40-23. Coach James Fleming shuffled his deck with Liadh Tobin, Cliona Coffey and Mary Kate Smith all involved while Aisling Counihan hit a big three. Gillian Wheeler and Emily Smyth tried hard in this quarter for the Lions but Rasheed and Liadh Tobin made it 48-32 at half time.

The third quarter was similar to the second with St Pauls efficient early on through Rasheed, Paska O Shea, Dunlea and extended the gap to 62-36. The Wheelers and Claudia Sanchez kept their eye in but Tobin stole in the back door and the old reliables Paska and Rasheed had it at 70-46 heading into the final furlong.

The pace of the game dropped in the last period, and to be fair to the Lions they had their best moments in this quarter. Tara Nevin hit some good threes while Gillian Wheeler never gave in as they hit 22 points in the final ten minutes. Rasheed and Barry kept the scoreboard trickling till the end as St Pauls ran out 81-68 winners.

Full credit to St Joseph's Basketball club in Duagh for laying on the venue with a good local support present, a very impressive gym and a great welcome. The Dublin Lions must also be commended for travelling down on a weeknight and putting in such a committed display, despite the fact that both their professionals, Sydney Kin and Sophia Widmeyer (through injury) had returned home.

Sofia Paska hit 21, Khiarica Rasheed 16,



The Utility Trust St.Paul's Killarney team. Credit ©INPHO/Tom Maher

Rheanne O'Shea 15, Meabh Barry and Lynn Jones 9 each, Denise Dunlea 5, Aisling Counihan 3, Liadh Tobin 3, Mary Kate Smith. For the Dublin Lions Gillian Wheeler had 25, Ciara Wheeler 14, Emily Smyth 10, Tara Nevin 9, Claudia Sanchez 8.

The final stages of the competition are shaping up very much like the League itself. Swords Thunder are facing Limerick Celtics in a repeat of the league semi final while Utility Trust St Pauls await the winners of the quarter final between Templeogue and Limerick Sport Huskies which is due to be played this Saturday March 23rd in Templeogue's home court. The St Pauls semi final is down to be played over the Easter weekend.

**InsureMyVan.ie Mens Basketball League
Saturday March 16th
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SCOTTS LAKERS 89 SETU CARLOW 83

Scotts Lakers finished their regular league programme on a winning note, with a performance that sent them into a play off quarter final with Northern Conference top dogs UCD Marian. Brian Clarkes side were trying to snap themselves out of a three game losing run and they did so thanks to a much improved defensive showing. At the opposite end of the floor Braden Bell, Rui Saravia, Eoin Carroll and Jamie O Sullivan kept the Lakers in the game in the first half with Leondre Washington somewhat subdued.

But all that changed in the second half as Washington awoke from his slumber to hit an incredible 33 points in the final fifteen

minutes and help clinch a much needed confidence boosting win for his side. The return of Jack O Sullivan after ten weeks out is another leg up as they eye up a return to the UCD Sports Centre, the scene of their best win on the road this season back in October.

Before the game there was a minute's silence in memory of the late Seamus Weldon. Son Padraig is a former player, current coach, and Club Vice Chairman. Another son, James, is a former player, club coach, and current head coach to the Ireland Senior Women's Team. Seamus was a great supporter of the Club, rarely missing a game alongside Eileen.

SETU Carlow came to Killarney hoping to clinch second place in the Southern Conference with the knowledge that a win would tick that box. Michael Wallace and Kevin Donohue gave them a confident start before Braden Bell and Jamie O Sullivan got the Lakers into the conversation. Eoin Carroll, Rui Saravia and O Sullivan helped their side into a 13-12 lead before Carlow enjoyed a period of dominance through Donohue, Wallace and Jack Kehoe that put them into a 19-13 first quarter lead.

Kehoe hit another three before veteran Puff Summers and Armand Vaikuls threatened to put Carlow in the box seat at 28-15. Jamie O Sullivan went to work trying to carve into that lead and with assistance from Bell, Saravia and Carroll it was whittled down to 36-29. Carlow had now run into team foul trouble with the O Sullivans, Jack and Jamie profiting. Summers and Donohue struck back for the visitors but Saravia helped to make it a five point game, 40-35 at half time. Carlow threatened to steal away with the game early in the third quarter but Saravia and Bell caught them by the tail to keep their side in contention. Leondre Washington had yet to register a point in the game upto



now but he set the alarm clock for midway through the third quarter to come alive. He hit a staggering 21 points in five minutes, a combination of threes, cuts to the basket and free throws. The only downer for the Lakers at this stage was the foul trouble Saravia and Bell had found themselves in, with the home crowd questioning the validity of some of the calls. Donohue and Vaikuls tried to reply to the Washington whirlwind but with Bell popping in a vital basket the Lakers now led 63-62 heading into the final period.

Like a dog with a bone the Lakers refused to let go of that advantage throughout the last quarter, Bell and Carroll extending it to three. Michael Wallace was a persistent threat as well but a trademark score from Bell followed, as he got his fingerprints on the rim. It was to be Bell's final act as he got fouled out and it needed further scores from Washington and Carroll to keep the Laker noses in front. Again Carlow ran into team foul trouble before Jack O Sullivan hit a crucial score. Wallace was still probing but Washington with a little razzle dazzle pressed home the advantage. With the clock ticking down, the Lakers extended the lead out to six, 89-83 courtesy of a 100% return from the

charity stripe by Saravia and Washington.

It marked a crucial win for a side searching for its best form, with the second half probably giving some pointers in that direction. Having five players in double digits is always a good foundation with Leondre Washington leading the way with 33, Braden Bell had 15, Eoin Carroll 14, Rui Saravia and Jamie O Sullivan had 12 each, Jack O Sullivan 3.

For SETU Carlow Kevin Donohue and Michael Wallace both shot 23, Jack Kehoe had 15, Gary Morrissey 10 and Puff Summers and Arnaud Vaikuls had 6 apiece.

That UCD Marian assignment will be a repeat of the Round 4 clash which the Lakers won after one period of overtime. An outstanding fourth quarter performance set up the momentum for that heroic win, achieved with seven players. Since then UCD have gone on to capture the National Cup and headed the poll in the Northern Conference. The signing of Jonathan Jean at the turn of the year seems to have been a seminal moment for them as they've lost only one game since. He has teamed up with the already prolific Sasha Feench and Laker old boy Toby Christensen while the

wily Conor Meaney and Matthew McGrath aren't shy for a contribution either. In the other quarter finals SETU Carlow entertain Drogheda Wolves, the Limerick Celtics are at home to Tolka Rovers and Limerick Sport Eagles travel to play the Portlaoise Panthers.



Leondre Washington who scored 33 points.



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TEAMS

A busy past week saw the club u8s & u9s boys take on MEK at Murt Scott Park while the u10 girls also played MEK at Faha astro. Thanks to the coaches & parents for facilitating these games. The youths had a Monday night fixture away to Castleisland where the locals took the points on a 1-6 scoreline. Robert Kelly, Micheal Fitzgerald, Luke Henderson, Colm Riordan & Eugene Deniel were prominent for Ballyhar.

The U12 boys lost away 1-0 to Fenit samphires in league action. A late strike by Fenit took the points with Quirke, McMahon, Lyne, Myers, Comerford, Flaherty & Casey giving it their all on the day.

Both U14 squads were in Tom Hayes cup action with Team one defeating the Park B away, thanks to goals from Jamie Murphy, Alex Finn, Addy Nolan, Jack Kelly, Dylan Fitzgerald & Ryan Quilter. Team two finished 3-3 away to Killarney Athletic thanks to goals from Killian O'Sullivan & two by Patrick O'Connor. In a tense penalty shoot out, Athletic took the honours to advance to the next round. Dylan Diaz, Luke Bartlett & Nico Neuemann were also in fine form for Ballyhar.

The U15s travelled to Killorglin in Cup action where Ballyhar won on a 1-2 scoreline thanks to strikes from Conor Foley & Conor Edwards. The back four of Noel O'Sullivan, Sean Brosnan, Daire Cornally & Conor O'Leary were in fine form while Keelan Riordan, Aaron Moriarty & Ryan Quilter were solid in this cup tie.

The seniors playing their final league in Premier B away to St Brendan's Park put up a spirited performance in a 2-1 defeat. John Power with his first senior goal from the penalty spot drew the game level in the 40th minute with Park scoring what was the winning goal on the stroke of half time. Trevor O'Shea was excellent in goal along with Dan O'Shea, Danny Cronin, Ger Fitzgerald, Niall Donohoe & the O'Connor brothers. There were three youth players in the squad with great performances by Michael O'Sullivan, Micheal

MEK U12 Boys who fought bravely against Dingle Bay Rovers



Fitzgerald & Robert Kelly.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Well done to Eoin Cremin of the club u13s who has been having a fine season on his selection on the recent Kerry schoolboy team of the week.

SYMPATHY

The Club offers its Condolences to the Kelly Family, Ballyhar & the O'Leary family, Ballyhar on their recent family bereavements & condolences to Budge Grady, Furies on the passing of her brother in law Ger Healy.

MEK NOTES

UNDER 10 GIRLS

Our U10 Girls team had a fantastic morning defending well, scoring lots of goals and showing great team work in their first ever U10 game against Ballyhar. Both sides can look forward to the future of Girls football!

BOYS U12

Premier MEK Galaxy 0 - 4 Dingle Bay Rovers

Fair play to the lads who toughed it out in gale force conditions at Gallarus. A battling display against Dingle Bay, who play in the last 16 of the FAI National Cup next weekend. We wish them well!

BOYS U14 SHIELD

Mastergeeha 0-4 MEK Galaxy

A great display by the lads. Man of the match Cade Jameson scored a hatrick with Mikey Cooper getting 1. A brilliant team performance by Maurice and the boys!

MEK CONTINUE UNBEATEN RUN IN 13'S PREMIER

MEK Galaxy made it seven wins in a row as they powered home to a 6-0 win over Iveragh in Dragon's Den. Galaxy are unbeaten in as many games and look a real powerhouse in this Division.

Ava Harty continued a fruitful run in front of the posts netting on four separate occasions for MEK. Elise Brunner and Grace Ryan also netted in the win for the home side.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC NOTES

U12 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 2 - 0 St Brendan's Park

Artem Dzhandra, Myron Svyrypa

Well done to all of the Killarney Athletic U12 A's today on a well deserved hard fought 2-0 victory over Park FC A's. The boys played with confidence and was rewarded with a spectacular individual effort by Artem Dzhandra bottom corner finish to make it 1-0. Jack Doyle narrowly missed a hard worked chance to put the lads up 2-0 before half. The second half started well as Myron Svyrypa put the boys up 2-0 with a fine strike. Each and every player contributed to the hard fought victory today. They all worked their socks off, defended for their lives against a very good Park FC team and supported each other. Ewan Marshall kept a clean sheet with a confident performance. Very proud of all the young men today. Man of the match for Athletic



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u10 girls following their friendly game v MEK utd on Saturday last.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC seniors following their 2-1 loss to St Brendans park in Premier B of the KDL on Saturday last.



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today was captain and centre midfield Rory Moynihan who had his best performance of the year leading his team. Thank you to Park FC for a very sporting match.

U14B CUP RESULT

Killarney Athletic 3 - 3 Ballyhar

Athletic win on penalties

Cracking cup tie in Ferndale, we were 3-1 up and cruising but a gritty Ballyhar battled back to draw level and Darragh Lucey was the hero saving 3 pens in the shoot out

Scorers: Corkery, Aodhagan and Marshall

On to the next round, well done boys

U15 CUP RESULT

Killarney Athletic 8 - 1 Killarney Celtic

Jayden Hurley, Ryan Kissane, Alex Doolan, Juan Martin, Junior Mayunga, Samuel Sjogren

Our U15's took on Killarney Celtic B team this evening in Woodlawn in the cup and while the boys ran out convincing winners, the victory was overshadowed by a bad hand injury to one of the Celtic players. Everyone at Killarney Athletic wish him all the best and a speedy recovery.

Our boys started and finished the game in dominant fashion scoring some excellent goals. There was a couple of belters in there from Ryan, Jayden and Sam. Alex notched a header, Juan and Junior scored with 2 great finishes. It has to be mentioned Ryan Kissane put in a wonderful performance with 2 goals and 3 assists. We wish Celtic all the best in the shield and next up for our boys is an away trip to Tralee Dynamos next weekend.

Thank you to everyone that took part in the St Patrick Day Parade

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3, 6, 14, 20. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €75. Next jackpot €6,600 on Monday March 25th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, club members and online through clubzap.

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Killarney Celtic squad in the Tom Hayes U14 Shield vs Castleisland B

Villa FC 7-0 Killarney Celtic

Not to be our day in Waterford. Villa hit the front early on and led 2-0 at the break. Villa finished the game as a contest with their 3rd and they advanced to the final where they will play St Michaels.

U16 TUCKER KELLY CUP

Castleisland AFC 1-0 Killarney Celtic

Despite a fine performance with numerous shots on goal, the U16 squad exited the Tucker Kelly Cup.

HEALY FAMILY U15 CUP

Killarney Athletic A were winners over Killarney Celtic B.

U14 TOM HAYES SHIELD

Castleisland AFC B 3-5 Killarney Celtic B

Marco Mosca 2, Jason Harrington 2, Marc Sheehan

The U14B squad advanced to the next round of the shield after a very dominant 1st half which saw Celtic lead 4-0 at the break. Celtic added No 5 early in the 2nd half but Castleisland fought back with 3 goals. Celtic steadied themselves to see out the game.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic White 5-1 Listowel Celtic

Kyle Fleming 2, Richard Ivan, David Ajibare, Keenan McCarthy

Celtic White took all 3 points after a very strong performance at home. The win keeps the squad in the running for the divisional title.

U12 DIV 2 SOUTH

St Brendans Park 4-2 Killarney Celtic Gold

Noah Murphy, Aodhan O Halloran

Despite the early start and the wet weather, the Gold squad travelled in great numbers for this game.

GIRLS

U17 PREMIER

St Brendans Park 0-6 Killarney Celtic

Casey Mulry 2, Hannah Casey, Saranya Ryan, 2OG

The U17 squad continued their good form with a fine display in Tralee. Celtic were powerful in all areas of the pitch and they collected another 3 points to remain unbeaten in the league.

Many thanks to all who marched with the club in the St Patrick's Day Parade. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Killarney Celtic squad in the Tom Hayes U14 Shield vs Castleisland B



Killarney Athletic Under 10's who are off to Blackpool.

Killarney Athletic u10's are going to Blackpool to take part in the famous Blackpool Cup which is an annual competition run by Euro-Sporting and takes place on the 30th & 31st of March 2024. The weekend starts with an opening ceremony in the renowned Blackpool Tower on the Friday night before the real fun starts with games on both Saturday and Sunday.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC ARE OFF TO BLACKPOOL

There will be over 400 teams in all attending from all over Ireland, the UK & Central Europe. The competition is now in its 30th year!

The 23 players, parents and coaches recently gathered in the Dromhall Hotel to receive their gear for the upcoming competition. 2 squads will take part in the U10 boys category and there was great excitement on the night as the draw was made for squad numbers by Senior Manager and Captain, Brendan Moloney and Shane Doolan. All players received a full kit and bag kindly sponsored by The Great Southern Hotel and The Park Place Apartments. They also received a training top, again kindly sponsored by Gleeson Dental and Moriarty & Murphy Accountants. We are extremely grateful to our 4 generous sponsors.

Killarney Athletic will face off against teams from England, Scotland & Ireland in their group stages on the Saturday before hopefully progressing to the knockout stages on the Sunday. The travelling party fly out from Kerry Airport on the 29th of March and will no doubt do the club proud! We will also have previous club member, Jamie Vermiglio, join us to watch the lads on the Saturday & who is now club chairman and ex manager of Chorley FC.



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

FOLEY INJURY OVERSHADOWS VICTORY OVER ROSCOMMON

National League:

Kerry 1-17 Roscommon 1-11

I suppose it's a sign of where both counties are that Kerry came out of Dr. Hyde Park with a comfortable win but without allaying any worries about our depth. In fact, a big worry going forward is a nasty enough injury to Jason Foley; that's unquestionably one of our linchpin players. That said, there's a bit too much eagerness to be hunting for a villain of the piece on social media to suit me. I've seen the same video most people have, and I don't think it was intentional. It doesn't make sense either – you scoring a goal would provoke an angry reaction from you? When you have just reduced the deficit to a manageable level? The lad is a volunteer representing his county; let's all hold off on the metaphorical stone-throwing.

The truth is that Kerry were okay, no more than that, it a game that epitomised why Jim Gavin, Eamonn Fitzmaurice, and co. have a very daunting task ahead of them in revitalising a sport that has become dull to watch. Both sides were ultra defensive and risk-averse here and it just plain and simple wasn't entertaining. I didn't make it to Roscommon myself, relying instead on a combination of TG4 and Kerry Radio (who were excellent), and I was kind of glad I didn't.

We've seen Dublin, who took us to school while keeping plenty of powder dry, and Derry (I suspect they might be going a bit strong for so early in the year) absolutely sliced Mayo open. Kerry, and granted we are not putting full pedal to metal just yet, look a fair distance behind.

Roscommon are just not in that kind of conversation. I like the Rossies – frankly, any county whose supporters take gleeful pride in a nickname like 'the sheepstealers' are my kind of people. They are rarely up among the elite counties, but they are always capable of giving any of those counties a good rattle. But this was

a lacklustre showing that never really fired the blood.

Kerry opened the scoring with Joe O'Connor fisting over the bar. Kerry always had the edge in the middle third – O'Connor is industry personified, but I have to say I am becoming a firm admirer of Barry Dan O'Sullivan's positional sense and game intelligence. I think he does a lot of simple and uncredited things perfectly. I often think of an aging Franz Beckenbauer when he was asked why he could beat so many younger players to the ball in a race from A to B. "I never start at A", the great man replied simply. Ronan Daly replied and Roscommon turned over the Kerry kick-out to win a free. There seemed to be a bit of bite to the wind as Diarmuid Murtagh's effort curled wide. A second effort by him also went astray. At this level, teams need to be taking those.

Gavin White and Dara Moynihan were covering a lot of ground for Kerry – both came in for a certain amount of criticism early in the league but have been absolutely superb in recent outings – and a surge by the Crokes' man saw David Clifford smoothly split the posts. Barry Dan O'Sullivan fisted over from a tight angle for another – again, nothing overly complicated.

Roscommon with another wide and Seán O'Brien with a Kerry score. It showed the difference between the teams; Kerry were just that bit more clinical – without, and I have to stress this, setting the world alight in any way themselves. Sure enough, Roscommon racked up yet another wide and Dara Moynihan set up Darragh Roche for a score. A superb turnover by Seán O'Shea saw David Clifford raise another white flag. This game was dying a slow death as Kerry lead by 0-6 to 0-1.

After twenty minutes, Roscommon got their second score. It was a fantastic kick and credit where it's due, but it's by their goalkeeper Conor Carroll. The goalkeeper. If ever there was an indictment of a forward line...I was sorely tempted to turn off the television.

Roscommon, looking to close that deficit, for some reason decided to absolutely pack their defence even more. I don't know, maybe

they wanted to give Carroll space to attack or something. The amount of bodies back there didn't bother David Clifford; he just curled the ball over them with his left boot.

Roscommon have put up very little to encourage their supporters, but Enda Smith sold a great dummy and fired over a beauty. Daire Cregg added another. Were they kicking up a gear? We could but hope....

This is an old bugbear by now, but still worth highlighting. Kerry broke at speed and Seán O'Shea flicks it to the net, but is fouled in the process. So the referee applies the advantage rule and calls play back for the penalty.

So, as a reward for being fouled, Seán's goal is chalked off and it's a penalty to Kerry. Exactly how is a penalty more of an advantage than a goal being awarded? It's a completely illogical but constant application of the rule.

David with the penalty, and that's not a great effort. He seemed to concentrating more on the march up than the ball itself and it rose too high. Ah well, you learn lessons by trying things. We'll take a point. A foul on Paul Murphy saw Seán O'Shea step up to the free but it's a very uncharacteristic miss from the Kenmare man. Again, not a big deal in a game like this, especially not with Roscommon's shooting being so far off – they leave two more scoring chances behind them before the whistle.

Half-time Kerry 0-8 Roscommon 0-4. You'd be a while putting together a highlights reel.

Roscommon come out with a bit more ambition and Enda Smith kicks another good score. Daire Cregg adds another. There's just two points in it now and this could (hopefully) be about to get very interesting.

Barry Dan O'Sullivan scores his second point. I like that. No hesitation, no sizing up options. I'm an inter-county footballer and I'm inside shooting range, so I'm shooting. Frankly, every player in every county, and I include defenders, should consider that a basic requirement of the jersey.

A Seán O'Shea effort ballooned high but Darragh Roche did really well to gather and give it out to David Clifford for another point.



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Dara Moynihan adds another and the gap is back to five points again. Paudie Clifford is very narrowly wide with a great effort – I absolutely love that he took the chance on. His brother gathered from Seán O'Shea to clip over another. This is comfortable rather than inspiring football, more down to Roscommon's deficiencies than any particular Kerry brilliance. Enda Smith is Roscommon's key threat and he takes another nice point, but Diarmuid Murtagh is having an off day and spurns another chance from a free – in fairness to Murtagh, he's usually much better than this. Every player can have an off day.

Paudie Clifford clips the post but again Kerry are sharpest to react, with Seán O'Shea slotting the rebound.

With quarter of an hour left, Diarmuid Murtagh slipped by Seán O'Brien on the byline and crossed for Cathal Henaghan to fist home. The game needed it. Roscommon won the kick-out, but this time Kerry managed to clear the danger.

Disaster. Jason Foley is down and it's immediately obvious that it's bad. This is the one thing Jack O'Connor definitely won't have wanted. Our list of walking wounded is already a bit of an issue and our All Star full back is a key component in our ambitions, to say the least. It's a separate conversation, but are games coming too thick and fast? It feels like both clubs and counties have no time to really recuperate or steady themselves. All of the experts will tell you that the difference between professional and amateur sports isn't really the training, it's the rest periods.

Stephen O'Brien with a fine point, but Ronan Daly replied in kind. Paudie Clifford looks up and splits the posts. Kerry are putting this game to bed. Roscommon notch another wide – that's their tenth of the evening. Turn those into scores and you have a different narrative.

Paul Geaney finds Stephen O'Brien but he couldn't quite finish it to the net. Those two had a refreshing directness to them. Donie Smith kicked a superb point from a tight angle for Roscommon, but Paul Geaney hit a great rejoinder for Kerry. Smith added a free. It says something worrying about Kerry that Roscommon were still hanging on in this game. Injury time. Paul Geaney notched his second point and then laid off the final ball for Joe O'Connor to roll it past a helpless Carroll. Sin sin, done and dusted.

A win is a win, but that's about all that can be said. Kerry are safe in Division One with Galway left to play and have an outside chance of reaching a League Final (I don't particularly want to) but Jack O'Connor will be coming away from this one with more questions than answers.

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

Laois 4-20 Kerry 1-19

With no relegation this year and no prospect of a semi-final, the atmosphere here was more like the RTE symphony orchestra than a Taylor Swift concert. The truth is that the wheels have completely come off Kerry's hurling wagon this year and the absentee list seems to be growing

with every game.

Kerry actually started brightly enough. Laois had the opening two scores through Ross King and Pádraig Delaney but the outstanding Dan Goggin replied with a brace. Fionán Mackessy nudged Kerry in front and Michael Leane doubled our advantage. King and Goggin exchanged scores. Unfortunately Kerry were desperately unlucky as a Ross King free deceived everyone and dropped into the Kerry net. Maurice O'Connor (f) and Willie Dunphy swapped scores before Laois found the net again. There was nothing fortuitous about that one, as Ian Shanahan won the puckout and laid off to James Duggan, who sliced through a static defence and blasted to the net. Duggan added a point in reply to a Maurice O'Connor free. By the time that Mossy Keyes nailed a third goal for the home side, Laois were firmly on top all over the field and smoothly picking off their points, with Kerry trailing by 3-12 to 0-8 at the break.

Two points from Maurice O'Connor (1f) briefly raised Kerry hopes but Ross King replied with a brace of his own. King was always able to respond as Kerry picked off scores through Kyle O'Connor, Gavin Dooley, and Evan Murphy. Two more frees from Maurice O'Connor were followed by a goal from a free by Fionán Mackessy – no fluke, the O'Loughlin Gaels man picked his spot perfectly. Michael Leane and Dan Goggin made it 1-4 on the trot for Kerry to just six points, but Laois always had that little bit to spare and a second Mossy Keyes goal late on wrapped up a victory that had always been on the cards. Tough times for Kerry, and they will be fervently hoping that Shane Conway returns from injury for the McDonagh Cup. Realistically Kerry will absolutely have to target newly promoted Meath for a win if they are to retain their status at the grade.

Kerry: Diarmuid Quirke, Fíor McCarthy, Dáithí Griffin, Kyle O'Connor (0-1), Bill Keane, Evan Murphy (0-1), Eric Leen, Gavin Dooley (0-1), Fionán Mackessy (1-1, 1-0f), Killian Hayes, Maurice O'Connor (0-6f), Dan Goggin (0-7), Michael Leane (0-2), Tom Doyle, David Woulfe. Subs: Tomas O'Connor (for Tom Doyle, half-time), Ronán Walsh (for David Woulfe, half-time), Morgan Madden (for Gavin Dooley, 58 mins), Darragh Reen (for Killian Hayes, 58 mins), Seamie Foran (for Fíor McCarthy, 69 mins)

HOGAN HEARTBREAK FOR MOUNTHAWK

Hogan Cup Final: Omagh CBS 3-14 Mercy Mounthawk 0-11

Hogan Cup debutantes Mercy Mounthawk were always going to be up against it here, with Omagh CBS still backboned by last year's competition winners, and so it proved. The Tralee sides' chance weren't helped by the absence of usual centre half Jack Murphy through injury – he had been a real driving force for them all year and one would expect that Kerry U20 manager Tomás Ó Sé will be keeping his fingers crossed that the Stacks man makes a speedy recovery.

Paddy Lane was as always at the forefront for Mounthawk, notching their opening score

from play from a Ben Murphy pass and then adding a mark (super ball in by Niall Collins) and a free won by Ben. Omagh should have already had a goal by then, though, the blanket defence swallowing up a Mounthawk attack and the ball cleared fast on the counter to Paidí Dillon, who could have done better with his volleyed effort. Charlie Donnelly had Omagh on the board and the man of the match (I personally thought Callum Daly at centre back gave a stunning exhibition) would go on to add four more from play, while his midfield partner Eoin Donaghy would add two. Seven points from midfield is pretty much going to buckle any team and Mounthawk were bailing water in that sector all through.

Playmaker Ruairí McCullagh and Eoin Donaghy had Omagh level before Niall Collins scored sensational point from distance to nudge Mounthawk back in front. Ruairí McCullagh and the irrepressible Donnelly reversed that lead but Omagh lost Ruairí McCullagh for ten minutes after a very late and clumsy challenge – to be fair, I think it was more clumsiness than malice, but it was dangerous enough and the black card was justified. Paddy Lane and Liam Óg Mossey exchanged frees to leave Mounthawk just a point behind at the break – maybe not quite a reflection of Omagh's dominance.

Half-time Omagh 0-7 Mercy Mounthawk 0-6

Liam Óg Mossey opened the second half with another free after Eoin Donaghy was fouled – I won't lie, I thought it was a penalty. Charlie Donnelly added yet another point.

The first goal arrived in the 40th minute and unfortunately, it came from a defensive error, the ball just slipping through a well-positioned defenders' fingers to leave Paidí Dillon all day to pick his spot. Sean Corkery replied with a good point but five minutes later the second one arrived, Ruairí McCullagh's effort at a point coming down off the post to an unmarked Dillon. Pádraig O'Halloran did brilliantly to clear his effort off the line, only to see his attempted handpass intercepted and McCullagh blast home.

Paddy Lane, double marked by now, picked off a point from play and added a free won by Tomás Kennedy (I felt that Mounthawk might have profited from more high balls into the big full forward, but sure hindsight wins a lot of wars) but the writing was already on the wall. Omagh kicked the next three points and added a third goal through McCullagh. Tomás Kennedy did gather a superb mark for a point but Eoin Donaghy closed out Omagh's deserved victory.

A tough one for Mounthawk, but nonetheless it has been a great year for them, capped with that debut Corn Uí Mhuirí title.

BIG WIN FOR KINGDOM WARRIOR

It was basically a dream debut for Kerry boxer Kevin Cronin in his first professional fight on US soil, and the large Irish contingent in Boston were appreciative of the expertise he brought to the ring. He took control right from the off, keeping Patrick Pierre on the back foot with left



jabs. In fairness, the American did land a few punches in the middle of the first round but Cronin was landing much better shots towards the finish.

Pierre came out swinging in the second but Cronin's footwork was better and he gradually began to wear the local man down. Pierre was definitely laboured in the third and did well enough to last the round, but the Tralee boxer had the measure of his man now and his combinations had the New Yorker reeling. Stuck on the ropes and taking shots to both the body and the head, there was no respite and the referee quite rightly interceded to call it off and award a technical knock-out. Cronin would have gone into this fight as the favourite, but this was a lot more emphatic than expected and puts Cronin and promoter Michael Conlon firmly in the spotlight.

RUGBY

Ireland Crowned Champions

Six Nations: Ireland 17 Scotland 13

You'd say that Ireland don't exactly have so many Six Nations titles that we can afford to be grumbling about the manner of one. You'd be wrong. Ireland came into this tournament as reigning champions and one of the best team in the world, even without Sexton. We had width, pace, power, and array of options all over the field. And at times, we looked like that – the French game was brilliant. But, while it certainly wouldn't be fair to say that the wheels came off the wagon, we did seem to get a little derailed by the finish. Fair enough, we were missing some top guns – Keenan can be a great lock-pick in games like this one – but we seemed a bit ponderous. England took away our chances of a Grand Slam, and that one point defeat actually flattered a very outclassed Ireland on the day, and everything seemed to feel a bit hollow after that.

Van der Merwe made the first real break for Scotland – his pace and power always concern me, but Dan Sheehan did really well. Scotland were quite obviously up for this one and a penalty coughed up by James Lowe saw Finn Russell kick Scotland in front. Ireland responded with a great break by Robbie Henshaw, allowing Jack Crowley to find the corner. Scotland made an absolute hames of the line-out, picking out Dan Sheehan for a try that truthfully was more about bad defending than quality attack. The scoreboard doesn't have points on merit, though, and Ireland were in front, with Crowley

slotting the conversion.

Scotland weren't afraid to go at Ireland and Finn Russell notches another penalty. Neither side was free-flowing, but they seemed to be that little bit more up for the contest than we are.

Ireland with a penalty and a chance to extend their lead, but Crowley couldn't quite get it there. No big deal, Sexton and O'Gara weren't exactly nailing those ones at stage of their careers either. I'm more than happy to give him time.

There were little mistakes on both sides that keep breaking the

patterns of play and ensured that the scoreline remained unchanged at the break, with Ireland leading by 7 to 6.

Ireland made a better start to the second half, with Lowe and Aki taking the ball at Scotland and good Irish pressure forcing a penalty that Crowley put over. That's a bit of daylight between the sides, hopefully Ireland can get their rhythm going now.

That's certainly how it looked as Ireland drove forward. Great burst by Tadhg Furlong and that looks like a try to me. There was a wobble on it but I thought he had regained control of the ball and there was clear downward pressure as he grounded it. Very tight call but the TMO over-ruled it. No try.

Scotland haven't become toothless, with Jamison Gibson Park doing well to clear the lines, but it's mostly green shirts pushing forward and Scotland are defending stoutly.

Ireland pressed again and this time it looked as if Henshaw got in, only for a Scottish hand to get down fast enough as he grounded it. Great defending.

Ireland could scent blood now, though. Pressure always tends to tell in rugby and Ireland finally made the breakthrough, Andrew Porter bursting through. Crowley converted to put Ireland eleven points clear and it's a deserved lead. It's hard to see Scotland coming out of this with a win and the Six Nations Championship is realistically done and dusted.

Scotland got in for a try from Huw Jones and I'm sorry, but Ireland were sound asleep for that one. That's a try that the likes of New Zealand or South Africa will never give you and I imagine there will be some quiet conversations about that one going forward. Another try and Scotland could snatch victory here.

Ireland captain Peter O'Mahony has looked emotional all day and I for one fully expect that he will call it a day. Conor Murray, too, has finally started looking his age and showing the wear and tear. Two great giants of the Irish game and it's nice to see them bow out with medals – plenty of great Irish players never got that chance.

Elsewhere, it seems that the Welsh dragon could no longer start a fire if you gave it a flamethrower. Italy, who had won the grand total of two Six Nations games in nine years, went unbeaten for three games this year and won two. I've been critical of their participation in the Six Nations in previous years; I'm more than happy to eat my words now. They showed

far more flair than Wales and if anything, they deserved to win by a lot more.

What can you say about France and England? That was some kick in those circumstances. Imagine if Scotland had scored another try against us, leaving the door open for England to take the title? What a finish that would have been! As Oscar Wilde famously said about the death of Little Nell in a Charles Dickens novel which provoked a tremendous wave of sympathy in England at the time, "One would need a heart of stone not to laugh at the death of Little Nell". The little devil on my shoulder felt exactly like that when Thomas Ramos put that last long distance monster between the posts.

SOCCER

In a week packed with sporting highlights, my absolute favourite comes from supporters rather than a team or player. When Brighton faced Roma in the first leg of the Europa League, they were greeted with a fairly nasty banner by the Italian fans insulting the late queen of England. Nasty stuff, mind you.

Francisco Totti was Roma's greatest striker and a club as well as national legend. In his heyday, Totti was basically unstoppable.

Italians are fiercely proud of their cuisine. Not the Americanised versions, which came about largely because the immigrant Italians had much better access to meat, hence you got the likes of inch thick meatballs and 'chicken alfredo'. They do use garlic, but the notion of serving garlic bread with every meal.... no chance. Carbonara, funnily enough, was invented during the second world war because the visiting US soldiers to Rome had bacon.

Italian food is very Mediterranean, pasta, quality cheeses, fresh ingredients. Olive oil rather than butter or heavy fats. In Italy, unlike in my house, spaghetti Bolognese does not contain mushrooms, peas, diced turnip, or anything that's just lying round. The colder northern cultures, including Celts, Danes (i.e. Scandinavians), and Germans, were always more meat-based. Italians would never load a pizza with meats, not in any of the many regional variants. Even worse, of course, would be the 'Hawaiian' pizza (it was actually invented in Canada) which contains pineapple as a topping. Even Americans generally draw the line at that.

The Brighton fans felt that they had a point to prove, and by jaysus but prove a point they did. As the visiting Roma took the field, the Brighton fans in the crowd unveiled a banner that simply read "Totti adora l'ananas sulla pizza".

'Totti loves pineapples on pizza'.

That is just about the classiest rejoinder I have ever come across. I laughed my head off. It's more funny than insulting, and it basically announced that in the war of words, Roma had just been absolutely hammered.

I know almost nothing about Brighton. DJ Fatboy Slim (Norman Cook) came from there and the English royal family popularised it as a holiday resort in the 19th century. That's it, that's all I know. I can't name a single player.

But I will have a soft spot for them for always now.



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KILLARNEY LEGION

COUNTY LEAGUE

Our two senior teams commenced their County league programmes this weekend with both playing in Direen. On Friday night the Senior B team host Castleisland Desmonds at 7pm. Originally due to be played in Castleisland the game has reverted to Direen at the request of the Desmonds, who are mindful of their playing surface. The Division 1 games sees Ballymacelligot visit Direen on Saturday with a 5pm throw in.

The fixtures for the league are:

Division 1

Laune Rangers v Killarney Legion 31st March
Killarney Legion v Kerins O Rahillys 7th April
Kilcummin v Killarney Legion 21st April
Milltown Castlemaine v Killarney Legion 28th April
Killarney Legion v Rathmore 5th May
Spa v Killarney Legion 19th May
Killarney Legion v Dingle 26th May
Dr Crokes v Killarney Legion 2nd June
Killarney Legion v An Ghaeltacht 9th June
Glenflesk v Killarney Legion 23rd June.

Division 6

Killarney Legion v An Ghaeltacht 31st March
Keel B v Killarney Legion 7th April
Killarney Legion v Fossa B 21st April
Killarney Legion v Ballylongford 28th April
Kerins O Rahillys B v Killarney Legion 5th May
Killarney Legion v Kilcummin B 19th May
More fixtures will be confirmed after this phase.

ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

A big bualadh bos for everyone involved with the club in this years St. Patrick's Day parade. It was a brilliant effort from all, from children to the adults. Well done to everyone who helped out, to the parents, organisers and the children for the huge effort put into the float.

KERRY LADIES

A successful weekend for both Kerry Ladies teams. The Minors, featuring Andrea Murphy in the panel, had a 3-16 to 0-10 win over Waterford while the Seniors took a step closer to the National League final easily getting the better of Meath in Ashbourne. Keri-Ann Hanrahan is of course member of the panel.

MAIREAD O DONOGHUE

Currently living in Australia, Mairead hasn't let her GAA skills go, lining out with Michael Cusacks. They had a successful weekend recently capturing the Gosburn Tournament. The daughter of Donal and Linda O Donoghue, she was not the sole Kerry representative in the winning side. Danielle O Sullivan and Deirdre O'Shea flew the Kingdom flag proudly at its conclusion.

CHELTEMHAM FANTASY COMPETITION

Our Senior Men's team once again ran a very successful competition based around the famous Racing festival in Cheltenham. Held over the four days, entrants were invited to pick their winners on the big four races each day and the finish was as close as any race. Dan Foran came with a wet sail on the last day to pip Brian O Sullivan by a short head with Colm O'Mahony just grabbing third by a fraction from Bridget McGuire. Well done to Peter McCarthy

and David O Sullivan, who looked after all the administrative duties over the four days and helped put a few Bob in the kitty.

STEPHEN BROSANAN

The Club extends its best wishes to former player Stephen Brosnan as he battles illness. Stephen is currently involved with St Josephs Club in Wexford and they are busily organising fundraising events for his treatment. You can contribute to their efforts at the following link <https://gofund.me/d72b7d45>

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Condolences to the family of Eileen O'Shea who passed away during the week. Eileen's son Kieran is a coach of our juvenile teams and 4 of her grandchildren are active members of the club. May she Rest in Peace.

LOTTO

Results Monday March 11th. Numbers were 3, 5, 6, 20. Bonus No. 23. Jackpot €7,000. No Winner. Match 3s/ Lucky Dips: 1. Brid McGillycuddy 2. Enda O Mara 3. Breda O Connor 4. Stephanie Enfield 5. Bernie Foley

FOSSA NOTES

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 17/03/2024 for a jackpot of €10,500 were 1, 21, 24, 26. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Siobhan Kiely, Online; Donald O'Sullivan, Online; Margaret Cunningham, Fossa; Sheila Moynihan, Two Mile; David Butler, Dromin. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

SYMPATHY

Club members were saddened to hear of the passing of our vice president Seamus Weldon on Saturday, and would like to extend sympathies to Eileen, Kathleen, Mike, James, Padraig, and their extended families. Seamus was born and raised in Mulhussey, Co Meath and like many more that time, travelled to England for work when he finished an apprenticeship. Here he met Eileen Griffin from Barleymount, they returned home to get

married, and a year later in 1967 returned to Barleymount for good. Seamus worked on the buildings for a couple of years before joining Liebherr. He left them after 17 years to start his own, very successful lawnmower servicing and sales business, taking on the main Ireland John Deere agency in 1993. Seamus was very involved as a coach in Fossa GAA for over 20 years from the late '80's and had great successes with many juvenile teams and also South Kerry Development squads. A Fossa/Listry minor combination managed by Seamus in 2000 won the East Kerry Div 2 Championship and in winning that gave them a crack at the Div 1 East Kerry C'ship which they also won. Seamus took on our Senior team in 2002 for 3 years, winning the County Novice Shield with them in 2002. Seamus was a very active executive member during this time also, and was hugely instrumental in several fundraising initiatives. He was involved in the very successful car draw towards the development of our fine facilities in Grotroe in 1994 when he carried the car all over the county and beyond, and also in the day to day finances of the club. Seamus and Mick Myers were to the fore in setting up the club lotto and several Race Nights in the '00's. Seamus was elected as a vice president of the club in 2017 as a recognition of his great service. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

SENIOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE, ROUND 1.

FOSSA 3-14, LISTRY 4-8

An incredible 2nd half performance saw Fossa overcome Listry in the 1st round of the Development League. Losing at half time, 4-6 to 1-3, it was not looking good. However, every player stood up in the 2nd half and put in a huge shift. With 10 different scorers on the day, this was a real team effort.

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Fossa played Tarbert/Ballylongford in a cracker of a game in Fossa on Saturday afternoon. Fossa raced into an early lead with points from Fionn Doyle, Dylan O'Meara and Conor O'Mahony. Tarbert/B'longford were awarded a penalty in the 13th minute, which they scored and they added three more goals between that and the 20th minute and Fossa looked to be in trouble. This is where character was needed and Fossa



Hedge planting on the Hans Liebherr Rd st Brendan's pupils helped to plant 900 saplings to create a hedge on the grass verge of this road way to create a natural corridor to support biodiversity on this important link Rd on the approach to our national park This is a tidy towns project supported by Kerry County Council.



weren't found wanting, Shay McCormick kicked two points to keep the scoreboard ticking and the half time score was Tarbert/B'longford 4-03, Fossa 0-07. Fossa responded brilliantly in the second half, Ryan Brady got stuck in at midfield, Darragh Whelton pulled off a couple of brilliant point blank saves in goal to keep his team in the game and every player upped the ante, big time. Dylan O'Meara had the ball in the net twice in the opening 10 minutes, Sam Clerkin kicked a point, then David Butler went on a searing run forward and he offloaded to Mikey Moroney who hit a great shot to the net. Game on, Dylan O'Meara kicked a free and the teams were all square after 19 minutes of play. Tarbert/B'longford hit back with a goal and a point but Fossa refused to lie down, they contested every ball and three frees from Dylan O'Meara had them right back in this game. With time up, Fossa trailed by two points when they got a free which was floated into the square. Mark Kennelly rose highest and got a brilliant flick on the ball but agonisingly, it went just over the top of the crossbar. Time ran out and Tarbert/B'longford finished strongly to run out victors on a score of 6-09 to 3-14. This was a game that Fossa scarcely deserved to lose, their attitude was excellent and they played with great spirit and endeavour.

There was a minute's silence observed before the game in memory of Seamus Weldon, a man who trained numerous underage teams over the years and who gave phenomenal service to Fossa GAA club. May He Rest in Peace.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Seodhla Collieran who helped the Kerry minor team in their win over Waterford in the Munster Minor Championship in Banteer on Saturday.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is now due and needs to be paid before 31st March. It can be obtained on the Clubforce app or from any one of our club officers.

EAST KERRY

MONTHLY MEETING

Our next monthly meeting takes place at the Heights Hotel, on Tuesday March 26th, at 9pm.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the family of Ger (Gerald) Healy, Knockancore, Kilcummin, Killarney, Kerry, on his recent death.

FIRIES GAA CLUB

KEANE'S SUPERVALU DIVISION 3B ROUND 5 Firies 0-10 St Senan's 1-9

With a semi-final spot already secured in the final round of the county league, Firies came up short against a strong St Senan's spine and came out the wrong side of a narrow encounter. This was a hard game missing key players but with a semi-final spot secured and will be hoping to get their hands on silverware in a couple of weeks.

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

UNDER 8 & UNDER 10

Training continues next Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. Age 5 upwards. Hurleys & helmets provided. Please come along and try out a few sessions. Only need to bring runners and water. Contact Secretary Eimear Flynn for more information 087-6481736

UNDER 12 TRAINING

Under 12 training continues on Friday 22nd March. Venue & time tbc. Bring runners, boots, hurley, helmet & water. New players welcome. Contact Secretary Eimear Flynn for more information 087-6481736

KERRY U14 CAMOGIE

Congratulations to Killarney players Bríde Breen, Caoimhe Dineen & Sinéad Murphy who played their first challenge game for Kerry last weekend v Tipperary in UL. A fantastic achievement and no doubt the first of many for these talented girls.

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for all age groups on Foireann. Please check out our Facebook page for details on how to register. Contact Registrar Louise Moynihan or Secretary Eimear Flynn with any queries.

FÉILE MEDAL PRESENTATION

Our Féile medal presentation takes place on Friday 19th April at the Gleneagle Hotel. Members of last year's winning Division 2 Féile team will receive their county medals. More details to follow

PAT SHEEHAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

After the success of last year's tournament, this year's blitz for small teacher schools will take place on Friday 19th April in Spa. More details to follow

DR. CROKES

ACADEMY

Our Academy continues every Saturday morning, for boys and girls between 4 and 11 from the Killarney area. Hurling from 10-11 and Football from 11:15-12:15. Fun and friendship guaranteed. Bring a friend.

EASTER CAMP

Our Annual Easter Camp will take place on Wednesday 3rd April to Friday 5th April from 10am to 2pm. https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=2545&intMF_ID=13513#topp

DR. CROKES GAA CLUB EVENTS

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MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Crokes GAA Membership for the 2024 season is now open online. This is the last week for membership. If membership is not paid players will not be able to play or train with the club. https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=13281#Anchor

MOTHERS & OTHERS

Our Mothers & Others team continues training



Killarney Camogie Club players who were members of the Kerry U14 team v Tipperary last weekend

on Monday nights. New members are always welcome. Contact Catherine Keogh on 087 2827626.

FR. PADDY'S CARD'S continue every Wednesday at 8pm in the clubhouse. There is lots of money to be won. All you need is €5 and a partner. All are Welcome.

GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASSES with Kathleen have now finished. They will resume again after Easter on Monday 15th April.

LOTTO took place March 18th. Numbers drawn were 4, 14, 15, 26 Jackpot of €8,300 was NOT WON. 5 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €80. Jackpot for draw on March 25th will be €8,600. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor

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BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

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Over €3.9m for Kerry projects under Community Recognition Fund

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has welcomed €3,946,095 in funding for Kerry County Council under the Community Recognition Fund 2024.

The Community Recognition Fund was first introduced last year to recognise the huge efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting people coming to Ireland.

Through the 2023 allocation, funding of €50 million was approved for some 900 projects in supporting cities, towns and villages nationwide that have welcomed people from Ukraine and other countries.

Under today's announcement, a further €50 million is being provided again to deliver projects over 2024 and 2025.

Local authorities, in collaboration with communities, will be funded to develop projects that will deliver long term benefits to those living in the areas selected.

Projects that will be funded include:

- Development or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens, allotments, and recreational areas;
- Development or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities;
- Enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours;
- Purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations
- Transport infrastructure such as community vehicles

Minister Foley said: "The Community Recognition Fund will give towns and villages across Kerry an opportunity to create a more inclusive and enjoyable environment for all. This is a very significant funding announcement by Government with over

€3.9m being allocated to Kerry County Council and it builds on the €4.4 million allocated to the county in 2023. By investing in facilities and organisations that facilitate integration and community participation, we are building stronger communities that embrace diversity while promoting social cohesion."

"I know communities the length and breadth of the country have really stepped up to the plate in recent months in terms of welcoming families from Ukraine or those seeking asylum from other countries.

"This funding is about recognising the efforts and the generosity that so many communities have shown."



Bus Shelter for Farranfore is vital

Aontú Candidate for the Castleisland Electoral Area Cáit Ní Riordáin has welcomed confirmation from the NTA that Farranfore is included on Kerry County Council's short list for technical assessment for the provision of a bus shelter.

Cáit Ní Riordáin:

"I have been informed by the NTA that the technical assessment will consider space availability at the proposed location, road safety considerations, accessibility standards, as well as the design details and technical requirements relating to the bus shelter. I have been contacted by many people regarding this issue including those who have had to stand in the rain while waiting for the airport service that leaves just after midnight. Therefore, the provision of a bus shelter in Farranfore is vital."

INCREASE IN RATES

Fianna Fáil County Councillor, Michael Cahill has blasted the Rates Valuation Office in Dublin as being out of touch with reality, following the recent issuing of Rates Bills for businesses in Kerry.

"In a time in business where huge challenges exist to keep the doors open, with enormous rises in overhead costs, energy, wages, supplies, etc, the Valuation Office has seen fit to send out bills to people showing more than a 100% increase in Rates. This is against a background where towns and villages are seeing many businesses closing weekly because they cannot survive" stated Councillor Cahill.

"I have been contacted by numerous business people on this issue, some saying they will need to borrow money if they are to pay these inflated Rates bills, others admitting that they cannot continue to trade under such a burden.

The real world is here on the streets of our towns and villages, where small businesses exist, run by real people for real people. It is incredible that people in the Valuation Office can sit in their Ivory Tower to issue a crippling 100% plus Rates increase on those who are the backbone of our economy" said the outraged and flabbergasted Councillor Cahill.

"Small businesses need to be nurtured in our local economies, they need to be supported while trying to recover from lockdowns and energy price hikes. The more than doubling of Rates bills will cause an economic wipeout in every town and village in this county and I will be calling on Kerry County Council to make the case on behalf of their clients, the business people of Kerry, to the Valuation Office as a matter of extreme urgency" added Councillor Cahill.

WORKS PLANNED FOR KNOCKANES NS

Cllr. John O'Donoghue is delighted following representations that the Council have agreed to carry out some remedial work in front of Knockanes NS in Glenflesk, including repainting the road markings in front of the school. These had become quite faded and were presenting a safety hazard for parents and staff at the school. The work will be done shortly as soon as the weather permits.





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THE LEGION OF MARY in the Diocese are having their annual Consecration to Our Blessed Lady on Sunday March 24th at 3 p.m. This will be held at the Prince of Peace Church in Fossa. All are welcome to attend.

PALM SUNDAY: Next weekend March 23/24th we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, Palms will be blessed at all Masses.

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For you are always in our thoughts And
forever in our hearts
You left behind some beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you
You are always by our side.
Others were taken, yes I know;
But you were mine, I loved you so,
A prayer, a tear, til the end of time,
For a loving husband, I was proud
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3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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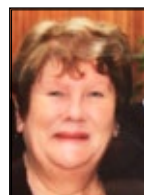
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there came a gentle call.
You closed your eyes
and went to sleep.
You quietly left us all.*

*Grandmother
Memories grow and memories fade,
but the memories we have
of you Nan will never go away.*

Fondly remembered and never forgotten
by your family

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**KATHLEEN
O'SULLIVAN**



DUNLOE UPPER, BEAUFORT.
WHO DIED ON THE
22ND MARCH 2022

*A loving thought, A silent tear
A constant wish that you were here
A loving place no one can fill
We miss you Mom and always will
Rest in Peace.*

Love always
Your daughter Geraldine, Denis,
Rory, Ashling and Ryan.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**MICHAEL
MOYNIHAN**



FOREST VIEW, LISSIVIGEEN,
KILLARNEY.
WHO PASSED AWAY
ON MARCH 25TH 2023.

*Time passes, memories stay,
Quietly remembered every day.*

Anniversary Mass for Michael
will take place on Monday March 25th
at 9.30am in the Church of the
Resurrection Park Road.

Always remembered by Dave,
Christy Mary and Peggie.

POWERFUL NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

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

Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for
the grace of . . .
(Mention your Intention Here)

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

JESUS

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

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have
asked many favours. This time I ask you
this special one, (mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it
within your own broken heart where
your Father sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become
your favour not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer for three days.
Publication of prayer and favour will be
granted.
M.C

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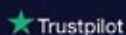


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