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## FROM THE EDITOR

As we say farewell to 2023, we have our biggest ever magazine.... 104 pages of festive fun, news, photos, advertising and of course the much anticipated souvenir edition, which will allow you to take a stroll down memory lane.

This is the perfect opportunity to say a huge thank you to our readers, who are at the heart of our publication, for the support they show us every week, thank you to all our contributors to the

news, community and sports pages, to the photographers who share their amazing images with us on a weekly basis and finally to our advertisers for their continued loyalty over the years.

As we prepare to welcome 2024, on behalf of the team, Des, Maura, Ria, Deirdre, Paula and myself, we would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and it is with great hope that the new year will see us continue to grow and serve the community every week.

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**D**ia dhiabh. Nollaig Shona dhiabh. Christmas is a season of encouragement and hope. God, Creator and Lord of all creation, truly loves his creation. In Jesus God choose to be with us and to care for us, and to give hope to the whole human family.

Christmas is a time to count our blessings and rejoice. I call to mind and give thanks for all that is good in all the communities and parishes of our diocese. Thank you to our clergy and religious and all in our parishes. Thank you to all our school communities. Thank you to all the voluntary groups: in sport, in the arts and in social care. There are so many wonderful things happening everywhere. Through local media, radio, print and online reporting, again and again we realize the wonderful number of voluntary bodies present in our communities. Long may it continue. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers involved.

"Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" is a key sentence in the Gospel. It refers to Mary's reaction to all the significant moments in Jesus' life. Through the days of Christmas let us treasure and ponder the birth of Jesus, the new-born child in the manger. He is God, God who loves us, and God who has come to be with us always.

This year the cathedral crib in Killarney has brand-new scenery replacing the wooden stable that had come to the end of its lifespan. The 'freshness of the new' has caused many to see new aspects of that night in Bethlehem. May children especially love our new crib.

- The crib scene has many people: shepherds, kings, a woman at the village well, and of course Mary and Joseph. How deep was the faith of each that first Christmas night? How did they understand the excitement at the birth of Jesus? Did they live to hear him preach when he began his public ministry? We, the people who will stand and gaze at the new cathedral crib, what of our faith, - our faith in Jesus Christ who is 'with us always'?

- Each year the crib scene speaks to what is happening in the world around us. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a 'Son being born for us' who would be 'Mighty God and Prince of Peace'. Every day of Christmas let us each pray to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to bring peace where there is war, - the Ukraine, Israel-Palestine, Sudan and sadly so many other places.

- Far from home for the census, Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He was born without any of the facilities of home, not even neighbours to help out! If that simplicity and poverty was the lot of the Holy Family as Jesus entered the world, surely we, his disciples, ought to have a simple Christmas, the basics with no excess or extravagance?

- All his life Jesus lived for others, again and again he reached out to help and share with

# Christmas Message The Diocese of Kerry 2023

*Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
let us walk in the light of the Lord. Is 2:1-5*



*New beginnings...continuing the wonderful tradition of St. Mary's Cathedral life-size Christmas Crib in Killarney, this week a new crib has just been installed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney. Inspired by Mrs Rena Kennelly, who created the iconic Cathedral crib for over 50 years. Fr Kieran O'Brien, Adm, Killarney Parish, commissioned the very talented Eamonn Mulvihill, to design and construct a new crib. The blessing of the new crib by Bishop of Kerry, Ray Browne, took place on Saturday night. Pupils from the Holy Cross Mercy School took part in the blessing ceremony, Katie Maudling, (Mary) left and Meadow Cusack (Joseph), Clodagh O'Donoghue, Sadie O'Connor, Katelyn O'Mahony, Evie Spillane, Molly Ferris, Amelia O'Callaghan. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*

people in need. I firmly believe that what we give to the various charities who seek funds at Christmas time is money well spent. Give to charities, especially to Saint Vincent de Paul who do so much good work throughout the diocese. There are so many among us who through some misfortune or other find themselves in need this Christmas. Let us open our hearts to them, 'In giving we receive'.

- The Holy Family on Christmas night was far from home and without a bed. Then, out of fear of King Herod, they fled to Egypt where they remained until Herod died. The situation is not that different for the refugees and migrants and the Ukrainians fleeing war who are with us in Ireland this Christmas. As a people, as individuals, let us welcome them, and let us do what we can to support them.

Put the crib scene, the birth of Jesus, at the centre of your Christmas. Let it remind you of how God 'so loves the world', and that all of us have so much to be grateful for. May God's goodness to us inspire our goodness to others.

Le gach dea-ghuí, í gcomhair na Nollag. Every Christmas blessing on all in our communities.

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#### CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

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As 2023 draws to a close, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce believes the town and its people can reflect on a really successful year during which time so many existing projects reached a new level and a number of hugely positive initiatives were advanced to make the country's premier tourism capital a better place to live in, to do business in and to visit.

The year reached a truly spectacular conclusion with the Christmas in Killarney festival which proved a massive hit and saw the streets lined five-deep with children – and the young at heart – waiting to catch a glimpse of Santa Claus and the magical festive floats and fun-filled Disney characters.

An added attraction this year was the parade being led by a convoy of fabulous vintage tractors – all afforded a festive makeover – to mark the 10th anniversary of the Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club.

An additional €35,000 – provided through the Ukrainian Support Fund – was spent on the already incredible Christmas street lights and decorations and there are additional plans to greatly enhance the Christmas in Killarney celebrations in 2024 to copper-fasten Killarney's reputation as Ireland's Christmas capital.

And that's not all – the Wander Wild Festival and the St Patrick's Festival, both held in March, and the 4th of July Festival, which sees Killarney celebrate Independence Day with its American friends, will also be more elaborate and more colourful in 2024. One of the real causes for celebration in Killarney in 2023 was the fantastic news that we were named Ireland's Tidiest Large Town in the national Tidy Towns Competition, in addition to winning the Kerry award and the south west regional award.

That was quite an achievement given that the adjudication takes place in mid-summer, a time when Killarney is at its busiest and the town is bustling.

A dedicated Tidy Towns Committee, featuring representatives of Kerry County Council, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and other dedicated individuals, and chaired by Michael Gleeson, worked long and hard and with real purpose to give Killarney every chance of success this year and that drive and determination really reaped dividends when the results were announced in Croke Park in early October.

Killarney was, in fact, just a single point behind the overall winner, Abbeylisk, in the Tidy Towns competition and every effort will be made in the coming months to ensure that the adjudicators will have cause to add one point – and more – to Killarney's tally next October to put us in pole position to win the prestigious overall award for the first time since 2011.

Much of the credit for the success in the Tidy Towns competition has to be attributed to the dedication of the council's top class outdoor crews and the rebirth of the Killarney Looking Good Competition which returned with a new format, new categories, a new determination and new sponsors in the form of MD O'Shea & Sons and O'Mahony Media Ltd.

There is nothing really like a little friendly

## *A fabulous year in Ireland's tidiest large town*

*An end-of-year message from Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce Joint Presidents Johnny McGuire and Pádraig Treacy*



competition amongst friends and neighbours to encourage civic pride and with a €5,000 prize fund to distribute this year, it created a very healthy and friendly rivalry.

Generations to come will, of course, have reason to thank the forward-thinking individuals in the town in 2023 as it was the year the fantastic initiative to move away from single-use coffee cups was launched.

Killarney became the first town in Ireland to introduce a plan to remove all takeaway coffee and tea cups to help eliminate over one million single-use containers from local waste disposal systems and to tackle the problem of littering in the national park.

Other towns and cities have been closely monitoring the hugely successful initiative which was a really pioneering and exciting move by those spearheading the project.

So many wonderful local projects were realised during 2023 that it was almost impossible to keep track of them all.

The completion of the Macroom bypass has huge benefits for Killarney given that it significantly shortens the journey time to Cork – and, more importantly, from Cork – and it is a real advantage for local people working on Leaside and commuting each day. The new road makes Killarney and other parts of Kerry much more accessible for those who wish to enjoy all we have to offer.

It was heartening to see work commencing on the new 130-bed community nursing unit on the grounds of the former St Finan's Hospital during 2023 and, in addition to providing top class facilities for the care of those that will need minding, it will also free up the historic St Columbanus and Killarney Community Hospital for other uses when the construction

work is complete and the transfers take place in the coming months.

Another major shot in the arm for Killarney was confirmation that the former Pretty Polly site, which has been derelict for years, is to be transformed into a state-of-the-art educational facility as we in Chamber look forward to that exciting project coming to fruition as it is just the kind of development the town needs.

Great credit for all of the above must go to Kerry County Council and, more particularly, Killarney Municipal District Council who have been to the forefront of the various projects and without the foresight, determination and tenacity of Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Brendan Cronin, the elected members and the officials, Killarney would struggle to get its fair share of what is being distributed from the national purse to help fund the various projects. For their great work, we thank and acknowledge all involved in the town hall and in county buildings.

On reflection, it has been a terrific year for Killarney on so many levels and there is an onus on us all to continue that sense of cooperation and maintain that great pride of place that will ensure that this great town continues to set the standard.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce would like to wish everybody a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous, successful and busy year ahead.

Hopefully, when Santa Claus parades through the streets at the 2024 Christmas in Killarney festival, he'll have his trademark bell in one hand and the overall Tidy Towns trophy in the other.



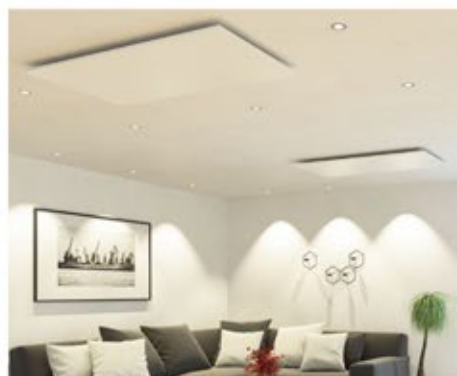


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## Christmas in Killarney

*Spectators enjoy the atmosphere and fun at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.*



## THE MAGIC CONTINUES IN KILLARNEY THIS CHRISTMAS

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*Ukrainian visitors leading out the parade as spectators enjoy the atmosphere and fun at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.*



*Meeting an angel...spectators enjoy the atmosphere and fun at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.*



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# CHANGES TO OUR CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TIMES

<b>Monday</b> <b>25th</b> December	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>26th</b> December	<b>Thursday</b> <b>28th</b> December	<b>Monday</b> <b>1st</b> January	<b>Thursday</b> <b>4th</b> January
will now be collected on	will now be collected on	will now be collected on	will now be collected on	will now be collected on
<b>Saturday</b> <b>23rd</b> December	<b>Thursday</b> <b>28th</b> December	<b>Saturday</b> <b>30th</b> December	<b>Thursday</b> <b>4th</b> January	<b>Saturday</b> <b>6th</b> January

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# Hop On, Hop Off

## around the Ring of Kerry



# Hop On Hop Off

The proposal by a Kerry County Councillor that the Bus Service on the Ring of Kerry be upgraded to allow passengers use it on a Hop On, Hop Off basis, is becoming a full reality with the addition of new regular routes in 2023. Kerry Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill proposed the scheme to the National Transport Authority, through a Notice of Motion submitted to Kerry County Council in March 2021 and is now delighted to see so many buses on the route.

"This is a fantastic service for all those who live along the Ring of Kerry route and it will see a reduction in car traffic for both residents and visitors. With regular return routes, people have the peace of mind of being able to complete their journey seamlessly" stated Councillor Cahill. "The additional routes are already proving a big success, with strong take up all round. These new services will open up all of Kerry in an environmentally friendly manner, reducing the use of many private cars" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

### The routes are

**Route 280** Killarney - Fossa - Beaufort - Killorglin - Glenbeigh - Kells - Cahersiveen - Waterville (3 return buses a day from Waterville - Killarney and also another 4 return trips a day from Waterville - Killorglin that connects with Bus Éireann Route 279 in Killorglin for Tralee / Killarney)

**Route 281** Waterville - Caherdaniel - Castlecove - Sneem - Kenmare (4 return trips 7 days a week).

With the addition of Bus Éireann Route 279a Cahersiveen - Kells - Glenbeigh - Killorglin - Milltown - Castlemaine - Tralee (1 return trip a day Monday to Friday)

"I will continue to lobby for further buses to be provided for locals and tourists alike on the Ring of Kerry as I am convinced that a full on Hop On, Hop Off service will be a major success story, especially with the first section of the South Kerry Greenway due to open in 2024" added Councillor Cahill.

## 800 Years of the Crib Celebrated at The Friary



Bishop Ray Browne Diocesan Bishop of Kerry was at The Friary for the presentation of prizes of the art competition of cribs as Killarney Franciscan Friary celebrated the 800th anniversary of the 1st Crib, created by St Francis of Assisi. The art competition was open to mainly 6th class primary school children from all the primary schools in Killarney and surrounding area. 226 children entered for the competition. Prizes were presented to 34 of those who participated. Also included are Bishop Ray, Br Pat Lynch, Tara O Donoghue, Sheila Goulding, Breda Joy and Michelle Cooper Galvin with some the wonderful students.



## KILCUMMIN LADIES GO PINK

Kilcummin GAA ladies committee will once again host their Annual fundraiser "Pink night" in aid of Comfort for Chemo Kerry In Kilcummin GAA Club Bar on Saturday January 6th at 8pm.

Since 2013 they have organised a fundraiser in aid of Cancer treatment in Kerry. Traditionally organised for Women's Christmas it has always been a huge success with fantastic support from Kilcummin and surrounding areas. The night will be a fun filled occasion with live music from Derry and Rosie Healy, spot prizes generously donated for the event, novelty quiz and rounded off with a disco by Declan McCarthy.

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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



Mangerton Road has had a recent facelift

## At last, A Christmas Roads Surprise.

Congratulations to mayor of Killarney Brendan Cronin, town manager Angela McAllen and the council for finally getting the much needed pedestrian crossing on Mission Road over the line. The works were unwrapped on Monday - in time for Christmas festivities. This is a real present for Killarney. It was long in coming, and several Advents passed, without result. But we won't be churlish. Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the Kerry and Department of Transport itself all had to be consulted. Along with pushes, sometimes raucous, by this columnist. But all's well that ends well, this season of Goodwill.

The N71 road by the Muckcross Post Office is undergoing a much needed facelift too, finally. The foreign bus drivers and local car owners need no longer engage in the lucky dip of pot hole jumping. The decision to raise the kerb in Muckcross to protect walkers is a fine one. Even my own road that used to be a great attraction for fast drivers from Cork who feared the mountain might move, has a face lift and is all lined and signed now. We have not had a great year weather wise. And there is also economically, the chill wind of recession. Having lived through three of these things, I know this wind.

As in the eighties, and the 008s, the blight of recession sees sharp intakes, a peak in property prices, not enough housing, high rents, cutbacks in department spendings, loud lectures from Government circles - and the flight of our young people. It is all gearing up again and people sense it too. The profligate spending on some things, while ignoring the elephant in the room,



The new pedestrian crossing on Mission Road

affordable housing for our own hard pressed is downright annoying. There is a lot of anger out there. But let us celebrate while we can. As the song goes, 'Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think. Enjoy yourself, while you're still in the pink.

The years go by, as quickly as you wink.' Wishing all readers at home and abroad a safe crossing over Christmas into 2024. Just to say too, the Christmas lights this year are spectacular in Killarney, but also in Tralee. And if you get a chance some evening go down Denny Street towards the Ashe Memorial Hall. The display in our county capital is stunning and it almost matches Killarney!

## Street begging in Killarney JPC meeting

The recent annual general meeting of the Joint Policing Meeting in Tralee heard of 'rampant begging' and harassment of Christmas shoppers in Killarney and Tralee. The matter was raised by Castleisland Councillor Charlie Farrelly. The chief garda superintendent of Kerry, Padraic Powell, said he himself had become aware of the street begging while walking in Killarney and Tralee.

Nobody likes to see anyone having to beg. But the suspicion arises when you see the same well fed looking people day in day out, that there is more to this than meets the eye. The meeting in Tralee also heard from Killarney

councillor Niall Kelleher, chair of the JPC, that when concerned public representatives approached some individuals begging on the streets of Killarney with offers of accommodation, 'there was no take up'. People feel bad passing anyone with a placard and a begging bowl lying on the street. Particularly when money is tight and yet we are still spending on stuff.

I witnessed an elderly man trying to give what he could to one individual who was anything but destitute looking.

On Friday too, just off the town square in Tralee a fine looking young couple, well dressed, were sitting out and calling at people. Now I do wonder, whatever about Killarney which quite disgracefully does not have a homeless centre, why the pair in Tralee had to go to these extremes.

I admire people who play music and look for a few bob, but this simple calling out at people is not acceptable.

'Street begging is rampant at the moment, especially leading up to Christmas in our larger towns. A lot of people are being harassed with people begging on the streets of our towns,' Charlie Farrelly told senior gardai.

I think he was brave and right to raise the matter.

Chief Superintendent Padraic Powell said where appropriate, people would be moved on and prosecuted by gardai, he said. A policing plan for the Christmas period was in operation and this would target such activity, he said.

Maybe I am not the only one weary of the constant phone calls and text messages that are scams. And I have little time either for all these aid agencies begging for international help while their chief executives earn vast sums and are ferried in fancy cars. Most of these have vested interests. I have completely gone off giving them anything as there is no real knowing where it will end up. I also suspect that the most needy amongst us will put on the smiling face and are the last ones to look for help. So, I have asked myself this Christmas and for 2024 to look a bit closer at the brave people amongst us and maybe give them a hand when I can.

## JP gives to every county

Which brings me to my next piece: JP McManus. I can scarcely believe the begrudgery. Along comes JP - I admire JP and only wish we had a JP just for Kerry - and he gives money to every GAA club in Ireland and people are down on top of him. He is not paying all his tax or something to that effect in Ireland. And who pays for the roads, I heard Mick Clifford ask. Well, my answer to that is, he is paying tax through his businesses in Ireland. That's for a start. And secondly, it is some years since I sat through a board meeting of a company and realised a humble hack like me, scarcely reaching the industrial wage, was paying more tax than the company. I nearly fell off my chair. You see, there are so many ways of ensuring you don't pay a lot

in tax and all are legitimate. But to do so, you need a good accountancy firm. And the time to explore the many schemes instead of like the hamster pedaling furiously to get money in to meet the deadline. No offence, but most accountants which small self-employed / sole traders people go to are really tax collectors for the revenue commissioners. That is my experience. And if anyone knows any different, I will be happy to be corrected. So, roll on JP. The small woman's tax will pay for the roads. And Happy Christmas! The money is going where he wants it to go and I can lay a bet that if JP were to not be a tax exile and were to pay his tax in Ireland, a good accountant would find ways for him of paying far less than the 32 million he is dealing out to every GAA club in the land.



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# SCOIL PHOBAIL SLIABH LUACHRA

## to celebrate 25th Anniversary

2023 marks the 25th anniversary of Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra in Rathmore and plans are underway to celebrate this milestone in style. The staff and students marked the 8th of December by beginning the celebration of what is a very special occasion in the life of the school. The day started with a 'Reeling in the Years' video from 1998, the year that Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra was newly formed as a community school. This was followed by a lovely mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore which was celebrated by Fr. Pat O'Donnell and attended by the whole school community, as well as primary school students from Rathmore and Hollymount and members of the local community. The day also included a quiz for the entire school on events that happened in 1998 as well as a staff photograph and lunch.

The new school at the time was an amalgamation of St. Mary's Secondary School, which was run by the Presentation Order and Rathmore Vocational School which was run by Kerry Vocational Education Committee (VEC). The late Ted Kiely retired as principal in the Vocational School, also known as 'The Tech' and local man, Jerh O'Donoghue, who was the principal in the Secondary School (known as 'The Convent') became the principal of the newly formed Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra when it opened in September 1998.

A larger community-based celebration will take place later in the academic year which will include an Open Day in the school which aims to bring together past and present students, parents, staff and members of the local community to celebrate the 25 year history of Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra.



Fr. Pat O'Donnell celebrating mass for the whole school community in SPSL and attended by local primary school pupils and parishioners.



Members of staff from the original staff group in 1998 who are still teaching in SPSL - Pat Brosnan, Norma Aherne, Patricia McCarthy, Bernie Walsh, Karen O'Sullivan, Peggy O'Donoghue, Denis Kerins (Principal)



Past pupils of SPSL who are teaching in the school - Pat Brosnan, Conni Vaughan, Kieran Fitzgerald, Mairead O'Sullivan, Aggie O'Riordan, Gary O'Sullivan.

## Turn2Me Launches Free Christmas Support Groups for those Struggling over the Holidays

Turn2Me, a national mental health charity, has launched free Christmas support groups for those struggling over the holidays. The support groups cover issues including the Christmas blues, family issues, bereavement, and feeling alone.

The support groups are entirely anonymous and are facilitated by a psychotherapist who will guide people through the difficulties they're facing. Any adult in Ireland can sign up for these services by creating an account on Turn2Me.ie and clicking into the support group listings.

Turn2Me's Christmas support groups are listed below:

Monday the 25th at 5pm - 'Christmas Blues' support group  
 Tuesday the 26th at 5pm - 'Family Issues' support group  
 Wednesday the 27th at 5pm - 'Bereavement' support group  
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 Friday the 29th at 5pm - 'Bereavement' support group  
 Sunday the 31st at 5pm - 'Feeling Alone' support group







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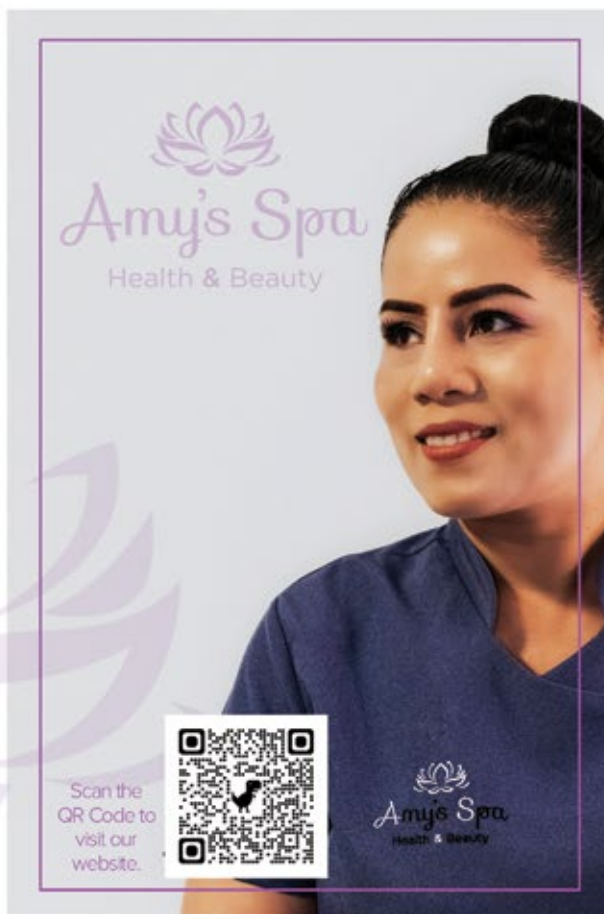
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# SHEILA'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER

It's yet another Christmas Cracker for Ballydesmond Musician/Singer

Sheila Fitzgerald as she presents a brand new Single and accompanying Video of the old classic 'Christmas in Killarney'. The single and video were arranged and produced by Sheila and her Partner Mike Sheehan at the couple's Studio in Ballydesmond. Sheila's cousin Pat Fleming and his cousin Conor Daly added Accordion and Fiddle, giving the Song an authentic Sliabh Luachra traditional arrangement.

The Video was filmed at Deenagh Lodge and downtown Killarney. Sheila said "We were really lucky with the weather; it was just at the end of November when there were a few dry and sunny days. It was really cold but thanks to my Videographer Ita Fitzgerald and her crew, all went according to plan. I also want to say a big thank you to Councillor Niall Kelleher who helped us coordinate the filming in Killarney".

Sheila Fitzgerald and Mike Sheehan are veterans of the music scene and are well known throughout Ireland and further afield. They have toured regularly in England, Scotland and Wales and have also entertained audiences in the

U.S.A., France and South Africa. Sheila and Mike cater for fans of Irish music, country, sixties and contemporary. Both sing and are multi instrumentals, playing Guitar, Keyboards, Piano Accordion and Button Accordion.

2023 has been a bumper year of performances for Sheila and Mike. In February, Sheila was delighted to be asked to perform at the 'Men of the South' Exhibition in the Crawford Gallery in Cork City while on March 17th the couple headlined the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mallow, then went on to perform that night at a Concert in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kiskeam.

However, one of the highlights of the year for the couple was an invitation to perform at Áras an Uachtaráin in April for President Higgins and Mrs. Higgins and afterwards to enjoy lunch with the President, Mrs. Higgins and Aras Staff.

In June, the unusual venue of Kanturk Mart hosted a Concert for Marymount Hospice where Sheila performed accompanied by Boherbue Choir. Also in June, Sheila released a new Single and Video entitled 'Santa Maria' filmed at Tubrid Well in Millstreet which was aired regularly on Radio Stations worldwide and on Sky TV.



It was time to brush up on some country songs in August when Sheila was asked to take on the role of June Carter with the Strictly Cash Five Piece Band for a Concert in the grounds of Mallow Castle.

September saw them back into the Recording and Video Studios for 'The Banks of Brogeen'. In November, Sheila was delighted to be invited to perform at a fundraising Concert at Kenmare Mart and in recent weeks of course, the Christmas Party season has been in full swing.

On a final note Sheila said "We want to wish everybody a Happy Christmas and an amazing 2024, thank you all for requesting our Songs on Radio Stations countrywide and for coming to see us at our gigs, your support is really appreciated"

The Video of 'Christmas in Killarney' will be aired on Sky TV on Christmas Day on the Hot Country Show, Sky Channel 588, Free to air channel Faith World TV and also Freeview 261 internet tv UK.

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# The Week Through The Eye of the Lens



*Triumphant Finish: Aidan O'Mahony and Eoin O'Shea conquer the final 5k of their extraordinary 200k in Tralee Town Park as part of the 'Try for CRY' challenge, surpassing their €2K fundraising goal for CRY Ireland. Photo: Pauline Dennigan*



*Kate O'Leary Lady Captain (fourth from left) presenting first prize in the Club Championship Mixed Foursomes to winners Mary Chute and Pat Kelleher with (left) past Lady Captain and Helen Prendergast Club President (back) Crohan Fitzgerald and Eimear O'Donnell Runners Up at the Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Killarney's Legacy Elite cheerleading team (former scorchers cheerleading) Competed at 21CC cheerleading championships in Dublin last weekend taking home 4 first place titles, 2 second, one third and one fourth and one fifth award.*



*Bishop Ray, Br Pat Lynch, Tara O Donoghue, Sheila Goulding, Breda Joy and Michelle Cooper Galvin with some of the wonderful students who took part in the Art Competition at The Friary.*



*Michael and Joan O'Sullivan from O'Sullivan's Beaufort Bridge and Londis Killorglin, present the proceeds of a recent coffee morning held in the Bridge Café at their shop in Killorglin. The funding will go into fuelling our Healthlink transport vehicles.*



*Kilcummin N.S. and Playschool have also been busy helping families give the wonder of Christmas by donating food for their annual St. Vincent de Paul food appeal. Mr. Paddy O'Sullivan, a representative from St. Vincent de Paul and a former teacher in Kilcummin N.S. visited the school. He accepted the generous contribution of seven hampers to the appeal from the Student Council and Miss Charlene O'Connor. Mrs. Marie Condon, organiser and teacher in Kilcummin N.S. commended the children and their families on their kindness and compassion at this special time of the year.*



*Mike O'Keeffe of Synergy Golf (fourth from left) presenting the first prize in the Men's Christmas Hamper Cat 1 competition to Peter O'Brien with from left) Ronan Twiss runner up Cat 3, Paul Twiss runner up Cat 2, John O'Mahony Captain, Helen Prendergast Club President (back from left) Anthony Carroll; winner Cat 2, Jim Sheehan winner Cat 3, Padraig Cronin winner Cat 4 and Sean Doherty runner up Cat 4 at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club Killarney on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Therese Buckley, left and Karna McCarthy of Killarney Credit Union who helped financially with the community concert in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney. In grateful appreciation were Micheal Gleeson, (compare), Fr Kieran O'Brien, Adm, and Paula Gleeson, Concert Director. The Cathedral which was filled with music and glowing candles, as choirs from all over Killarney Parish gathered for a community of voices together to celebrate Christmas 2023, in a concert called "Carols by Candlelight". Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



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# *A Magical Night In St. Mary's Cathedral for Carols by Candlelight...*

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St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney, was filled with music and glowing candles, as choirs from all over Killarney Parish gathered for a community of voices together to celebrate Christmas 2023, on Sunday, 17th December.

Ten Choirs from Killarney parish joined together and sang some of the world's most beloved Christmas carols. The carol service is directed by accomplished Musician and Choral Director, Paula Gleeson.



*A section of the congregation in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney, which was filled with music and glowing candles, as choirs from all over Killarney Parish gathered for a community of voices together to celebrate Christmas 2023*



*Going Solo...Aria Casesy, aged 5 years old, performing with 'Killarney Harmonisers' in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney*



*Rosie Healy, Music Teacher with the Choir from St. Brigid's Secondary School, performing in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney*



*Lissivigeen Primary School, performing in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney*



*A trad session from various schools with teachers performing in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney,*



*St. Oliver's Primary School Choir, performing in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney*



*Pupils from Presentation Monastery Primary School, performing in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney, which was filled with music and glowing candles, as choirs from all over Killarney Parish gathered for a community of voices together to celebrate Christmas 2023, in a concert called "Carols by Candlelight".*





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# Christmas Week Through The Eye of The Lens



Enjoying the Christmas festivities in the Garden Restaurant, Muckcross prior to attending a concert performed by Members of Opus 96 Choral who performed in Muckross House, Killarney for the annual Carols for Christmas evening on Thursday night, from left, Ann O'Keeffe, Eileen Murphy, Angela Curran and Marie Roche. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Locals Pat and Joan Cahill enjoying a drink in the newly opened Whitegates Bar on the Muckcross Road.



At the presentation of prizes of the Christmas competition at Gleneagle Squash Club, Killarney sponsored by Kerry Airport were front from left, Joanne and Hannah McCarthy, Jack Moran, Eamonn Bowler and Mike O'Donoghue. Seated from left are Luca Mulchinock, Michael Horgan, Evelyn Crowley (Kerry Airport Customer Service Manager), Donnagh Crowley (overall winner), Eoin Horan (Gleneagle Aquila Club), Connie Counihan, Noah Counihan and Mike Crowley. Standing from left are Tess Crowley, Mary McSweeney, Connie Doyle, Ray O'Callaghan, Neil Kavanagh, Ronan Doyle, Keith Cronin, Margaret O'Connor, Jack Buckley, Adriana and Tim O'Leary, Arthur Murphy, Paul O'Brien, Bernice Enright, Pat Tuohy, Stanley Wade, James Cahill, Noreen Buckley and Brendan Counihan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Enjoying the Christmas festivities in the Garden Restaurant, Muckcross prior to attending a concert performed by Members of Opus 96 Choral who performed in Muckcross House, Killarney for the annual Carols for Christmas evening on Thursday night, from left, Ann Tangney, Muckross House, Kathleen Hickey, Donal Hickey, Trustee of Muckross House and Anne O'Donnell. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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## KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

## &gt;KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY DAY CARE

Community Care will return on Tuesday 9th Jan. 2024. We would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas & New Year.

## &gt;MEMORIAL 5K AND 10K WALK

In memory of Catherine O'Leary, Mary Lynch & Joan O'Sullivan, 5K & 10K walk will take place on Tuesday 26th Dec. at 1pm. Meeting point is The Village Inn, route is Kilcummin Walk. Soup and sandwiches afterwards in The Village Inn. All Welcome. For more information please contact Marie on 085 1571365.

## &gt;KILCUMMIN RURAL DEV. OFFICE

This office will close on Fri. 22nd Dec. at 12pm and reopen on Wed 3rd Jan. 2024. Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

## &gt;PINK NIGHT FUNDRAISER FOR 'COMFORT FOR CHEMO'

Fundraiser on Saturday January 6th 2024 in Klub Bar, Kilcummin 8 til late. Live Music, disco, lots of raffle & spot prizes. Admission free. Please support.

## &gt;KILCUMMIN CCE CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Happy Christmas to you and yours on behalf of the officers of Kilcummin

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## &gt;OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH KILCUMMIN

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

## &gt;SAMARITANS

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

## &gt;MASTERGEEHA FC

## LOTTO

There was no winner on 15th December 2023 of the Jackpot for €6,800. Numbers drawn were 01,10,22,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Kieran Nagle, Mastergeeha; Micheal O'Connor, Glounonea; Marie Curtin, Knocklebede; Faye Riordan, Glenbeigh. The next draw will be Friday 22nd December for Jackpot of 7,000, (extra prizes of hampers.) Extra prizes also included in the draw on 29th December.

## LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

## &gt;LOTTO

Numbers drawn 6,15,17, 21. €100 Eugene O Callaghan. €50 Mike Quirke. €50 Pearl Riordan. €25 Kate Gosney. €25 Ellie Mai Wrenn. Next drawn

Dec 23rd jackpot €8,850 Hamper winners Anthony Griffin and Padraig O Sullivan. Wishing a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year to all our Listry GAA members.

## GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

## &gt;HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Wishing all our club members, sponsors and supporters at home and abroad a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

## &gt;LOTTO

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

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

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## &gt;BARRADUFF FESTIVE FUN QUIZ

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

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## &gt;CHRISTMAS EVE MASS IN CLONKEEN

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir Practice for Christmas Eve Mass in Clonkeen will take place in Clonkeen Church on Saturday 23rd December at 8pm. All are welcome.

## BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

>THANK YOU to everybody who helped the Club in 2023 and all our teams, managements, parents and guardians It was greatly appreciated.

## &gt;LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €16,200 will be held on THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER in Beaufort Bar. (Please note change of date due to the Christmas holidays)

Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com). Please note that the online lotto closes at 7pm on the night of the draw and tickets sold after 7pm are entered into the following draw.

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

## &gt;CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Beaufort G.A.A. Club annual Christmas quiz will be held in Kate Kearney's Cottage on Thursday, 28th December starting at 8pm. Adult and Juvenile (age 16 and under) tables. Adult €40, Juvenile €20 euro per table. To book a table, please contact Club at 087 9975737.

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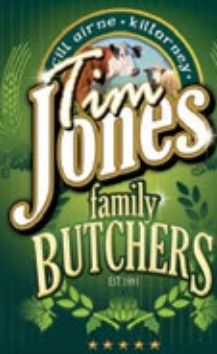
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**In our trip down memory lane** we look at the town and its people, buildings and how things have changed over the years.

To the people of Killarney who have so kindly allowed us to print their own precious memories in our annual **Souvenir Edition** we extend our heartfelt thanks.

This edition of **Killarney Outlook** is a special one and will be kept by many to glance at from time to time and remember the past with nostalgia.

*From everyone at Killarney Outlook  
we wish all our readers,  
correspondents and advertisers a  
prosperous new year and look forward to continuing  
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President of Ireland Paddy Hillary and wife Maeve with Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich attending High Court Judge Dermot Kinlon annual party in Sneem. The catering was provided by the Great Southern Hotel Killarney. Front Row L to R..Noreen Quirke, Noreen O Mahony, Maeve Hillary, Nelly O Callaghan, unknown, Jackie O Sullivan, Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, Vera Chapman, Noel Gammell. Back Row L to R...Fr Michael Murphy, Tommy Bracker Regan, Tim Corcoran, Paddy Hillary, unknown. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



Enjoying a Great South Hotel staff party in the 1950s.. Front Row L to R...Peter O Toole, Jackie O Sullivan, unknown, Paddy Sheridan, unknown, Jerry Murphy, Richard Whelan. Back Row L to R...Louis Berger, Sheila Spillane, Noel Tabb, unknown, Joan Pugh, Hugo Kelleher, Kathleen Dwyer, Louise Molloy Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



At the launch of the "Princes of the Pigskin, a Century of Kerry Footballers" are Geraldine Keane, Aidan Healy, Pat Healy, Dan Dwyer, Breda O Donoghue. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



Celebrating 80 years of the Killarney Legion are Douglas Galbraith, Seanie Doolan, Michael O Grady, Michael Doc O Donoghue, Fr Paddy O Donoghue, Mary Redpath, Joan and John Cronin. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



On their way to a catering exhibition in the Town Hall are Chefs John Lyne, John Foley, Jerry O Sullivan and Davy O Connell Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



At the IMI Conference in the Great Southern Hotel are John Moynihan, Conor O Keeffe, Martina O Connell and Donal Breen. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



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GENE WATSON

A hand signed autograph from Gene Watson, the American Country Music Singer to Dermot Moriarty, the Killarney Country Music Singer.



The 1967 Dining Room Staff in the Great Southern Hotel. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



Chefs Davy O Connell and Patsy Lynch. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



Great Southern staff party  
Front Row L to R..Margaret O Connell, Peggy O Donoghue, Kathleen O Connor, Judy Neeson,  
Back Row L to R..Peggy O Sullivan, Mike Lovett, Noreen Moynihan, Dan Callaghan, Donie Courtney, unknown,  
Noel Tabb, Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



In the Shelbourne Hotel at a dress dance  
Front Row.. Marie Regan, Marie Lawlor.  
Back Row..Unknown, Paddy and Kathleen Ryan, Josie and  
Jimmy Cullinane, Pascal Howard and Hugo Kelleher.  
Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



Chef Enda Joyce getting a pat on the back from Tommy Regan and  
David O'Connell for a job well done before his retirement.  
Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



The Dining Room staff in the Great Southern.  
In the front row were three members with over 129 years service between them.  
Tommy Regan, Vera Chapman and Richard Whelan (the longest serving with 49 years). Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



George Lynch, Donie Brosnan and Tom Murphy with Billy Quinlan at  
the 1990 Killarney Regatta. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



St Brendan's Ladies Team at the Killarney Regatta  
Maureen O'Donoghue, Lily Doherty, Noreen Sheehan, Ann Clifford, Lucy Mahony, Eileen Brosnan, Teddy O'Brien  
and Paddy McMonagle. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



Relaxing on a gondola in Venice..Weeshie and Joan Fogarty, Mary  
Regan. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



The staff of the Great Southern at an outside catering event in Lord Brandon's Cottage. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



At the 2003 Regatta was Ian Murphy, representing Fossa with his grandfather Sean Murphy. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



Welcoming Sam to the Great Southern were Conor Hennigan, General Manager and Michael O Sullivan with back row Eileen O Riordan McHale, Paddy Ryan, Paul O'Neill, Brendan Harnett, Michael McGillicuddy. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



A group of dancers from Glenflesk



A staff party in the Great Southern Hotel. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



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Queen of Tonya (Pacific Island) staged at the Great Southern Hotel with the Culloty girls dancing



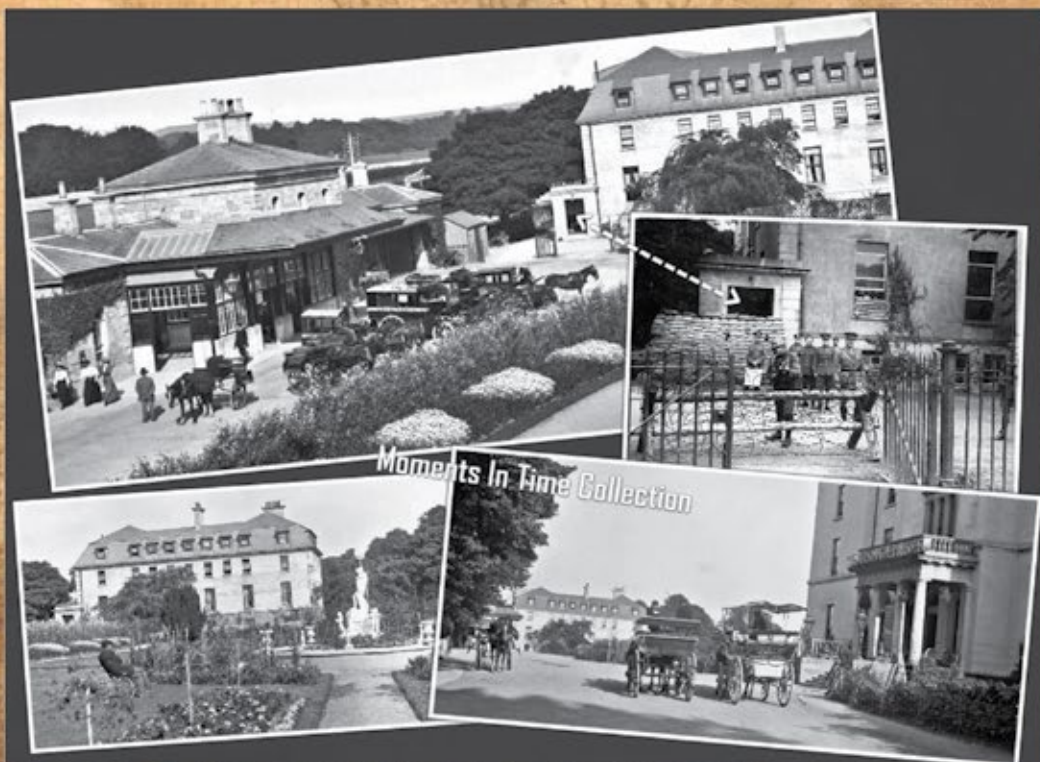
O'Connor/McCarthy Wedding in the early 1930's at the International Hotel. The couple were grocery shop owners on College Street. Their daughter Una Kavanagh son, married Norrie and Pat Buckley's daughter. Included are Jack Culloty, Bishop Moynihan, Mrs. Clifford, Cliffords Hotel (Now The Failte), Con Courtney, Auctioneer and Pubican and Charlie Foley, Foley's Pub New Street.



World Ploughing Championships - 1954 - Top Table



Great Southern Hotel Staff



Moments In Time Collection

The Great Southern Hotel in the early 1900's was thriving and attracting wealthy visitors, but many more visitors arriving on the trains sought more modest accommodation in and around town. So the GSH built a second hotel on its grounds to offer more basic accommodation.

In 1906 construction began with 100 beds and the hotel was opened in 1907. The New Hotel as it was called attracted a growing number of English working class, who could now afford to visit Killarney.

During the Civil War in 1922 the IRA took over the New Hotel and by mid-summer began to use it as a bomb making factory.

The New Hotel proved to be too public a place for bomb making and in late 1922 the IRA decided to evacuate.

Before leaving, they set fire to the New Hotel before a large force of the Free State Army was on its way to Killarney.....

Donie Whitty O'Sullivan 2023.



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



Front row: Gretta Culloty, Mary Culloty, Joan Culloty, Kathleen Kelleher, Bridie Lacy, Marie Hurley, Vera Lyne, Eileen Connor.  
Middle Row: Nora Pigott, Mai Roach, Rosie Phillips, Helen Horgan, Maureen Brien. Back Row: Maeve Bergin, Marie Quealy, Eileen Shea, Francis Horan, Mary Sullivan, Nora Brosnan, Nancy Mannix, Doreen Coffey, Noreen Cahill, Ursula Cronin.



In 2001 the Great Southern underwent a €10m refurbishment.  
Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



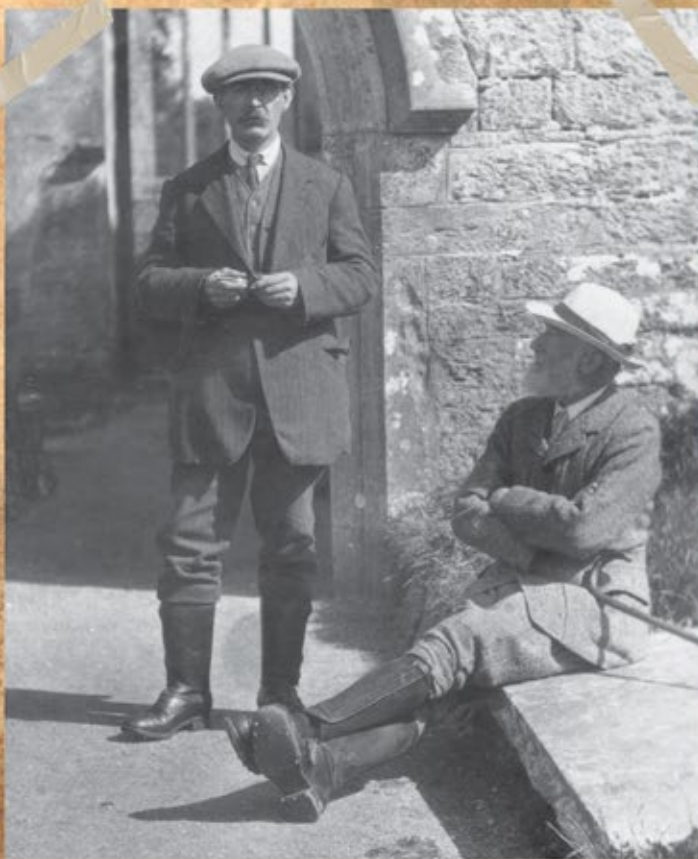
At the 2003 Regatta are Bill Kenny of Muckross and George Lynch of St Brendans Rowing Club  
Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



Great Southern Hotel Winners of the Tops of the Town in the late 1960s. Photo Courtesy of Tommy Regan



Brendan Moriarty, Muckross Lodge with Jack Doody. Brendan was born in 1908



Picture from 1979 of the Looney family from the Park Road dropping in for a cuppa on their way to Limerick Race course for an audience with Pope John Paul.



Maurice Moriarty pictured in Louis Anthony's studio in 1903.



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



Hilliard's Sale Picture Courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan Moments In Time



Mike Healy, affectionately known as Thundering Mike.  
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The Waiters and Waitresses  
race, which was run on the  
streets of Killarney  
in the 1960's!  
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Home Farm Hotel: Picture Courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan Moments In Time



TORC HOTEL - Picture Donie Whitty O'Sullivan - Moments In Time.



Jarveys collecting tourists from the CIE Radio Train in the 1950's.  
It was a day-excursion service that brought tourists on scenic visits to Killarney  
Picture Courtesy of Donie Whitty O'Sullivan Moments In Time



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



Jarvey, Michael Tangney & his horse Lightning  
Picture Donie Whitty O'Sullivan - Moments In Time.



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J. O'Mara & Sons Carriage Works High Street. Picture Donie Whitty O'Sullivan - Moments In Time.



MOMENTS IN TIME / COLLECTION

Paddy Whitty O'Sullivan and his horse Icecream  
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Queen Salute of Tonga Picture Donie Whitty O'Sullivan - Moments In Time.



Young supporters cheering at Glenflesk GAA Club



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



Bridget & Michael (Mick) O'Callaghan of Leamnaguilla



O'Callaghan Family, of Leamnaguilla John, Eileen, Jim, Breeda, Dermott



A bunch of desperadoes in the garden of 49 New Street, about 1958. L to R John Hickey, Maurice Moriarty, Michael Power (RIP) and my father Maurice. Photo: Courtesy of Maurice Moriarty



Glenflesk musicians taking part in Scor



Fr. Brendan Moriarty During 1944/5 he served as a military chaplain in the North European Campaign and went over with the invasion force on D- Day.



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



Brendan Moriarty, Muckross Lodge with Jack Doody in 1910.



Gypsy Fever, Dermot Moriarty & Sean Brosnan, pictured 1983.



A group of school children from Barradubh



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*

## Glenflesk In Times Gone By... PHOTOS COURTESY OF SEAMUS HEALY





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CLONKEEN PARISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONS - 1978.



# KILLARNEY OUTLOOK - *Souvenir Edition*



There was eating and drinking in it.....  
A sign for Killarney Mineral water Fáilte Sparkling Orange Crush.  
"According to the Michael Sheehan of Old Reidy's it was from the late 1950's and there was eating and drinking in it because of the pieces of fresh orange in it"  
Brendan O'Sullivan, who sent in the photograph said.



Killarney hotel managers Derek Carroll, (second right) Castlerosse Hotel, and Liam Kealey, (right) Gleneagle Hotel Killarney pictured with their certificates following a ten day CERT training programme in the 1980's.



The Lake Hotel Team who won the Killarney Athletic 7A Side in the 1980's.  
Front: Joe, Tony, Colman and Stephen Huggard.  
At back, Shivaun Huggard, RIP, Niall Huggard, Timmy Brosnan, Paudie Horgan and Mike Brien.



Taste of Ireland 7A Side Team pictured at the old pitch on Lewis Road with their manager Bill Davidson.



Old Killarney Musical Society pictured in the Killarney Town Hall in 1954.  
"The New Moon" was the production.



Great Southern Hotel Killarney L to R Kathleen O Sullivan, Bell Boy and Anna Healy O'Connor





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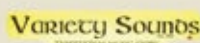
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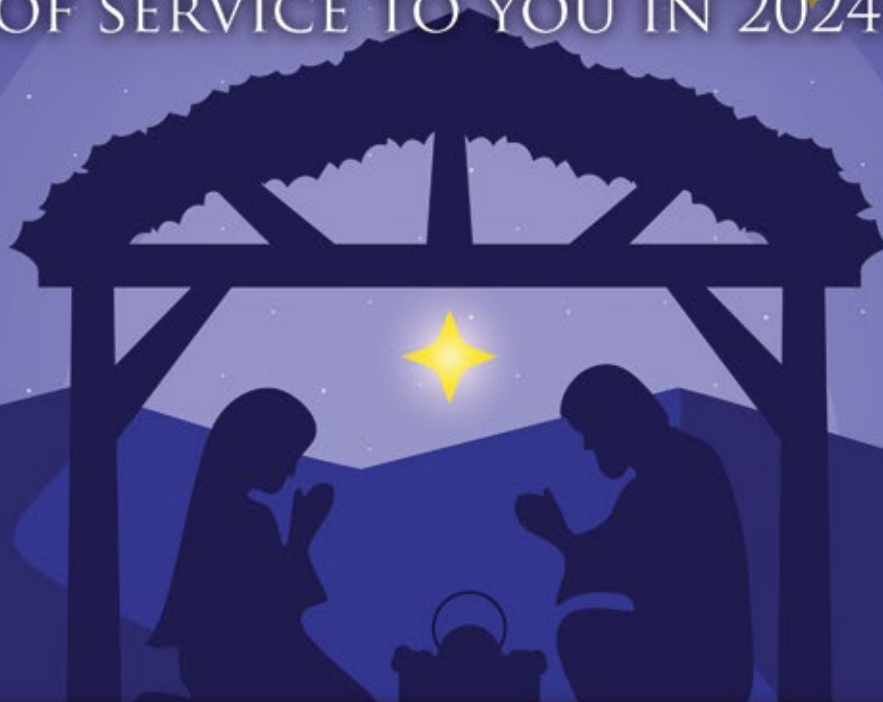
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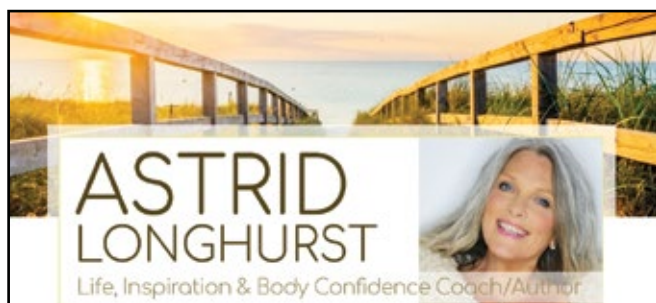
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Jane O'Donoghue, recipient of the club person of the year award, with her husband John Don O'Donoghue, Tim Jones (Chairman) and Paul Sherry at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night.

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- **Small benefit** – Since January 2022, you can give employees up to two small non-cash benefits each year tax-free – such as gift cards, vouchers, memberships or tickets. They must not exceed €1,000 in total.
- **Remote working daily allowance** – Employers must now report the total number of days, amount paid and date paid.
- **Travel and subsistence** – Employers must report reimbursement of business-related travel and subsistence costs, including emergency travel and eating on site.

### Pension auto-enrolment begins in Q3 2024

**Auto-enrolment**, the new retirement savings scheme for Irish employees, is expected to begin in the second half of 2024.

Most employees in Ireland who earn more than €20,000 without a pension scheme already will be automatically enrolled into the new system. Employees and employers will initially each pay 1.5% of gross salary into the scheme, with a state top-up. Contributions will rise over 10 years until they reach 6%.

**Other payroll changes in 2024 are:**

- Statutory sick leave increases from 3 days to 5 days. **January 01st 2024**
- Minimum Wage will increase by €1.40 to €12.70 per hour. **January 01st 2024**
- Parent's leave will be increased to 9 weeks from **August 2024**.

### Board & Lodgings

If board and/or lodgings i.e., meals and/ or a place to live, is part of the minimum wage then the following amounts can be included to make up the national minimum wage rate:

**Amounts for 2023:**

- Meals €1.01 per hour worked
- €26.70 for accommodation only per week or €3.81 per day

**Increased rates from 01 January 2024:**


- Meals €1.14 per hour worked
- €30.00 for accommodation only per week or €4.28 per day

Right to request flexible and remote working to be introduced into law

The right to request remote working and the right to request flexible working under the Work Life Balance Act require a code of practice. This code of practice is currently under development at the Workplace Relations Commission. The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment has indicated that work in this regard is ongoing, with a working group meeting regularly in order to complete the code. No set date has been agreed for its finalisation. However, it is widely expected to be introduced in Q1 of 2024.

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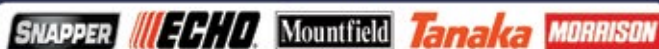
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## ROSS GOLF CLUB

### RESULTS

On December 17th we held a 9 hole mixed scramble in a festive atmosphere and we had a great turnout. This was followed by the presentation of the prizes for the Christmas Hampers and the Golfer of the year and also some Christmas cheer and food.

### ON DECEMBER 17TH OUR MIXED SCRAMBLE WINNERS WERE

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Training for athletes has now finished and we will return on the week of 8th January 2024. We would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

Get your New Year's resolution committed and in the diary. We have a new Couch to 5K program starting on Tuesday 9th January 2024 for 8 weeks and will finish on 2nd March with a 5K run. Bookings are now live on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie).

The very successful Killarney valley ac "Couch to 5k" programme is back January 9th.

Now is the time to plan your health plan for 2024 on the Killarney valley ac arena with the very experienced coaching team.

After a very successful competitive season for the club in 2023 everyone is highly motivated for a happy Christmas, a healthy and successful new year. We invite you to sign up, be brave and make that step for a healthy new year.

After taking those first few steps by signing up online and starting on the 9th of January you will be part of the team, with the same goal as yourself. Mentoring, comradery and a gradual safe system to build you up in a team environment is guaranteed.

For the moment have a happy Christmas and sign up early as places are limited.

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

The Christmas Hampers Competition was played last Thursday, December 14th. It was keenly contested and the results were:

1st and Best Gross: Phyllis O'Regan and Pauline Lyne

2nd: Marie O'Sullivan and Horst O'Regan

3rd: Eileen Crehan and Don O'Sullivan

4th: Ursula Daly and Ciaran Broadbery

Winners of the Christmas Hamper, Club President Phyllis O'Regan and Pauline Lyne

## KILLARNEY RFC NEWS

### MINIS ENJOY TRIP TO LISTOWEL

Last Saturday our Minis traveled to North Kerry to take on our friends at Listowel RFC for matches at all ages. The weather was absolutely perfect for rugby and the skills on show were absolutely fantastic by everyone. Some great flowing rugby by all who played their hearts out in front of a fantastic support. Thanks to every one of our players for representing KRFC with pride and to our awesome coaches for looking after and guiding their charges. Thanks also to Junior and all at Listowel RFC for hosting us. Minis will now take a break for Christmas and return to training on Saturday the 6th of January, 2024! So, wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very happy new year from all at Killarney RFC Minis!

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We would like to wish all our members, players, coaches volunteers, friends, supporters and families a wonderful happy Christmas and all the best for 2024.

### RESULTS

U14 boys: Killarney 20 - 5 Iveragh

U16 boys: Midleton 10 - 12 Killarney

U16 girls: Clonakilty 35 - 5 Killarney

U18 boys: Midleton 8 - 10 Killarney

Seniors: Killarney 10 - 6 Killorglin

## FARRANFORE MAINE VALLEY AC

Olympic racewalker David Kenny had a very credible fourth place finish in the World Racewalking Tour event in Raheny on Sunday last.

He posted a time of 1hr 21sec for the 20k walk.

This time is within 3mins of the Olympic Federation of Ireland for the Paris Olympics 2024. Great to see David back to his best.

His club mate Michael O'Connor won the M70 10k event in 63mins.

Should you like to toe the line with David and Michael you can do so St Stephens Day at the annual Farranfore Maine Valley AC 5k. run

The event starts at 11.00 entries on [www.eventmaster.ie](http://www.eventmaster.ie).

Numbers pick up and limited race day registration at the Faries GAA.

## FOSSA ROWING CLUB

Fossa Rowing Club invites all past and present members and supporters to Our St. Stephens Day, Fossa RC Sponsored swim at Rossbeigh beach at 12pm.

We would also like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year!



Winners of the Christmas Hamper at Fossa Bridge Club President Phyllis O'Regan and Pauline Lyne



Killarney RFC U10's who took part in a blitz in Listowel last Saturday.





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*Report by Enda Walshe*

Having held sway for the majority of the game Scott's Lakers eventually succumbed to a late Tolka Rovers rally in a cracking game on Saturday evening. Having led at the end of all three quarters Brian Clarkes side were eventually pipped at the post but will come away a bit rueful that they let that advantage slip. It had looked very promising at the end of the first period with a nine point lead that was whittled down to five at half time. The third quarter saw Tolka roar into the game, even taking the lead at one stage but the Lakers responded to hold a slender one point lead heading into the final straight. But the Jaja Davis and Dewan White combination eventually overpowered them to run out winners.

Any doubts about Braden Bell's fitness were quickly discounted as the Texan started the game like a house on fire. He hit the Lakers opening seven points with Elijaah Faapito, Rory Howe and Dewan White responding for Tolka. Jamie O Sullivan and Eoin Carroll then got in on the act as the quicksilver Daniel Ayoade struck twice to get Tolka within touching distance. Jack O Sullivan and Paul Clarke stretched the lead as Jaja Davis was kept under wraps before Terion Moss lit up, hitting consecutive threes and a three point play in just under two minutes. Davis, Ayoade and White replied while Bell hit another three to give the Lakers that 31-22 first quarter lead.

The opening minutes of the second quarter were a shootout between Bell and Davis as they went toe to toe. The bustling Tolka centre hit his sides next thirteen points while Bell hit a couple of threes and with good support from Jack O Sullivan the Lakers still led 45-39 with 2.06 to go in the half. Rory Howe and Ayoade were starting to make their presence felt but the introduction of Mark Sheehan reaped immediate dividends, he hit from beyond the arc. Faapito and Howe squeezed up the game at 52-47 as the teams hit the locker rooms.

Paul Clarke was finding space nearer the basket and he capitalised with two easy baskets but the Tolka comeback was beginning to build up a head of steam. Despite an Eoin Carroll basket, Davis, Howe and Faapito helped to give them the lead for the first time in the game at 63-58 but a sublime Bell assist for Carroll kickstarted a Lakers rally which saw them take the lead again by quarter's end. That was due to further baskets from Bell and Carroll and a marked improvement in defence which

limited Tolka to five points in five minutes.

With the game poised at 69-68 it was up for grabs and initially it was Clarke and Bell that got a hold of it. Jack O Sullivan beat the shot clock to put the visitors 77-74 clear with seven minutes left. Dewan White and Davis were now carrying the burden for Tolka and through their efforts they ran into an 84-80 lead with 3.35 on the clock. Moss and Jack O Sullivan tried to reel them in but Davis was now rampant and with support from Rory Howe they closed out the game on a 92-84 scoreline.

Top scorers on the night for the Lakers were Braden Bell with 36 points, Paul Clarke shot 12, Terion Moss had 11, Jack O Sullivan and Eoin Carroll shared 20 equally, Mark Sheehan had 3 and Jamie O Sullivan 2.

For the victors Jaja Davis hit 31, Dewan White and Rory Howe had 17 apiece, Daniel Ayoade shot 16 and Elijaah Faapito 11.

The loss is only the Lakers third of the season and with six victories they sit well poised towards the business end of the table. They have shown enough in the first half of the season to suggest that they can still have a big say in the destination of honours. They are back in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday December 30th when the Drogheda Wolves make the journey south.

## **ST MARY'S CASTLEISLAND CHRISTMAS BLITZ**

The annual St Mary's Christmas Basketball blitz bounces back into action on St Stephen's Day for five days of thumping basketball action.

This will be the 52nd year that the blitz is being run over the Christmas period.

As ever, the maestro behind the competition will be the great Donal O'Connor and he will be ably assisted by his hard working committee, and the man affectionately known as the Duke promises plenty of thrills and spills once more.

"Once again we'll have twenty two different competitions over the five days, and after our two years away we are really looking forward to the tip off at 8am on Tuesday morning when St Mary's Red and St Bridget's do battle at U/14 boys level", said the Duke.

In total there will be 175 games played over the five days incorporating 22 competitions - 12 underage and 10 adult. A massive total of 120 teams will feature with 1450 players strutting their basketball skills. Castleisland Community Centre will play host to 117 of these games and they will tip off at 10 am each morning whilst St John's Hall will host 58 juvenile games with an 8 am start to the action.

As one can imagine this amount of basketball games over a short period of time is a fair

undertaking and Duke said that it is down to his hard working committee that makes it all possible.

"It's a huge effort really", he said. "But for everyone helping out, referees, time keepers, the people that work in the shop, the lads that collect the tickets, it just wouldn't run as smoothly as it usually does. We are very grateful to the volunteers that make the Blitz what it is".

Once again the blue ribbon event of the blitz will be the Premier Men competition which tips off on the Thursday 28th when locals and defending champions Flexachem KCYMS and Killarney Scott Lakers battle it out at 11.05am. Straight afterwards Tralee Warriors make a very welcome return to the blitz when they take on Limerick Celtics. The Premier men action continues throughout Thursday with Limerick Sport Eagles taking on Flexachem KCYMS at 1.25 pm and Limerick Celtics battling it out with Killarney Scott Lakers at 2.05 pm.

Tralee Warriors are up against Limerick Sport Eagles at 3.45 pm and the first final of the St Mary's Basketball Blitz will take place on the same night Thursday 28th at 7.20pm when the top two Premier Men teams will meet after a day of top class action where the Castleisland Community Centre is certain to be packed to the rafters.

There's local interest in the Senior Ladies competition with both St Mary's and Killarney side St Paul's involved whilst Limerick Celtics and Mallow are very welcome visitors to the competition once again. The final of the Senior Ladies competition is scheduled to take place on the Saturday December 30th at 7 pm.

For many the main focus of the competition will take place at St John's Hall where stars of the future will battle it out in the local school's competitions. Local bragging rights as well as lifetime memories are sure to be on offer in what are very keenly contested competitions.

The full list of competitions in this year's blitz are : Junior National School Girls, Junior National School Girls Local, Junior National School Boys, Junior National School Boys Local, Senior National School Girls A, Senior National School Girls B, Senior National School Boys A, Senior National School Boys B, U/14 Girls, U/16 Girls, U/14 Boys, U/16 Boys, U/18 Boys, Division 2 Ladies, Division 3 Ladies, Senior Ladies, Division 1,2,3,4 and 5 Men and Premier Men.

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### TEAM OF THE WEEK

Well done to club men Ryan Quilter & Anthony Cremin who were both included in the recent Kerry Schoolboy League team of the week. Ryan Quilter along with Ryan Vickers were both part of the Kerry U14 squad who defeated the West Cork league on a 3-1 scoreline with both Quilter & Vickers on the scoresheet. Well done to both.

### CHRISTMAS WISHES

The Club wishes those involved in the club a Happy & Holy Christmas & Best wishes for the coming year of 2024.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to extend warm Christmas wishes to everyone on behalf of Killarney Athletic AFC. A big thank you to our dedicated staff maintaining our Woodlawn grounds, our coaches and their families, our committee and their families, and our generous sponsors whose support makes running the club possible.



*Ballyhar Dynamos u13s, team 2 who defeated Mastergeeha FC in Division 2 South of the Kerry schoolboy league on Sunday last.*

Appreciation also goes out to our trustees, non-playing club members, supporters, and, of course, our players—from the Academy to the senior teams.

This year, we celebrated the successful return of our annual 7-a-side event, led by Colette Casey. As we reflect on the past year, our thoughts are with the club members and the broader soccer community we've lost.

Here's to a joyful Christmas and an even brighter 2024. - Donie Murphy

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### U17 PREMIER LEAGUE

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# Killarney Celtic Celebrate Club Achievements



Killarney Celtic U-17 girls player of the year Aideen O'Brien receives her award from team coach Alan O'Sullivan. at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Front from left are Ava O'Malley, Ellie Mai Nugent, Lucy O'Sullivan and Eve Culhane. Seated from left are Katie Foster, Alan O'Sullivan (Coach) Kate Forde, Aideen O'Brien, Lucy O'Connor, Tanya McCormick (Coach) an Maeve Courtney. Back from left are Grainne Kennedy, Emma O'Brien, Abbie Finnan, David MacIndoe (Coach), Katie Doe, Amber MacIndoe, Clodagh Moriarty and Lauren Neff. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic youths player of the year Cathal Kelly, captain Dara O'Shea and teammates with team managers Rory and Paul O'Sullivan at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



John O'Brien receives an outstanding service award from Paul Sherry and Tim Jones (Chairman) at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Mikey Moynihan receives the Killarney Celtic B team player of the year award from team manager Diarmuid Daly, On left is Tim Jones (Chairman) and on right is Paul Sherry at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic youths player of the year Cathal Kelly receives the Jimmy Falvey memorial perpetual cup from Maria and Brendan Falvey. Back from left are Paul Sherry, Tim Jones (Chairman), Rory O'Sullivan (Manager) and Paul O'Sullivan (Asst Manager) at the Killarney Celtic annual awards. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic senior A player of the year Liam Spillane receives the Aidan Cronin memorial award from Alan and Sarah Cronin. Also seated are Saoirse Kelly and Madeleine Spillane. Back from left are Tim Jones (Chairman), Stephen Hayes, David Spillane, Paula Heery, Aidan Cronin, Diarmuid Daly, Mikey Moynihan and Paul Sherry at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic senior A player of the year Liam Spillane with Madeleine Spillane, Saoirse Kelly and David Spillane, at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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takes a look at all things sport...



Dr. Crokes - O'Donoghue Cup Champions 2023

### EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP LATE SURGE SEES CROKES RETAIN EAST KERRY CROWN

**O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL**  
**Dr. Crokes 0-12 Killarney Legion 1-8**

To be honest, I wasn't particularly looking forward to this one. Dr. Crokes went in as strong favourites, deservedly so after a very convincing triumph over Spa in their semi-final. Killarney Legion had just about overcome Kilcummin in a game that was effectively a low-scoring lottery because of the weather.

It was a dark enough day (I was squinting to identify players by the finish) and miserable enough weather – albeit with less wind and rain than last week's games. I wasn't expecting too much.

And, not for the first time, I was completely wrong. ? This was a gripping contest from start to finish. If you know the history of the Dr. Paddy O'Donoghue Cup and football in East Kerry generally, it adds to the experience, but you could bring any neutral to this game and they would have hugely enjoyed it. Given the drama and the tension, I would guess that it wasn't half as enjoyable for partisan supporters! Legion, who had the strong wind in the first half, made the better start. Darragh Lyne gave away a poor pass but redeemed himself by winning a great turnover before laying off to Ryan O'Grady for the game's opening score. The industrious Lyne grabbed a high ball to the back post from James O'Donoghue and laid it off again to O'Grady to make it 0-2 to 0-0. Best known as a midfielder, Lyne played s a roving - inside to get effect when Legion had the wind, and it was an important supplement for a full forward line with bundles of talent (James O'Donoghue, Peter McCarthy, Ryan O'Grady) Charlie Keating had a good effort tipped away

by an alert Brian Kelly, with Shane Murphy's '45 spilling away to the left. A great turnover and drive forward by Gavin White saw David Shaw open Dr. Crokes' account, but the impressive O'Grady clipped over from a tight angle for his and Legion's third point and Finbarr Murphy added another when Legion turned over the kick-out.

Crokes were very nearly level when Tony Brosnan slipped through ball to Gavin White with just the keeper to beat, but Brian Kelly is very hard to beat and made a great save. Mark O'Shea couldn't quite direct the resultant '45 on target, but a foul on Tony Brosnan saw David Shaw trim the gap and Cian McMahon cut it back to just one with a fine score. 0-4 to 0-3. Legion had slightly more of the play but were struggling to convert it into scores, not least because of superb defending by David Naughton and Gavin White in particular. Shane Murphy did have to rise high to fist a dangerous ball clear.

Micheál Burns drew Crokes level in the 25th minute, but Finbarr Murphy won and converted a free to restore Legion's slender lead. He had one more free before the break from out on the sideline. It looked innocuous enough, a difficult kick for a free-taker. He judged it perfectly, curling it beautifully into the wind and heading over the black spot....only to dip, and Crokes were caught unaware as, bizarrely, it slipped into the net. A bad goal to concede, and a bad time to concede it, with Legion taking a formidable four point lead into the break.

Half-time Killarney Legion 1-5 Dr. Crokes 0-4 Four points is a big lead to be chasing in winter football, even with the wind behind you, and Crokes set to work to trim it immediately. They struggled to convert though, with Cian McMahon's high ball into the square being well cleared, Charlie Keating having a weak effort comfortably gathered by Brian Kelly, and

Micheál Burns' having a chance fall short as well. Legion almost got through for a goal, but Ryan O'Grady slipped just as he was pulling the trigger and a grateful Crokes cleared their lines – that one was a real let-off.

Tony Brosnan, looking much livelier in this half, opened his account with a free and quickly added another after good work by Mark O'Shea. Finbarr Murphy replied with a free of his own after James O'Donoghue was fouled and there were two points between them again, 1-6 to 0-7.

In the 45th minute a high ball in from Brian Looney was bundled into the net, but referee Pádraig O'Sullivan correctly disallowed it for a free on the keeper. Instead it was Legion who got the next score, Eoghan O'Sullivan wisely opting to fist over.

A good effort by Tony Brosnan hit the post, with Micheál Burns swooping on the rebound, jinking into the square, and curling the ball past the last defender and keeper.....only to see it stray just the wrong side of the goalpost. Another heart in mouth moment in a game that had plenty of them.

Both sides were conscious of the clock ticking that bit louder now. Crokes stayed calm. Tony Brosnan kicked his first point from play. Kieran O'Leary raised a huge cheer as the Dr. Crokes talisman split the posts. Just one point in it now. Eoghan O'Sullivan, outstanding all through the second half, picked off a second point and they were just minutes away from a historic victory.

Long, hard minutes. Legend has it that Roscommon captain Jimmy Murray, when he was being taken off for treatment to an injury, was being cleaned up for the presentation of the Sam Maguire with his side six points up and just a few minutes left on the clock. While he was absent, Paddy Burke goaled for Kerry and then Tom Gega O'Connor's sideline ended up



The victorious Clanmaurice Camogie Team



in the net. Kerry went on to win the replay. No Killarney Legion devotee needs to ask how those Roscommon supporters felt back then! Micheal Burns laid off to Tony Brosnan and the gap was down to the minimum. Brosnan lined up another one, but Cian Gammell made a great block. Mark O'Shea stepped up to the '45 –remember, Crokes had already left two such chances behind time – and this time he judged it absolutely perfectly.

With less than two minutes remaining on the clock, Tony Brosnan won and converted another free. It was the first time all day that Crokes were in front, but it was also the most crucial time and when the final whistle went, it was Dr. Crokes captain Gavin O'Shea who lifted the coveted O'Donoghue Cup.

### CLANMAURICE WIN ALL IRELAND CROWN ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE FINAL Clanmaurice (Kerry) 1-7 Na Fianna (Meath) 0-7

People will tell you that Leonidas of Sparta had a tough job ahead of him guarding the Hot Gates (the thermos-pylae) from the Persian army of Xerxes. I was going to start this story by drawing parallels with Clanmaurice in Croke Park, but when I think about it, there are important differences. For one thing, Leonidas and the Spartans would have been a bit too far to the right for the German Government of the early 1940s (they were very, very much the bad guys), whereas the Clanmaurice girls are as sound as they come. For another, Leonidas didn't have 300 soldiers. He had somewhere between 5000 and 7000. Mind you, to be fair about it, Xerxes had somewhere between 120,000 and 200,000. Na Fianna didn't have that kind of playing panel. So that was an awful metaphor by me, and by rights you'd be better off ignoring it.

Clanmaurice had 17. In total. Two subs. Murt Murphy told me about their opening game in Munster this year (as Kerry's only senior club, they are automatically our representatives), and I told him that getting to Intermediate grade was an almost unbelievable achievement in itself. A Munster Intermediate? Not impossible, depending on the luck of the draw. The advantage of only one senior club (it doesn't offset the disadvantages – going forward, Kerry

camogie needs senior club competitions) is that they are also inter-county players, and Kerry's triumph in Division Two was founded on Clanmaurice building blocks.

Clanmaurice, as you'd expect, were only hanging on in the first half. Na Fianna had the run of Croke Park but somehow – and actually there isn't any mystery, Clanmaurice managed to get pressure on every shot but couldn't create any real chances themselves. They trailed by 0-3 to 0-1, Aoife Carey on the frees for Na Fianna and Patrice Diggin on target for Clanmaurice. Na Fianna maybe lost a little bit of concentration, coughing up two late frees for Patrice to convert handily enough. It was level pegging at half-time. Mind you, 0-3 apiece, all frees, says a lot about the game. No neutral was urgently texting their friends "Switch channels! You need to see this game!"

A lot Eddie Murphy, who has mastered many great victories for Kerry in hurling as his famous father Weeshie 'Long Puck' did in Cork, will care. His team were still alive and still in with a chance thanks to Patrice Diggins three frees. Eddie worked his magic during the break. I wasn't in the dressing room but I have no doubt it was more about staying calm and focussed than stirring the blood. That stuff is great for Hollywood movies but intelligence surpasses passion for the most part, especially with experienced players.

Patrice with a stunning free in the 35th minute and suddenly Clanmaurice were in front. Aoife Carey replied with a fourth free of her own but Clanmaurice were much better at battling for primary possession now. Julianne O'Keeffe hit a good shot, with the keeper forced to deflect it over the bar. It was Julianne's last part of the action, making way for Amy O'Sullivan, with Killarney juvenile coach Kate Lynch making way for Elaine Ryall at the same time. O'Sullivan and O'Keeffe's emergence from underage has been absolutely crucial for both club and county. Clanmaurice and Kerry always had brilliant defenders in the likes of Sarah Murphy and Niamh Leen. It was at the other game that their limitations were showing, relying very heavily on Patrice Diggin and Jackie Horgan for great scores. Both Amy and Julianne are always good for a couple of scores (Kate and Aoife Behan as well) and they make a real difference. That was the case here. Caoimhe Spillane sent in an inviting ball and Amy's pace saw her

gather just ahead of the keeper and tap it into the net. One of those that looks simple but is actually far from it. Jackie Horagn boomed over a great point and suddenly Clanmaurice were five points clear in a game where scores were at an absolute premium.

Na Fianna were not giving up. Aoife Carey picked off another free before Sophia Payne got their first score from play. Two points in it – Clanmaurice were caught last year in the All Ireland semi-final when leading by that exact scoreline. History was not repeating itself, though, with a nerveless Amy O'Sullivan splitting the posts to seal an incredible victory. Seventeen players in total. Be honest. If you had that number on one of your underage teams, you'd be looking to amalgamate with somebody to ensure that fixtures can be fulfilled and players would get games.

### MUNSTER GAA AWARDS

The Munster GAA Awards have been good to Kerry in recent years and that trend continued this year. The Senior Footballer of the Year was, for the first time that I can remember, shared, but it still stayed in the one household as the Clifford brothers Paudie and David won the honour. No doubt sympathy played a certain part, but I do think the decision stands on its own merit, given their performances.

The U20 Player of the Year was a formality, given Will Shine's scoring. I do have to give a mention to Clare's Brian McNamara – I know it was just one game, but his display against Kerry was an absolute tour de force and I actually hope to see more footballers produce that, even when it's against us.

There were two candidates for the Minor Footballer of the Year. A Kerry player was always going to win it, despite the brilliance in our opening defeat of Cork's Darragh Sheedy and Seán Coakley. Ben Murphy started at full back but Kerry really opened the throttle when he moved out to midfield subsequently, but the key player for me was Paddy Lane. Rarely have I seen a Kerry minor team so dependent on one player. In 2018 you had Paul O'Shea, but you had the likes of Paul Walsh, Dan Murphy, and Killian Falvey as well. Go back to David Clifford's era, and you are factoring in the likes of Seán O'Shea, Diarmuid O'Connor, Graham O'Sullivan....2014 we ended a fairly long famine



(by our standards) but that team had serious talent on every line, starting with Shane Ryan. Go back all the years that you want. I'm not saying that this year's Kerry minors had only one talented player – far from it, you don't need to tell me about the likes of Pádraig Moynihan, Gearóid Evans, or multi-talented Evan Boyle... you'll see these lads again. In fact, you'll see lads like Seán Ó Cuinn, Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch, Ronan O'Carroll, and Ben Murphy back in Kerry jerseys sooner than you might have expected, given that they are all eligible again. But Paddy Lane would have just pipped hbi's Austin Stacks' team-mate Murphy to the Munster Minor Award if it had been my call. Arrah, the world would be very different if I ran it.

Ladies Footballer of the Year is Roisín Ambrose of Limerick. No argument. Limerick showed serious progression at both club and county this year. Kerry can feel slightly aggrieved, having won Division One and reached the All Ireland Final, and Cork could raise an eyebrow as well given that they actually won the Munster Senior Final, and did it in style, but I don't think either had a stand-out individual who could justifiably pip Ambrose to the title. Aaron Gillane is the Senior Hurler of the Year. Anyone who didn't see that one coming needs to contact Specsavers. Urgently. Likewise with John Kiely as Manager of the year and Limerick as Team of the Year. The U20 Hurler of the Year is Cork's Ben Cunningham. He did impress with the senior team, but I'll be honest. The hurling came so thick and fast at me this year and there were so many fast-changing permutations in Munster that I lost track of it. The only way you could really be a devotee of hurling these days is if you were willing to forego all other sports, and I simply am not. So I enjoyed the hurling matches that I saw as I saw them. If they tell me that Ben Cunningham was the best young hurler in Munster this year....fair enough. I'm not going to argue.

Clare's Eoghan Gunning is the Minor Hurler of the Year. Again, I'm quite happy to take their word for it.

Karen Kennedy of Tipperary is the Munster Camogie Player of the Year. It may seem a little contradictory, given that Waterford's Áine O'Gorman was named Camogie Player of the Year nationally, but Kennedy was a key player and All Star winner as Tipperary won their first Munster title in 11 years. Camogie needs the likes of Cork, Tipp, Kilkenny, Wexford, and Galway dining at the top tier. It's been a triumvirate for too long in my opinion.

The Club of the Year is Castlehaven. Fair enough. Of course I think it's fair to say that Clanmaurice's astonishing All Ireland win is an incredible achievement, but that happened after these awards were announced.

## RTE SPORTS STAR AWARDS 2023

I am absolutely delighted to see Rhys McClenaghan to win the overall award. Also a little bit surprised – I assumed that they would go for a bigger name in the zeitgeist, which would be Katie McCabe, given that Katie Taylor has been a previous winner. But McClenaghan

took World and European golds in an incredibly hard discipline, one that I never imagined in all my life would ever be spoken of internationally in an Irish context, and I'm glad that it has been acknowledged properly.

Andy Farrell won Sports Manager of the Year. Farrell has done an awful lot to instill confidence in Irish rugby and he is a great hand on the tiller, I am delighted that he has signed a new contract, but John Kiely of Limerick has to be privately looking askance at that one. Limerick are acknowledged as the Team of the Year.

Evan Ferguson has been the great hope of Irish soccer and has established himself as one of the best strikers in the Premiership. He is fully deserving of the Young Sportsman of the Year. Look. I will never understand how 21 year old Rhadisa Adeleke wasn't included in that conversation. The reason that I'm not sure how many Irish record times – as in, best Irish times recorded ever in events – is literally because I lost count. And she's not even in the conversation? Look, I don't want to come across as the gruff red-faced retired colonel in a P.G. Wodehouse novel, so I will say no more.

Paralympic sprinter Jason Smyth was inducted into the Hall of Fame, deservedly so. Six Paralympic golds. Eight World Championship golds. Six European golds. It's not quite true to say that he retired undefeated – why do people feel the need to embellish an already phenomenal reality? He was beaten in qualification on occasion, but he did take gold in every event that he did qualify in.

### Hall of Fame Winner Jimmy Barry Murphy

The Hall of Fame entrant was Jimmy Barry Murphy, and I only have one tiny criticism. How on earth did it take so long? He is the only player in history to win All Irelands in hurling and football at minor, U21, and senior with Cork and U21 and senior in both codes with his club, St. Finbarrs. In 1999 he broke Kilkenny's long hegemony to lead Cork to one of their greatest hurling triumphs ever.

Here's the thing. Absolutely none of that reflects the actual impact of Jimmy Barry Murphy. Like Jack Lynch before him, he transcends his actual sporting achievements, astonishing though they are.

Kerry people of a certain vintage will remember. Kerry were winning All Irelands with legends of the game like Culloty, O'Connell, O'Dwyer, O'Sullivan, the O'Donoghue brothers, Long, Prendergast. If you need me to include the Christian names, then you may as well stop reading now.

Cork were coming. We knew full well that Cork were coming. They had great young players dominating underage in both codes. Don't think that Jimmy, or the likes of Brian Murphy or Declan Barron for that matter, sprang out of nowhere. Did you think we didn't know what Denny Long or Denis Coughlan could do? But we weren't ready for them to come at us so hard and so fast. And absolutely nobody was ready for the impact that Jimmy Barry Murphy would have. Nobody.

The GAA back then was considered conservative. Traditional back and sides hairstyle, semi-casual dress. None of your hats, flags, scarves, or headbands. Leave that to the

children. We were past the stage of kissing the Bishop's ring before throw-in, but not by all that much.

Jimmy Barry Murphy was different. He never set out to be emblematic of a new, confident young generation. He had a skinhead haircut because he liked it. He wore denim because he and his friends considered that fashionable. There was a young rock scene beginning to stir in Cork City. They were listening to the Rolling Stones, Lou Reed, James Brown....maybe a bit of fledgeling punk, a bit of Van Morrison, a bit of Rory Gallagher. They were...different to the previous generation. Better educated but also much more politically impassioned in many ways. Not quite hippies, not quite punks, but the respectable verge of either or both. And they were respectful and very proud of their sporting past – they grew up on stories of Lynch, Eamonn Young, and Ring.

Kerry weren't over-confident going into the Munster Final of 1973 against a Cork team that included the likes of Billy Morgan, Frank Cogan, Humphrey Kelliher, and of course Denis Coughlan, but they weren't afraid of it either. After all, the bulk of this team had won All Irelands in 1969 and 1970 and lost a final after a replay in 1972. Cork were starting a lot of garsoons. Okay, Kerry had young guns themselves – but nobody needed to worry about the likes of Jimmy Deenihan, Ger O'Keeffe or his midfield cousin John, Brendan Lynch, and definitely not young Egan at corner forward. Cork knew about the best of the Sneem brothers from his time in Carrig na bhFear school.

It was the last game played in Cork's Athletic Grounds. The politest skinhead in human history at corner forward for Cork destroyed Kerry. He was just too fast. Cork, cleverly, drew out Kerry's defenders, with Ray Cummins drifting out to bring Paud O'Donoghue out of the square, before sending in fast ball to run onto, and it worked a charm.

Funny enough, Mickey Ned O'Sullivan and Mick O'Dwyer were denied early goals by good saves from Billy Morgan. But Declan Barron latched onto a through ball from Denny Long and gave Eamonn Fitzgerald no chance. People were still queueing to get in when Jimmy Barrett added a second. Billy Field converted a penalty. 19 year old Jimmy Barry Murphy goaled less than a minute later. With just 32 minutes gone (games were 40 minutes a half at the time) he fisted home a second goal and Kerry were trailing by 5-3 to 0-2.

Kerry did actually rally in the second half and bolt the stable door, but the horse was long out of sight by then. Cork won by 5-12 to 1-15, Donal Kavanagh with Kerry's goal.

Cork had a new hero, and it was hard to grudge this soft-spoken teenager who considered gaelic games as much a part of the modern Ireland that he knew as Rory Gallagher's guitar. A year later that Cork team's rise would be abruptly halted by Dublin and the rise of 'Heffo's Army' as again a young city generation suddenly fell in love with ancestral games. Even by his own phenomenal standards, it still has to stand out as his greatest achievement.



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Referee Padraig O Sullivan receiving his award from Vice Chairman East Kerry GAA, Garry O Halloran, Irish Drains representative Johnny Brosnan and East Kerry Secretary Noel Kennedy.



Kieran O'Leary made history as he became the record holder of 13 O'Donoghue Cup medals. He is pictured with his wife Andrea and son Teddy.

## EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

by Michael Healy

### EAST KERRY O'DONOGHUE CUP

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**Final Score:**

**Dr Crokes 0.12 v Killarney Legion 1.08**

**Man of the Match: Tony Brosnan (Dr Crokes).**

Dr Crokes recovered from conceding a shocking goal just before half time, to win their third O'Donoghue Cup in a row, and gain revenge for their 2019 defeat to Killarney Legion, after a fierce battle between the 2 neighbors, at Fitzgerald's Stadium on Sunday.

It was Legion who got off to the quicker start, with Ryan O'Grady scoring 3 point's early. Brian Kelly denied Crokes a goal with a sharp save from Charlie Keating. Points from David Shaw, Cian McMahon and Michael Burns were reward for Crokes improvement, after their sluggish start. O'Grady then fired over a superb long range free. Just as half time arrived, Legion got their fortunate goal. Finbarr Murphy's long range free looked to be going over the bar, but instead dropped just underneath the bar. A great way to end the half for Legion, sending them in with a 4 point lead at the interval.

Legion had an early goal chance to start the second half, but the ball went loose just as it looked they would find the net. This escape

spurred Crokes into action, with Tony Brosnan leading the way. He scored his side's next 4 points, with Kieran O'Leary adding another 1, as Crokes brought the deficit back to just 1. Eoghan O'Sullivan increased to 3 by fisting over after a good move by Legion. This was to be their last score though. Brosnan soon split the posts with another well taken effort, before Mark O'Shea showed nerves of steel to convert a 45. Another Crokes attack ended with Brosnan again accurate with a free, and they kept possession expertly throughout injury time to seal the victory.

### ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE CLUB FINAL

Congratulations to Clanmaurice on a phenomenal win in the All Ireland Final.

## KILLARNEY LEGION

### O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL

Our Senior Men fell agonisingly short in last Sunday's O'Donoghue Cup Final against our neighbours Dr Crokes. Played in damp and breezy conditions we made a good start with Ryan O'Grady and Finbarr Murphy particularly accurate, helping us in a 0-4 to 0-1 lead after 15 minutes. The Crokes replied with the next three scores spread over a ten minute period to draw level. Ryan O'Grady was again on target as the half time break drew closer. A free taken

by Finbarr Murphy somehow eluded the Crokes defence and ended in the net to give us a 1-5 to 0-4 halftime advantage. With the conditions in their favour the Crokes made a strong start to the second half but a Finbarr Murphy point made it 1-6 to 0-7. Eoghan O'Sullivan twice responded to further Crokes points and the score was 1-8 to 0-9 heading into the final furlong. Unfortunately the Crokes finished the stronger, hitting the final three points to carry the day.

**Final Score: Killarney Legion 1-8 Dr Crokes 0-12.**

### WILLIAM SHINE

Congrats to William Shine who has been named as the U20 Munster Player of the Year for 2023, recognition for his 10 points haul against Clare and his Man of the Match performance against

### Cork in the Munster Final.JP MCMANUS

A big thank you to JP McManus for his incredibly generous gesture of donating 1 million euro to every County Board in Ireland. This is of course one condition, that its divided equally amongst every GAA, LGFA and Camogie club in that county. In short it amounts to just over 10,000 Euro for every club in the county.

### SEASON GREETINGS

Chairman David Randles and the Club Executive would like to wish all our members and supporters a very happy festive season.

### SCOR

Scór na nÓg U17 (County Only) is taking place on January 27th 2024.



Killarney Camogie Club U14 trainer Kate Lynch after Clanmaurice victory in All Ireland club final. Photo courtesy of Anne Lynch



Congratulations to Clanmaurice on their All Ireland Club





Anybody who would like to take part please contact Caroline at 083 8915953.

There are eight events/disciplines in Scór that cover all aspects of Irish culture: Figure/Céilí Dancing, Solo Singing, Ballad Group, Recitation/Scéalaíocht, Nuachleas/Novelty Act, Instrumental Music & Set Dancing. If there is enough interest a Table Quiz will take place also. This is a one night only event.

Normal Scór na nÓg will resume in Autumn 2024.

#### LOTTO

Monday December 11th. Numbers were 10, 11, 17, 24. Bonus 23. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Anthony O Sullivan Pharmacy 2. Darren Oliver, Lake Hotel 3. Joan Doran 4. Aisling Brennan online 5. Nicole Roder online

## KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

#### KERRY COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE 2024

Congratulations to Killarney members Ceara Moore and Eoin O'Shea who were elected as Vice Chairperson and PRO respectively of Kerry County Camogie Board recently. We wish them and their fellow officers every success for the coming year.

#### UNDER 16 KERRY TEAM 2024

Congratulations to our 2 players Ava Moore and Shannon Murphy who were selected as members of the Kerry camogie Under 16 panel for 2024. Best of luck to you both, along with your county teammates.

#### TRIALS

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

#### ALL IRELAND CLUB INTERMEDIATE FINAL

Congratulations to Clanmaurice on their All Ireland Club victory v Na Fianna of Meath on

Sunday 17th December in Croke Park. They won on a scoreline of 1-07 to 0-07. Killarney were represented by Under 14 coach Kate Lynch who lined out at midfield. Kate is an inspiration and role model to all our young players. It was the icing on the cake for Kate to finish off an incredible year to add the club All Ireland medal to the Division 2A League medal she won with Kerry earlier on in the year! Celebrations were put on a hold though as Kate was sitting a college exam on Monday morning. No doubt there will be plenty of well deserved celebrating over the Christmas holidays!

#### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We would like to wish all our players, parents, coaches, committee members, sponsors and supporters a very happy Christmas and a happy & sporting New Year.

## DR CROKES

#### EK O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL

Dr. Crokes 0:12 Legion 1:08

On Sunday last Kieran O'Leary made history as he became the record holder of 13 O'Donoghue Cup medals as we won our 33rd East Kerry Championship. The game had everything a local derby should have and it was only 1 point in the end that separated the sides. Legion aided with a strong wind in the first half started the stronger, scoring the first two points of the game before David Shaw opened our scoring in the 6th minute. Gavin White came close to raising the green glass minutes later when Brian Kelly was forced to react fast and send the ball out for a 45. Points from David Shaw, Cian McMahon and Micheal Burns meant that it was a one-point game going in to half time. Just before the short whistle was blown Legion

were awarded a free close to the sideline. With a strong wind blowing the free dropped short and slipped into the back of net. We went in training 0:04 to 1:05 at half time. Our never die attitude shone through in the second half as the boys refused to lie down. Two of six Tony Brosnan points opened up the scoring in the second half. We levelled matters in the 25th minute of the half when Mark O'Shea stepped up to kick a fantastic 45. Keeping cool and composed, with 2 minutes left on the closed Tony Brosnan won, and converted a free to give us the lead for the first time in the game. We held possession for the closing minutes of the game and ran out one-point winners in the end to claim our last bit of silverware of the year.

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

**LOTTO** took place December 18th. Numbers drawn were 1, 6, 19, 23 Jackpot of €7,400 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €45 each. Jackpot for draw on December 27th will be €7,700. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

#### BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo is taking a short break over Christmas and New Year. The first bingo of 2024 will take place on Sunday 14th January. Please note that the doors will open at the later time of 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

**CONDOLENCES** to Maurice Regan and family on the recent passing of his father Maurice. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

#### NOTES

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

# 13 CLUBS IN KERRY RECEIVE OFFICIAL GAA HEALTHY CLUBS ACCREDITATION



Some of the Kerry clubs who received awards with Bernie Reen, right, Chairperson, Munster G.A.A., Health and Wellbeing committee Event in Mallow Sports Complex recently. 6th December.

In recognition of their exceptional contributions to the health and wellbeing of their members and local communities, 13 clubs in Kerry have awarded official accreditation as Irish Life GAA Healthy Clubs. This milestone follows almost two-years work by the clubs' teams of volunteers who give up their free time to make the GAA and Ireland a healthier place for everyone to enjoy.

Over an 18-month period clubs must match certain criteria to achieve official accreditation as a 'Healthy Club' and depending on the capacity of their volunteer healthy club team can strive towards foundation, silver,

or gold level awards.

#### Kerry Gold award recipients:

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- Ballydonoghue
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- Tralee Parnells

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- Keel

#### Kerry Foundation award recipients

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- Dingle
- Spa
- St Pat's Blennerville
- Templenoe

An Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Larry McCarthy, said:

"Congratulations to the clubs and their members who are receiving their Healthy Club recognition. The GAA is synonymous with games, but we are about so much more than that, serving the people in the communities where our clubs operate.


#### G.A.A. Healthy Club Project, Phase 6

Expressions of Interest for the next Irish Life GAA Healthy Clubs programme which is Phase 6 are now open, all interested GAA, LGFA and Camogie Clubs can apply here: [www.healthyclubs.gaa.ie](http://www.healthyclubs.gaa.ie)

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2. How exposed the garden is - i.e. what direction is it facing.
3. 2. The eventual height and width the hedge will be
4. 4. Does it need to be evergreen.

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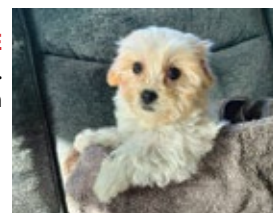
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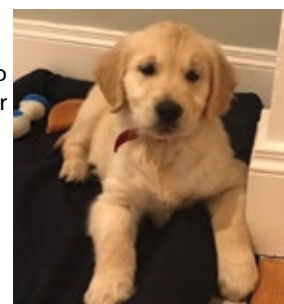


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## A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student, to begin, I wish you a very joyous Christmas and pray you and your family have a Peaceful New Year. You have done well this year in following our weekly Bible study articles. I pray they have helped you grow in your relationship with God. It would be beneficial for you to get your own Bible – a translation that you will enjoy reading preferably with a 'giant size' print (font size 12+) to make reading easier. Jack Hayford's Spirit filled study Bible is an excellent resource with additional notes. The Amplified Bible, NIV or NLT are great easy-reading translations, giving insight into the original language. A hardback cover, or 'leather-soft' material both ensure robust wear as you read your Bible every day. Treat yourself to the wonderful gift of God's Word, because when you read a physical Bible to study the Scriptures referenced here it will change your life forever. If you would like a FREE Starter Bible please ring, text, or email us (details below) and we will post it to you gladly. You are also most welcome to attend our special Christmas Eve Worship Service this Sunday morning at 11am, where you can collect your free Bible in person. The Eircode is V93V6X4 – Tiernaboul, Killarney.

Lots of people will go to church over the next few days. For some it's the only time of year they visit. People like to see the crib, or light a candle, thinking of loved ones who've passed on - a time for reflection and seeking Hope. When I read Luke's Gospel where the angels announced the birth of our Saviour to the shepherds it always makes me emotional (Luke 2:1-20). The shepherds were nobodies. But God – The Good Shepherd – symbolically chose them to be the first to enter the Presence of His Son Yeshua, the promised Messiah to worship Him (Ezekiel 34:12). The angels gave Glory to God as they told of Jesus' birth, announcing the Good News – that through this vulnerable little Baby, Peace with God was possible for all of mankind. Peace is something people crave. Life is hectic and we all look forward to a break and some peace. However, the world's peace never lasts – something is sure to take it (John 14:27).

"For unto us a Child is born... a Son is given... the government will be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and Peace there will be no end." (Isaiah 9:6-7). What our Eternal God did by sending Jesus was to bring lasting Peace for us, because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' (John 16:33; Colossians 1:20-22). Folks maybe are attracted to God more at Christmas, because in that innocent little baby they see the picture of Peace. We sing 'Silent Night' and 'O Holy Night' because they remind us of the tranquil scene of that night. But even peaceful memories of the nativity don't last long in our world. Why? Because it's only part of the Truth. The Baby grew up - strong in the Spirit (Luke 2:40-52). Then He died upon the Cross taking all of mankind's sins, pain, and sickness, and was raised from the dead having conquered sin, death, and hell – fulfilling His part of God's Promise of Salvation. So you see, to receive the True Peace of God you need the entirety of Jesus' Birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection! (John 11:25; Revelation 22:12) And know this: Messiah Lord Jesus is coming back, soon - not as a helpless baby, but the All-Conquering-King! God bless you dear friend.

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

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### Mass Times

**Sunday 24th of Dec Christmas Eve, also 4th Sunday of Advent**

Masses at St Mary's Cathedral Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am - (No 12noon)

Church of the Resurrection 9.30am - (No 11.00am)

Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross - 9.30am

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

St Mary's Cathedral Monday 8.00am, 10.30am & 12noon (No 6.15pm)

Church of the Resurrection Vigil 6.00pm & Monday 11.00am

Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross—Vigil 9.00pm Monday 9.30am

Franciscan Friary Sunday 24th 7.00pm and 9.00pm Vigil Masses

Franciscan Friary Monday 25th 8.30am 10.00am and 11.30am.

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**BINGO:** at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays @ 8.30pm

### KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE - Week 10 Results

**1st Prize €500:** Tom Sullivan, Mill Road. Seller: Denis Doolan

**2nd Prize €250:** Denise Cremin, Ardaneanig. Seller: Mary Kelly

**Winners of €100 each are as follows;**

Anne M Culloty, Birchfield, Loreto Road. Seller: Mary O'Keeffe

Honor Doyle, Woodlawn Park. Seller: Caroline Hurley

Eamon & Kitty Toland, Scartlea, Muckcross. Seller: J. Doolan

James & Gerardine Lyne, Scrahan Mews. Seller: Mary O'Sullivan Darcy

Stephen & Renee Clifford, Killorglin. Seller: Mary O'Sullivan Darcy

**Winners of €75 each are as follows;**

Timmy McGillicuddy, Ballydribbeen. Seller: Pa Mack

Michael Pigott, Cockhill, Kilcummin. Seller: Rena Healy

St, Oliver's Staff, Ballycasheen. Seller: Fr Sean Jones

John O'Leary, Lissivigeen. Seller: Cáit O'Sullivan Darcy

Patsy Casey, Knockmanagh. Seller: Andy O'Sullivan

John & Claire Randles, Upper Lissivigeen. Seller: Johnny Randles

Carmel Foran, St. John's, Tralee. Seller: Fr Mark Moriarty

Lily Murphy, Ferndale Avenue. Seller: Joan Coffey

Marie O'Donoghue, O'Sullivan's Place. Seller: Fr Paddy O'Donoghue

Danny Bowe, Castlerosse Hotel. Seller: Martin Walsh

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## NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you. Relying on these promises, I come with confidence during this novena to beg of you the favours that I need (make request). For whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits.

Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your power, I believe in your knowledge I believe in your personal love for me, and therefore O Sacred heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you. Our father, Hail Mary and Glory, say 3 times for 3 days must promise publication.


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## CHRISTIAN MEETINGS

WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER.

*In Fossa Community Hall  
Fossa, Killarney. V93 FC9F*

**SUNDAYS**  
11.30am to 12.45 pm.

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Everyone  
Welcome





REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

NOEL LUCEY



When everyone is busy  
At this festive time of year,  
Thoughts so often turn to ye  
Wishing that ye were here.

MARY LUCEY  
(NEE SHINE)



We shared so much together  
That memories abound  
And ye are remembered fondly when  
Christmas comes around.

LINDA EVISTON  
(NEE LUCEY)



May ye know that ye are thought about  
Wherever ye may roam,  
And may the stars shine brightly  
To light ye're heavenly home.

We Love and Miss ye everyday Sandra, Claudia, Alan & Hunter.

CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBRANCE



PAT  
SHEAHAN  
Killarney &  
Rathcoole, Mallow  
Died: 22/9/2022

Somewhere beyond the  
Sunset  
Where loved ones never die  
You sleep in a beautiful  
garden  
Beneath a golden sky  
Though Heaven and Earth  
divide us  
We are never far apart  
For you are always in our  
thoughts  
And forever in our hearts



MARGARET  
MOORE  
Arbutus Grove,  
Killarney  
Died: 16/1/2023

Gone are the days we used  
to share  
But in our hearts you are  
always there  
The gates of memory will  
never close  
WE miss you more than  
anyone knows.  
With tender love and deep  
regret  
We who love you  
will never forget.



ELIZABETH  
(BETTY)  
DRISCOLL  
Cork &  
Coventry UK  
Died: 14/8/2023

No matter how life changes  
No matter what we do  
A special place within our  
hearts  
Is always kept for you

Sadly missed and always loved by  
Nora and Family

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MARY BARRY



TRALEE ROAD,  
KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
21ST DECEMBER 2021

Of all the special gifts in life  
however great or small,  
to have you as our Sister  
was the greatest gift of all.

Mary, may the winds of love blow softly  
and whisper in your ear,  
"We love and miss you Sister  
and wish that you were here"

Loved and remembered always  
by your brothers, sisters and families.

7TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
KEVIN CASEY



LATE OF GLENFLESK,  
KILLARNEY  
& DUNMORE EAST  
WHO DIED ON  
JANUARY 3RD 2017

Our hearts are full of memories,  
With pride we speak your name,  
Though life must go on without you,  
It will never be the same,  
Those special days will not return  
when we were all together,  
But the love and memories in our hearts  
Will stay with us forever.

Loved and remembered by your  
heartbroken parents Paddy and Mary

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal  
But love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Loved and sadly missed by your wife  
Marguerite, sons Paul, Mark and James.  
Sisters Marie, Majella, brother Martin  
and extended family.

7th Anniversary Mass will be held in  
St. Agathas Church, Glenflesk,  
Tuesday 2nd January at 7pm.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
SHANE  
DENNEHY



LATE OF BOUNARD  
GNEEVIGUILLA  
WHO DIED ON 25TH  
DECEMBER 2013

Loved with a love beyond all telling  
missed with a grief beyond  
all tears.

Sadly missed and always remembered  
Mom, David, Derek, Jack, Caitlin  
and extended family.

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