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GAA players of the year and top footballers of the Country, David Clifford and Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh teamed up to launch a charity duck race which will form part of this year's St Patrick's Festival in Killarney. The Big Duck Dash takes place at the River Deenagh, Killarney National Park at 12 noon, on Monday, March 18. Also on hand to launch the Big Duck Dash were Festival Committee member Derek O'Leary and Festival Chairman, Jason Clifford (right). All proceeds from the event will go to St Francis Special School in Beaufort, Killarney which provides specialist education for young people with learning disabilities.
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A Note from the EDITOR



There isn't a town like it in Ireland. Killarney is once again pulling out all the stops for another fantastic festival which is planned for St. Patrick's Weekend. This week a Spectacular Stag was launched to represent Killarney's Historic Past, the theme of the festival, while footballing heroes launched what is to be a fun event on the River Deenagh. With a team of fantastic volunteers on board, the events are guided by the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and include a fantastic range of celebrations for the weekend. The Coffee Cup Initiative has won another major award, the Jobs Fair was, once again, a resounding success and €25,000 was raised at the Rotary's Wine & Art Night. Young Rally Drivers got behind the wheel at the weekend, there are plans to make Killarney an Autism Friendly Town and Dero's Tours have honoured a long standing employee. The countdown is on for Killarney Musical Societies 2024 production, the Tour de France is coming to Killarney and Killarney Valley AC athletes are scaling the heights on the national stage. The Girl Guides are looking for new members, Pres Students attend court and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport. Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie

Sunset over Ireland's highest mountains
- The McGillacuddy Reeks
by Eric Anderson



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SPECTACULAR STAG

will be festival focal point

A giant artistic stag, brilliantly representing Killarney's historic past, has been created as the signature mascot for this year's St Patrick's Day parade in the town.

It has been painstakingly created by local artist Sophie Lodge whose spectacular work has been very loyal and true to the magnificent animal that has freely roamed Killarney National Park for generations.

The imaginative artist behind the striking feature piece honed her skills at the world famous Notting Hill Carnival in London.

With a background in visual effects, Sophie has always had a passion for working on community art projects that bring people together and she was the artist responsible for the giant sunflower and colourful butterflies that adorned the bell-tower at St Mary's Church of the Sloes for previous St Patrick's Festival celebrations.

This year's parade will dazzle the public when the custom-made stag, generously sponsored by the trustees of Muckross House and Gardens, is unveiled and paraded through the streets with the assistance of three operators.

With its stomping ground in the UNESCO biosphere reserve of Killarney National Park, home to the deer herd, this historic animal will take centre stage in celebration of the town's rich natural heritage.

The striking artwork really embodies this year's festival theme, which delves into echoes of Killarney's historical past, and the stag is poised to evolve in the coming years when the focus in 2025 will shift towards echoes of Killarney's present, followed by a gaze into the future in 2026.

Jason Clifford, Chair of the St Patrick's

Day Festival, said the stag will be a key addition to this year's parade, capturing the imagination of both young and old.

"We are thrilled to have the support of the Muckross House Trustees in bringing this magnificent creation to life, given the integral role that the stag, Muckross House and the national park play in the fabric of our town," he said.

Marcus Treacy, Chairman of the Trustees of Muckross House, remarked: "Our partnership based on the stag is a perfect fit and it will contribute hugely to what promises to be a splendid St Patrick's Festival".

He added: "We anticipate drawing visitors not only to the parade but also to the town and attractions like Muckross House and Gardens."

Adding a touch of local pride to the official unveiling was the 2024 parade grand marshal, Dan Kelleher, who spent an incredible 58 years working in the park, rising to the esteemed rank of park superintendent.

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The Killarney St Patrick's Festival is organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, in partnership with Kerry County Council and with great support from Fáilte Ireland.

For more details on the festival and a comprehensive list of events leading up to the parade, please visit stpatriksfestivalkillarney.ie.



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UP FOR THE CUP *as project is deemed a winner*



UP FOR THE CUP...

Killarney's innovative single use coffee cup initiative has won a major national award. The first project of its kind in the country scooped the Best Environmental/Ecological category prize at the Local Authority Members' Association (LAMA) All-Ireland Community and Council Awards at the weekend. The awards were presented at a black tie gala in Dublin on Saturday night and Killarney was represented at the ceremony by Deputy Mayor Cllr Marie Moloney and Juliette Kelly of the Killarney Tidy Towns/Killarney Looking Good Committee. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Also in attendance were Mayor of Kerry Cllr Jim Finucane and Kerry County Council's Director of Economic and Community Development, Niamh O'Sullivan.

The awards celebrate communities and councils working together, highlighting the great work done and recognising the phenomenal contribution made.

The adjudication commentary noted that Kerry County Council has supported the establishment and promotion of the Killarney project, making it the first town in Ireland to be declared single use coffee cup free.

The judges noted that the removal of over 1,000,000 single use cups on an annual basis was the equivalent of 18.5 tonnes of waste.

"It has seen the core objectives of the circular economy and sustainable tourism principles brought centre stage to the benefit of all in Killarney," they said.

The Killarney coffee cup project had already won the overall prize at the annual Pakman Awards and it clearly illustrates that the town is certainly winning the struggle against disposable cups.

Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Niall Kelleher, said as a member of LAMA, he was delighted to propose that the Killarney coffee cup project be put forward for the national award given the tremendous coming together of people to ensure the project worked.

"To remove over one million single use cups from the environment, including the national park and the amenities, is an achievement that Killarney can be very proud of," the mayor said.

Killarney Tidy Towns Committee Chairman, Michael Gleeson, congratulated all involved in the project, the business owners who are backing the plan and the public for supporting it.

"This project aims to progressively reduce the number of disposable coffee cups which had, for too long, littered our footpaths and roadsides. "A cleaner town and litter-free approach roads are better for local people and for visitors," he said.

Local coffee shops and hotels continue their collective effort to eradicate single-use coffee and tea cups having switched to the reusable system in July of last year.

Since becoming Ireland's first town to become single-use coffee cup free, the local businesses have witnessed a very positive reaction from locals and tourists.

The ground-breaking project – also the winner of the sustainability award in the 2023 Killarney Looking Good Competition – has been promoted and supported by local partners including Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kerry County Council, Killarney Credit Union, Kerry Convention Bureau and AIB.

The decision to ban single-use cups was underpinned by complaints that some of Killarney's most visited beauty spots were being polluted and studies of clean-ups in the national park revealed that one of the most common forms of waste recovered was single-use coffee cups.



At the awards presentation in Dublin were, from left, Cllr Jim Finucane, Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Marie Moloney, Deputy Mayor of Killarney, Juliette Kelly, Killarney Tidy Towns and Niamh O'Sullivan, Kerry County Council



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They never duck when faced with a big challenge on the field so it was safe to assume that GAA players of the year David Clifford and Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh weren't going to shy away from the latest task on their home patch.

The two top footballers in the country teamed up to launch a charity duck race which will form part of this year's St Patrick's Festival in Killarney, where they both live.

When the working day was done, busy secondary school teachers, David and Louise had some great quack and they got caught up in the spirit of the occasion along the scenic River Deenagh in Killarney National Park.

The reigning Player of the Year and Ladies Player of the Year award winner demonstrated their competitive streak when they expressed confidence that their own ducks will win The Deenagh Duck Dash on the same river at noon on Monday, March 18.

But, luckily, festival chairman Jason Clifford was there to keep the peace and he even threatened to cry fowl and brandish a card at the star players – with duck yellow deemed the most appropriate colour.

Considered by many to be the greatest players of all time in their respective codes, between them, Fossa hotshot David and Corca Dhuibhne star Louise have an incredible nine All-Star awards.

But they might be tempted to swap one if their duck wins the fun-filled race on the day after St Patrick's Day.

All proceeds from the event will go to St Francis Special School in Beaufort, Killarney which provides specialist education for young people

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR DON'T DUCK A CHALLENGE



Flying Ducks...GAA players of the year and top footballers of the Country, David Clifford and Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh teamed up to launch a charity duck race which will form part of this year's St Patrick's Festival in Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

with learning disabilities.

Festival chairman Jason remarked: "This isn't just a race – it's great fun for the whole family. "Picture the scene with a flotilla of vibrant rubber ducks racing down a winding river, their owners cheering them on and all in the

name of a fantastic cause".

Super prizes await the winners, the cost of a rubber duck to participate in the race is just €5 and they can be bought online at <https://stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie/>.

Rotary Raises A Glass To Celebrate – €25,000 raised at Wine & Art Night



Member of Killarney Rotary Club pictured with their chosen charities at the presentation of the cheque which was proceeds of the popular Wine and Art Night at the Great Southern Hotel.

Killarney Rotary Club invited the beneficiaries of the annual Wine & Art Night to the Great Southern Hotel on Wednesday where they presented cheques to the various groups. This charity fundraising event in its twentieth year has benefitted many local charities, community groups and projects. It is a wonderful social evening which is supported by Daly's SuperValu Killarney, Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company and this year Killarney Credit Union came on board.

Rotary Club President 2023-2024 Barry Murphy announced that the grand sum of €25,000 was raised on the night through ticket sales and art sales and he presented cheques to the following beneficiaries -

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He hopes the money will help them to complete the projects that this funding was raised for, and Rotary looks forward to seeing some of these when they are completed.

Barry thanked everybody involved in ensuring the evening was a huge success. A huge amount of voluntary work is involved in the organising of this event, before, during and after, by all. He thanked the event sponsors and the fifty plus artists and craftspeople that exhibited and sold on the night. He thanked the patrons for attending year in, year out and the many new faces this year, for coming along to exhibit their art or craft pieces or to enjoy themselves tasting a selection of wines and locally brewed beers on offer, in the knowledge that they were supporting so many local groups by being there. He thanked his fellow Rotarians for their ongoing enthusiasm and energy. They look forward to hosting this event again later this year.

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Over 1,300 people had a very positive experience at this year's South Kerry Jobs Fair, which was held on Thursday 15th February at the Great Southern Hotel.

Both exhibitors and attendees gave a very positive response following the South Kerry Jobs Fair which took place on the 15th February in The Great Southern Hotel in Killarney. Organised by South Kerry Development Partnership in conjunction with the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, the event saw a broad range of companies from across a range of industries offering career opportunities to the more than 1,300 people who attended. A networking event for exhibitors, organised and sponsored by South Kerry Skillnet, took place before the fair opened.

A new feature of this year's event was the hosting of a series of workshops for potential job seekers providing them with a range of insights into topics such as C.V. preparation and interview skills. The workshops were very well received and SKDP's Joanne Griffin said that those who attended them were delighted with the opportunity to get new insights into these topics from leading experts in the area.

Bridget O'Keeffe of The Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce said that she was delighted with the success of the event overall. "Last year saw more than 1,200 people attend and that was surpassed this year" she noted. "The employers I have spoken to following today's event were delighted with the both the number and quality of potential employees who were in attendance and we expect that many of those who attended today will be offered positions in the near future" she added.

Andre Claro of the Muckross Park Hotel said that he attends many of these events, and this was very impressive due to the high number of candidates passing through during the whole morning, suitable to every exhibitor's offering. This was echoed by Resilience Healthcare who said



Pictured at the Jobs Fair are: Gretel O'Sullivan South Kerry Skillnet; Joanne Griffin SKDP; Grace O'Sullivan Red Chair Recruitment; Noel Spillane SKDP; Colin Ryan HR Buddy; Bridget O'Keeffe Killarney Chamber; Kate O'Shea Dream Jobs; Johnny McGuire Killarney Chamber; Maureen Hegarty Killarney Chamber; John Kennelly KCC

they were inundated with many suitable candidates who were doing their training at the moment, or have already completed it as well as Cathal from Domino's who said they were very happy with the range of candidates they met during the event.

Joanne Griffin noted that many of the exhibitors were already inquiring about attending the event again next year and some companies were actually in contact with them on the morning of the event seeking space to exhibit. "I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our sponsors for their support in holding the event this year and hopefully we can build on it again next year" Joanne added.

Radio Kerry's 11 to 1 club show, presented by Francis Jones, also broadcasted live from the event and interviewed a range of exhibitors and organisers across the programme.

BERTIE & CHARLIE....

Bears Ensure Down Syndrome Kerry Get Vital Funds from the Europe Hotel & Resort

The Europe Hotel & Resort this week, presented a cheque of €8,150 to Down Syndrome Kerry raised from their Christmas Fundraiser.

'We are most grateful to The Europe Hotel & Resort for this wonderful fundraising initiative - Bertie and Charlie Bear. The funds raised will help

provide essential therapies and services for our members. We very much look forward to working with The Europe Hotel & Resort again in the future.' John O'Connor, Chairperson of Down Syndrome Kerry.

In December 2023, The Europe Hotel & Resort was delighted to welcome

back Bertie Bear and his cousin, Charlie Bear who always come to stay at the five-star hotel for the festive season! As well as the families getting together, the two cousins like to do something to help others and in December they chose to support Down Syndrome Kerry as the hotel's annual Christmas charity.

Down Syndrome Kerry is a parent-led voluntary organisation, supporting over 230 families throughout County Kerry and into parts of Cork and Limerick. Your donation will help this organisation provide members with vital therapies and services to supplement state provision. To find out more about the great work done by Down Syndrome Kerry, please log onto Down Syndrome Ireland: Kerry Branch (downsyndromekerry.ie)



Pictured at the presentation of funds are from left: Michael Brennan & Adrian Stehr Managing Directors of The Europe Hotel & Resort, Siobhan Looney, Joe Burkett, Down Syndrome Kerry, Anthony O'Connor, Fionn Van Bladel, Sarah Kelleher & Siobhan Walsh, Operations Manager for Down Syndrome Kerry

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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

Church Property

Church property is coming under scrutiny. With just over 40 priests for 110 churches, the use of churches going forward is forming part of the consultation with the laity now underway. Are churches to become community halls or to retain their sacral function? It's not so long ago the Church of Ireland faced the same dilemma. The wheel turns quickly: Rotha mór an tsaoil.

In the meantime, parishioners are warned about proper security amid increasing break-ins and burglaries.

But the council is beginning to cast a covetous eye too. Dare I use the term!

John Francis Flynn FF just this week moved a motion at the council seeking a list of all church property held by St Brendan's Trust.

A similar motion some years ago for a list of council owned property had yielded "positive" results, and some property had been developed, John Francis said.

There was a shortage of houses and long term accommodation for Irish and refugees was needed.

Businesses were closing down all over the county as hotels and guesthouses were taken up with refugees, he said.

People were on housing lists for years. He strongly supported a motion by Maura Healy Rae that tourist accommodation no longer be used for refugees, the councillor said.

Meanwhile as with all the empty HSE buildings, security is a headache and CCTV and lighting all must be considered by parishes with « increasing break-ins and burglaries, » the Diocese reminds parishes.

Referendum to neutralise women

One church-owned building, the now vacant school in the Black Valley is being put to

good use on March 8th as a polling station for 81 voters.

We have very little information on the proposed two amendments labelled family and caring. Really it is the caring one that interests me because this has to do with women and motherhood.

March 8 is international women's day globally. I doubt anyone has remarked on the coincidence yet.

Because the people of Ireland are being asked to delete all references to the word 'mother' in the Irish Constitution.

Article 41 and as it stands says a mother should not be forced to work outside the home for economic necessity; (It has long been misinterpreted as saying women are to be confined to the home. Perhaps the confusion has deliberately never been cleared up as the aspiration has never been realised or acted upon?) The related part says a woman lends a unique contribution to a home and this should be cherished.

Those are my own plain English words.

This is the formal version, so I am not misleading anyone:

As it stands, Article 41.2.1 states: "In particular, the State recognises that by her life within the home, woman gives to the State a support without which the common good cannot be achieved."

Article 41.2.2, related: "The State shall, therefore, endeavour to ensure that mothers shall not be obliged by economic necessity to engage in labour to the neglect of their duties in the home."

These two sections, and their feminine nouns, 'mother' and 'woman' are to be removed altogether.

They are to be replaced by a watery and anodyne 'Members of the family providing care for one another. Then there is the 'home part'. This is going too.



This is what's replacing it:

"The State recognises that the provision of care, by members of a family to one another by reason of the bonds that exist among them, gives to Society a support without which the common good cannot be achieved, and shall strive to support such provision."

I am not a turkey voting for Christmas. I will be voting no. Not only this, but I will do so with great glee.

The State has not lived up to the original aspiration to the home, let alone to women or mothers. It is more difficult than ever to build a home. And if the State - Leo and Helen and others - were serious about either women or homes, then they would give all women a basic income. Much like artists now get. And they would make it possible for everyone to have a house, so they can have a home and be a mother to children if they so want.

Instead they are tinkering around with a constitution in an abstract and meaningless way. And while driving women out to work to keep a roof and giving no proper childcare or valuing child minders.

Misogyny comes in many forms and this I fear is a Trojan Horse. Basically women are getting neutered in our constitution. I will look at the Family amendment next week.

Droning on deer

Deer counting is not something this country excels at. However drone technology may be employed, the Department of Housing has confirmed to me.

It is already in use in Scotland and there have been pilot drone count projects in Waterford

and by Coillte, I am told.

We badly need a proper deer census in Kerry. No one has a record of how many accidents involve deer, the recent meeting of the county's joint policing committee was told in Killarney.

Partly this is because the collisions are not reported to gardaí as people whose cars are damaged see little point.

However there are numbers of collisions and deer now have spread across the county far from Killarney.

The fact there is no deer census is of concern to deer societies too.

'We have no clue how many deer we have, still after years of calling for a census,' Damien Hannigan of the Irish Deer Society, said.

Damien is well known in Killarney and works closely with the national park and with deer people.

I asked him about the possibility of drones

being employed.

He would welcome the move, but cautioned about the drawbacks. Drones can't penetrate the tree thicket particularly with coniferous forests.

'Anything that helps us get an understanding of deer numbers is welcome,' Damien said. Meanwhile, drone technology has been used in Scotland and elsewhere to count deer for some time, the Department acknowledged.

The use of drones is particularly effective within open habitats and difficult terrain such as mountains and blanket bogs, a spokesman said.

'While drone technology is not currently used by NPWS, it may be used in the future on NPWS properties to monitor deer numbers, map deer distribution and monitor daily/seasonal deer movement patterns, where it can complement existing techniques such as camera trapping used in woodland areas.'

Drone technology may be employed to count the deer in Killarney.
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KILLARNEY

has just the ticket for a great celebration

When it comes to planning an occasion to remember, joining in the St Patrick's Festival celebrations in Killarney is just the ticket – quite literally. And that's exactly why those intending to enjoy many of the festivities lined up are being urged to book their tickets in advance if they want to avoid disappointment as attendances at a number of events will be limited.

The bumper festival, as always, is being organised by a team of volunteers, guided

by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce in partnership with Kerry County

Council and with support from Fáilte Ireland, and this year's festival will have many highlights.

Tickets for all events can be booked on the official festival website www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie but it would be very wise to reserve places as early as possible because the demand is already very brisk.

The theme of the weekend-long celebration is Echoes of Killarney Past and Orla Carroll, Director of Product Development with Fáilte Ireland, said the festival offers a brilliant opportunity for visitors to immerse themselves in the unique history and heritage of the town.

"Festivals and events are a key component of Ireland's tourism offering and they provide unique and compelling reasons for a visitor to choose a destination.

"They also have the ability to drive footfall for local businesses, supporting jobs and revenue generation," she said.

"Fáilte Ireland is working closely with the festival organisers and the local community to develop and promote a compelling programme of events and experiences that celebrate both our national holiday and all that Killarney has to offer," Ms Carroll added.

The ticketed events are:

Irish Classics by Candlelight

Saturday, March 16th at 6.00pm in St Mary's Church of Ireland. Tickets from €30

Chopin by Candlelight

Saturday, March 16th at 8.00pm in St Mary's Church of Ireland. Tickets from €30

Duck Dash

Monday 18th March 12 noon at the playground off Port Road. Tickets from €5

Myths and Legends for Families

Monday, March 18th at 2.30pm at the Anam Cultural Centre. Tickets €12

Echoes of Killarney Past

Monday, March 18th at 5.00pm at the Anam Cultural Centre. Tickets €15



Rose Escorts: Mike Donoghue, Noel Quinn, Tommy Quirke, Alex Kenny and Tommy Cunningham (Front) with the 2023 Rose of Tralee Roisin Wiley in Dublin for the launch. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

Roses

SET TO BLOOM AGAIN IN 2024

From New York to Arizona, Dublin, Laois, Wexford, Kerry to Castlebar – Roses and Rose Escorts gathered at the Jeanie Johnston in Custom House Quay, Dublin 1 to launch the search for the 2024 International Rose of Tralee and Rose Escort of the Year. Applications are now open at www.roseoftralee.ie

With Rose Selections soon taking place across 32 centres nationally and worldwide, Rose of Tralee Róisín Wiley and Rose Escort of the Year Tommy Cunningham officially launched the search for the 2024 International Roses and Benetti Menswear Rose Escorts to take part in the summer of a lifetime by becoming a Rose or Rose Escort.

Ireland's flagship family festival, the Rose of Tralee International Festival continues to grow in popularity with more than 100,000 enjoying all that was on offer across the five-day event, and more than 15 million views of last year's festival on Rose of Tralee social media. Now, as we prepare to do it all again in 2024, the search is on at home and abroad to find this year's Roses and Rose Escorts. Visit www.roseoftralee.ie for more information.

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NETWORKING IS WORKING

at February Event in Killarney

Network Ireland Kerry held their February event in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney on the 14th of February. The evening's theme was "Elevate 2024 – create & integrate your online communities for success". Megan Daly-Tyrell opened the evening by welcoming everyone to an evening of actionable take-aways in terms of marketing recommendations they could implement in their own businesses.

The evening was co-hosted by committee members, Brigeen O' Sullivan and Eimear Mc Donnell of Match Marketing and Anita Michalak of Digital Talk. Emceeding the evening was Eimear Mc Donnell, who introduced the special guest for the evening, Maeve Dennehy, owner, and founder of the Love Cherish boutique and the Oh Molly fashion line. Maeve opened Love Cherish in Charleville, Co. Cork in 2012 and since then both her store and online store have gone from strength to strength.

Brigeen O' Sullivan of Match Marketing shared key steps that each attendee could use when planning a marketing or advertising campaign, to ensure they get optimum results. This was supported by Anita Michalak



Keynote Speaker Maeve Dennehy, founder of 'Love Cherish' and 'Oh Molly'; Eimear Mc Donnell (Match Marketing), Adrian McCarthy (Match Marketing), Emma Phillips (Match Marketing), Brigeen O'Sullivan (Match Marketing) and Anita Michalak (The Digital Talk/Match Marketing) pictured enjoying the Network Ireland Kerry February event 'Elevate 2024 - Create & Integrate Your Online Communities for Success' in The Brehon Hotel, Killarney on Wednesday evening last. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

of Digital Talk, who shared how attendees could optimise their social media footprint, from Facebook, to Instagram to their LinkedIn profiles.

The next event for Network Ireland Kerry will be held on March 13th in the Rose Hotel and will focus on Financial Wellness.

The public organisation "the future of the Ukrainian nation" presents: "IN THE DEPTHS OF THE UKRAINIAN SOUL"

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THE DEPTH OF THE UKRAINIAN SOUL

We invite you to familiarize yourself with the project, where we will show the facts and crimes of war. The information is collected from the stories of Ukrainians currently living in Killarney, who were approached by darkness. The project was created to become a single informational voice for families who have suffered great losses and to draw attention to the end of war and the preservation of human lives.

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A project that was created to become the single voice of the pain of Ukrainians living in Killarney. The project is about relatives of victims of torture who were captured, about people who lost their children, parents, sisters and brothers forever, about those who wait every day for good news that their son is alive. The project is about people who have nowhere to go home because their home was stolen by invaders, destroyed, and entire neighbourhoods flooded. Project on the destruction of the Earth's ecology. The project is about military volunteers from Ireland who gave their lives in the struggle for justice. Which is a testament to the impending catastrophe in Europe, which we must all stop now!

"You see us Ukrainians smiling on the streets of Killarney, but it's hard to know what's in our hearts.. Broken lives, hearts, squeezed by pain. We built a happy life that was taken away by terror. We meet the sun's rays every day here in Irdandia, but then, after receiving news from Ukraine, we are plunged into darkness again... We are all very tired of the war!

We believe that, no matter what, light and joy will reign in the depths of every Ukrainian's soul! We will come together not to ask for help, but to share good news and warm the whole universe with bright light, home comfort and warmth!

But, unfortunately, today the world is different, a world in darkness, let's not be indifferent and thereby contribute to the happy future of humanity!

The author of the project is Natalia Eismont. Nataliia Batii and "Future of Ukrainian Nation" team worked on the project

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Autism Friendly Town Plans for Killarney



Adam Harris, CEO, AsIAM - keynote speaker, supporting the new initiative aimed at making Killarney autism-friendly with Kevin Leahy, Chairman, Killarney Autism Friendly Committee, and support groups. The initiative was launched with the backing of over 30 businesses, public sector and charity organisations in the town. The initiative is being led by a voluntary committee and supported by AsIAM, Ireland's national autism charity, whose CEO Adam Harris was the keynote speaker at the launch event in the Plaza Hotel. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Safe space... Éabla Clifford, with 'Zazu' autism therapy support dog from Fossa National School, supporting a new initiative aimed at making Killarney autism-friendly has been launched with the backing of over 30 businesses, public sector and charity organisations in the town. The initiative is being led by a voluntary committee and supported by AsIAM, Ireland's national autism charity, whose CEO Adam Harris was the keynote speaker at the launch event in the Plaza Hotel. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Over 30 businesses have joined public sector and charities in Killarney to back a new initiative aimed at making Killarney autism-friendly.

The initiative is being led by a voluntary committee and supported by AsIAM, Ireland's national autism charity, whose CEO Adam Harris was the keynote speaker at the launch event in the Plaza Hotel.

As part of the initiative, businesses and organisations that get involved, known as 'champions', will take measures to provide an environment that considers the needs of local residents and visitors with autism. The overall goal is to ensure autistic individuals have full access to goods and services in Killarney, and that their lived experience is one of support and inclusion across all aspects of daily life.

"I was delighted to attend the launch of Killarney AsIAM Autism Friendly Town Committee. There was a great attendance from across the community who had the opportunity to learn about the initiative and also hear of its importance from the perspective of the local Autism community," said Adam Harris, CEO, AsIAM. "We look forward to working with the local committee in the time ahead to identify and remove the invisible barriers that exist so that Autistic people have the same chance to live, work

and play in Killarney."

The Killarney Autism Friendly Committee has already piloted an autism friendly area at the Christmas in Killarney parades late last year, kick-starting a 3-year journey that will include training for champion organisations, autism-friendly events and awareness campaigns to educate the wider public about autism acceptance and accessibility. The first training event for staff and volunteers working with autism-friendly champions will take place on March 5th.

"We started working on this initiative last year and the support we have received so far has been fantastic" said Kevin Leahy, Chairman, Killarney Autism Friendly Committee. "The next phase will be very exciting as the champion businesses and organisations make changes to become more autism-friendly, and we look forward to supporting them on that journey".

For more information on this initiative, becoming a champion business, or attending an upcoming training session please visit <https://killarney.ie/killarney-chamber-of-tourism-commerce/killarney-autism-friendly-community/> or email autismfriendlykillarney@gmail.com. organisation's size, needs and the industry they do business in. For more information visit <https://asiam.ie/>



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Timmy McCarthy is honoured for 50 Years of Service at Dero's Tours. Pictured are from left: Catherine O'Sullivan Dero, Timmy McCarthy, Michael O'Sullivan Dero and Denis Spillane.



50 Years of service: Denis McCarthy.

Following 50 years of dedicated services at Dero's Tours, driver, Timmy McCarthy celebrated the occasion with family and friends. The O' Sullivan family, namely the Dero's, surprised Timmy with a party at the Grand Hotel, surrounded by family and work colleagues. Catherine and Michael Dero along with Denis Spillane presented Timmy with a Waterford Crystal trophy to mark his distinguished career in the tourism business. Timmy was ultimately surprised and was reluctant to be in the limelight and honouree of the night.

Timmy was a young lad when he started on Main Street with the great entrepreneur Dero and his wife Eileen in August 1973. His first task of his long career was the driver of the wedding car for a local couple. He passed with flying colours and worked his way up from 14 seater to the larger coaches as the business grew over the years. He loved meeting tourists and his local knowledge, found many returning and requesting the young good looking, tall driver as their guide. He loved the Ring of Kerry Route but was no easy task as the roads were very daunting and rugged along the way. He welcomed the challenge and thankfully the route has improved but still very tight spots along the way. He has transported tourists all over Ireland and were all met with a welcoming smile from the charismatic, Timmy. However, with all the roads that he travelled over the decades, one of his favourite places is West Kerry, Dingle. This destination is beautiful with breath taking views along The Wild Atlantic Way.

Timmy has no intention of retiring from the established family business of Dero's any day soon and the team there wish to congratulate him on his jubilee milestone and applaud him on his tremendous and long professional career.

THE FEXCO STORY on Radio Kerry

€34 billion in transactions in 29 countries with 2,500 employees, a thousand of them in Killorglin will be aired on Radio Kerry on February 24. The Fexco Story is told by Frank Lewis, guided by Fexco chairman Denis McCarthy, on Radio Kerry tomorrow, Saturday, February 24 from 9 to 11. The story looks at the start of the business in Susan's bedroom to today and it's €34 billion in transactions in 29 countries.

Employees will be on hand to discuss different aspects of the business including, Bridget McGuire who will explain Fexco Asset Finance banking service now has a staff of 24 and will shortly have a €100 million loan book.

Ger Murphy remembers Fexco becoming Western Union agents in Ireland and many other countries.

Shane McElroy says Fexco's strategy payments are in 1.3 million ATMS in over sixty countries. In a landscape of pints Declan Falvey and chorus sing The Old Triangle.

Fexco tells airlines how much carbon they are burning. Stephen O'Sullivan tells how they help communities to generate their own electricity.

Denis Cleary says with Fexco's Dynamic Currency Conversion invention the visitor using his own credit card sees in their own currency what a cash withdrawal abroad is costing.

Nuala Johnston will talk on the challenges and achievements as project manager on the development of the 57,000 square foot, €21 million Fexco RDI hub.

The Fexco Story is told by Frank Lewis, guided by chairman Denis McCarthy.



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KERRY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WELLNESS EVENT

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The Brehon Hotel in Killarney will play host to the highly anticipated MS selfcare seminar in Kerry on Sunday, April 21st. The Kerry Multiple Sclerosis Wellness Event will take a holistic approach to empowering attendees to manage their care by focusing on mindset, nutrition and exercise.

Expert speakers on the day will be Neurologist Dr Helena

Moore, Ireland's leading health and performance coach Gerry Hussey of Soul Space, and Naturopath Anne Darcy. Attendees will also benefit from a multitude of speakers who are living with MS telling their personal stories and various therapists throughout the event.

The Kerry Multiple Sclerosis Wellness Event was organised by Susan Carey and Jillian O'Sullivan on seeing the opportunity to introduce more health and lifestyle services here in Kerry, for people living with MS. They previously ran this event in 2020, in The Rose Hotel Tralee, a week before the first Covid National lockdown and it was a huge success. "Traditionally, the information made available in relation to living with and treating MS is all medical research based. What's different about

KERRY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WELLNESS EVENT SEMINAR PLANNED

our event is that it is lifestyle based, supporting people to take a more hands on approach to their selfcare", says Jillian.

"The MS Wellness Day in 2020 was such an incredible success, people are still talking about how it was an enjoyable uplifting positive day. We initially wanted to run the event every two years but with the Covid pandemic this wasn't possible. With just 9,000 people in Ireland living with MS, it can sometimes be an isolating illness to deal with, and then with further restrictions over Covid, it has been extra challenging. We're really proud to be bringing this opportunity to the community here in Kerry again to not only provide really valuable content but to also boost the morale

of many living with MS and their family", added Susan.

The Kerry Multiple Sclerosis Wellness Event entrance fee is €20 and with limited capacity booking in advance is essential via Eventbrite. The event will take place in The Brehon Hotel from 10.30am – 3pm on Sunday, April 21st and is open to anyone living with MS, or perhaps supporting someone who is living with the illness. This event wouldn't be possible with the generous support of our sponsors; including The Brehon Hotel and Bon Secours Hospital Tralee. For more information, search Kerry Multiple Sclerosis Wellness Event on eventbrite.ie or all us on 0857424114 or 0863846359.

KILLARNEY HONOURS PRESENTED TONIGHT

The Municipal Districts of Killarney will present awards to individuals and groups who have achieved great success and honours in recent times tonight, Friday, February 23rd.

The awards take place at 7.00pm at the Anam Centre, East Avenue Road and will be presented to the following recipients:

Rathmore Football Team: "All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship Football Final Winners

Fossa Football Team: "All-Ireland Junior Football Championship Final Winners

Tom O'Sullivan: "Winner of World Sheepdog Trials

Caoimhe O'Halloran: "World title, beating 210 competitors in the final to be crowned World Champion. This is an extraordinary achievement as she competes in An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha (CLRG) World Championships. CLRG is the oldest and largest world governing body for competitive Irish Step Dancing. competitive Irish step dancing. This organisation would be recognised as the most elite level of Irish Dancing

Spa GAA Set Dancing Club (2 Teams): Scor Sinsir Gold Medal Winners

Paddy O'Sullivan: Performance Analyst South African Rugby Team

Jessie Buckley: Actress - Multi award winner of BAFTAs, IFTAs and Oscar Nominee

Glenflesk GAA Ballad Group All Ireland Scór Winners: All Ireland Scór Winners

David Kenny: Represented Ireland in the Olympics and Paralympics

Jordan Lee: Represented Ireland in the Olympics and Paralympics

LAW & ORDER Pres Students Attend Court Hearings

On Tuesday 6 February, St. Brigid's Law Society and Transition Year Law students, together with their teacher Mr. Kelly, attended the Killarney District Court Hearings. Students observed a range of court cases on this educational visit.

The students have been working throughout the year on various aspects of Law in Ireland including the various themes of law, legal procedures, legal language, recent legal news stories, legal debates, recent legal cases, role plays, mock trials, careers and courses in law, etc. This visit

to Killarney District Court was a great opportunity for our students to witness some of the taught legal knowledge being put into practice in a real life setting by Killarney solicitors and barristers.

Many thanks from all at St. Brigid's to Judge David Waters, Court Register Mrs. Mary Horgan and to the staff at the District Court Offices in Kerry for accommodating our students on what was a very educational and worthwhile experience.



Members of St. Brigid's Law Society and Transition Year Law students pictured at Killarney Court House



Members of St. Brigid's Law Society and Transition Year Law students pictured at Killarney Court House

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By Billy Ryle

FET

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PLC courses are an attractive alternative to higher education and provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level. The CAO route doesn't suit everybody directly after Leaving Cert. Some may not feel ready for 3rd level. Others may not have secured a CAO offer or may be unhappy with the offer received. Over 200 Colleges of Further Education throughout the country offer PLC courses leading to awards at QQI FET Levels 5 & 6 from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

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BLEND

PLC courses are full time, mainly one year, offering a blend of academic work, practical work and work experience. Many PLC courses lead directly to employment. Increasingly, PLC courses are used to access 3rd level education, with more than 700 courses in the CAO system

now accepting a PLC qualification for entry. Last year, about 14,523 applications to the CAO offered a PLC qualification. This is a very healthy development as it provides an alternative route into 3rd level.

LINKS

Through the higher education links scheme (HELS), the PLC courses provide an alternative route into CAO courses other than Leaving Cert exam results. A PLC course normally involves completing eight modules in the academic year by continuous assessment and a final exam. Students' entry to CAO colleges is then based on a scoring system for PLC awards achieved at Level 5 and/or Level 6 on the NFQ. Full details about the scoring system are available on the QQI website, www.qqi.ie.

FETCH

CAO has provided links to a host of full-time higher education, further education and training and apprenticeship options available to post-second level applicants. However, CAO does not accept applications for further education courses or apprenticeships. For all queries and information about Further Education and Training or Apprenticeship options, click on the further education and training tab on the CAO website. Alternatively, go to the FET Course Hub, www.fetchcourses.ie.

APPLY

To apply for a PLC Course on the CAO website, click on the further education and training tab. This will open up the further education and training course hub. Click on the course category that interests you or select all courses. A list of available courses in your chosen category will be displayed along with details of the course provider. Select the course you are interested in. More information about the course will be displayed including details of course content, entry requirements, course qualifications, awarding bodies and location.

REGISTER

Apply for a course by clicking on the 'apply now' link. You must now register with Fetch. Once registered, up you will be able to see details of the courses you applied for. You can also save

courses to your account which you can review at a later date. Contact details for the course provider are available for further information. Once you have applied for a course you will receive acknowledgement of your application. Your course provider will supply details of the next step.

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The centralised application system has made the application process for PLC courses much easier. Entry requirements normally consist of Leaving Cert standard and satisfactory performance at interview. Mature applicants are assessed on their life's experiences. PLC colleges are now accepting applications so apply early as places on the most popular courses fill up quickly.

CHECKLIST

- PLC courses are an attractive alternative to higher education
- PLC courses provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level
- PLC courses lead directly to employment in many cases
- PLC courses lead to awards at Level 5 (Certificate) and Level 6 (Advanced Certificate) from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
- CAO provides links to further education and training on www.cao.ie
- Access the FET Course Hub at www.fetchcourses.ie.
- If applying for PLC courses, set up an account with www.fetchcourses.ie.
- Apply now for your PLC course as popular courses fill up quickly
- PLC students have the same entitlement to funding as third level students
- College grants are processed by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)
- Kerry ETB offers PLC in its Kerry College of five campus locations
- NB: UCC is accepting applications for its Diploma in Dental Nursing until 20th March

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KCC student participates in model UN conference

Killarney Community College Leaving Cert student Gioielli Vaz represented DRC at the recent Model UN conference in Rome. Participants engaged in debates, negotiations, and drafting resolutions on various global issues, mirroring the procedures of

the actual UN.

Model UN cultivates skills such as diplomacy, public speaking, critical thinking, and research. It offers a platform for students to understand complex international relations, develop empathy towards global challenges, and practice conflict resolution. Gioielli noted that it was an unbelievable experience and fuels his interest further in politics and humanitarian work after school





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Flat Out....

Young Rally Drivers Get Behind The Wheel

The On Sunday last 18th February all roads lead to Castleisland town where the running of the 2024 Killarney Forestry Rally took centre stage. The event, ran by Killarney and District Motor Club (KDMC) was based in Castleisland Co-Op Mart and The River Island Hotel. The route for the event took in Coillte forestry to the North and East of the town. The event itself was co-sponsored by two local businesses, Cyril Wharton Tool Hire & Niall Murphy of Castleisland Tyre Centre.

The rally attracted a field of about 90 cars. Four of those entries were Killarney and District Motor Club members aged 14 to 16 years old competing (by driving) in their first ever rally. The drivers, David Slattery (Hyundai I10), Morgan Moore (Skoda Citigo), Frank Wharton (Toyota Aygo) and Sean White (Peugeot 107) are part of the Motor Clubs KDMC 2 Youth Project which supports youths with an interest in Motorsport. The Youth Project was the brainchild of Killarney and District Motor Club Assistant Chairman Mike O'Shea and has gone from strength to strength in the past 12 months. KDMC 2 has a group of experienced mentors made up of the Motor Clubs top drivers, navigators, World Championship navigators and motorsport engineers, all willing to help in any way they can by offering guidance, advice and support to the next generation of the sport.

The four KDMC 2 drivers who participated in the rally last weekend competed in the hotly contested Junior class for drivers aged 14 to 19 years in cars under 1000cc. All 24 competitors who entered in this class were accompanied by an experienced Adult competitor whose job it was to navigate them on the closed rally stages and then drive the rally cars between stages on the public roads.

David, Morgan, Frank and Sean all had exciting and eventful days thoroughly enjoying their experience. All four would like to thank their family, friends, navigators and everyone else who making it possible for them to experience their dreams. A special word of thanks also to all their sponsors whose assistance was invaluable to them.



Rally Drivers David Slattery, Morgan Moore and Frank Wharton



Rally Driver Sean White (centre) pictured with rallying legends Noel O'Sullivan and Mikie Galvin



David Slattery in action in his Hyundai I10



Frank Wharton in action in his Toyota Aygo



Sean White in action in his Peugeot 107



Morgan Moore in action in his Skoda Citigo

For anyone who wants to find out more about Motorsport or the KDMC 2 project go to the Killarney and District Motor Club Facebook page.

STUDENTS ENJOY ORIENTEERING EVENT



Killarney Community College second year students who competed in an orienteering event as part of their Classroom Based Assessment for PE. This result will be printed on their Junior Certificates of achievement at the end of third year. The event was a test of their fitness levels, map reading skills, decision making and teamwork. All students completed the course in the designated time.

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Two Weeks to Stage Time for KILLARNEY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Members of Killarney Musical Society are feeling like The Pointer Sisters did when they sang 'I'm so excited. I just can't hide it.' There is less than 2 weeks left to showtime on March 5th, 6th and 7th in the INEC Arena Killarney. Last Sunday we had great fun at our photoshoot. Some of our lead characters put on their costumes for the first time. Ilona McCubbrey said her costume team did very well. They will have a few alterations to make but that will be sorted before the full dress rehearsal. Ilona, along with Mary O Callaghan, helped dress the cast members. They were closing buttons, straightening ties and fixing hats and making sure everyone looked good.

The Abbey players, who are the narrators throughout the musical drama were there. Mother Ireland and her 5 graceful dancers came along too. Eamon De Valera. Harry Boland, Joe Emmett, Arthur Griffith, Cathal Brugha, the Volunteers and the beautiful Kitty Kieran all gathered in Killarney. Oliver Hurley, director and choreographer was busy directing proceedings. The sun shone and the birds sang for us. It was a great day.

We followed the photoshoot with a full rehearsal. Oliver Hurley was joined by Michael Young our musical director and the 64 cast members. The singing was powerful. The music in Michael Collins A Musical Drama is distinctly Irish. You will definitely enjoy it. As The Pointer Sisters sang 'I'm so excited. I know. I know. I know.'

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NEW UNIT OPENING IN KILLARNEY

The call is out for members to take on the fantastic adventure of joining the Girl Guides

A group of leaders are reaching out with exciting news and a heartfelt invitation from the Irish Girl Guides (IGG) in Killarney. "It's been a while since we've gathered, and we've missed the laughter, learning, and adventures that light up the faces of our young members. But the wait is over! We're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new Ladybirds Unit for girls aged 5-7 years", Guide Leader Jackie Jetter told Killarney Outlook.

"We're starting anew in Killarney, and we're kicking things off with our littlest explorers - the Ladybirds. This is more than just an activity group; it's the first step in a journey of growth, friendship, and discovery. Ladybirds is all about fun, friendship, and learning the value of teamwork and community in a supportive environment", she told Killarney Outlook. The Ladybirds introduces young girls to the joy of guiding. It's about sharing, helping each other, enjoying the outdoors, and starting to understand how everyone can all make a difference in our world. It's designed to be fun and engaging, laying the foundation for a lifetime of adventure and learning. And as they grow, they'll have the opportunity to advance through Brownies and Guides, gaining new skills and experiences. Members of (IGG) follow an age appropriate, non-formal educational programme called the 'Journey Programme' which enables

each person to embark on a developmental journey full of fun, adventure and challenge. It incorporates all we do and is designed to ensure that we achieve our mission "to enable girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world."

The leaders are hosting a Registration Night for our new Ladybirds Unit on Monday, February 26th, 6pm-7pm at the Old Monastery School on New Road.

This is the perfect opportunity to meet the team, learn about our program, and see how your daughter can benefit from joining the Irish Girl Guides.

What You Need to Know

There is an annual registration fee of €55 and a weekly subscription of €3. A uniform is required, which costs €32.

We believe in the value of guiding for every girl and young woman, offering a space to grow, learn, and become confident individuals ready to explore the world.

Everyone Is Welcome

Our guiding family is diverse and inclusive, and we're excited to welcome new members and volunteers. Whether you're new to guiding or returning, we can't wait to meet you.

Want More Information?

Got questions? Reach out to Erika at (086) 171-5549, Jennifer at (087) 791-8130, or visit our website [www.irishgirlguides.ie] to learn more about us and what we do.

This is more than an invitation to an event; it's a call to join a community that believes in the power of girls. Together, we can make a difference, one adventure at a time. See you at Registration Night!



Ladybird Caoimhe is looking forward a new adventure.



Be Prepared.... Orla, Erika and Caoimhe getting ready for opening the new unit in Killarney

HI SPEED BROADBAND IN THE BLACK VALLEY

High Speed Broadband is being rolled out in the Black Valley. Works are under way to install the NBI high-speed fibre broadband network in the remote location which is expected to be live in the second half of this year.

Pictured in the Black Valley are Joe Lavin, Hazel Casanova and TJ Malone, National Broadband Ireland (NBI).

NBI alltec workers are currently onsite blowing 1.8km of fibre optic cable into the area.

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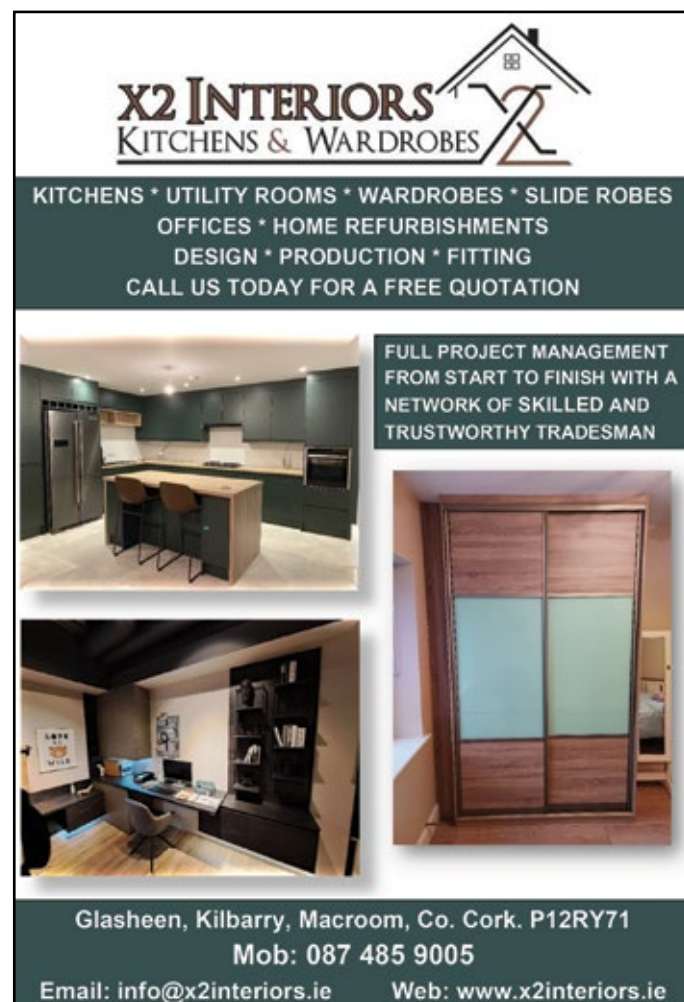
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STRONG KERRY CONNECTION TO NEW YORK VICTORY



The victorious New York Team who won the in the 2024 Electric Ireland GAA Corn na Mac Leinn Tournament

Proud uncle, Pat Sheahan pictured with his nephew Daniel who was part of the New York team that won the 2024 Electric Ireland GAA Corn na Mac Leinn Tournament



There was a strong Kerry connection to the New York Team who were based in Killarney last weekend to play in the 2024 Electric Ireland GAA Corn na Mac Leinn Tournament. The team stayed at Lough Lein Guest House in Fossa, an establishment which is run by Paul and Annette Corridan. Manager of the New York Team is Paul's brother Robert and they were delighted to host the group for the duration of the tournament.

However, the connection doesn't end there, the full forward, Daniel Sheahan, who hails from Glenbeigh is the son of the team's coach Denis Sheahan. Denis is the brother of Pat Sheahan, a man well known in the mid Kerry area, especially in golfing circles.

The team overcame a team from Fermanagh in the Semi Final which took place in Kerins O'Rahillys Pitch and went on to beat a team from Liverpool in the final to win the 2024 Electric Ireland GAA Corn na Mac Leinn Tournament

TOUR DE FRANCE EVENT COMES TO KILLARNEY

The Tour de France will bring it's iconic L'Étape event to Ireland this September giving up to 3,000 cyclists the chance to sample the unique thrills and challenge of a Tour de France stage in Ireland for the first time.

Designed and vetted by the team behind the Tour de France, two routes, starting in Killarney, will take in some of the country's most breathtaking scenery and epic climbs where cyclists can experience the Tour De France on their own terms. L'Étape Ireland is the 32nd race to be added to the global calendar and takes place on September 7th, 2024. The event was announced today with race ambassadors and Irish cyclists Imogen Cotter and Dan Martin. Riders can choose from two routes with different elevation and distance profiles; a 100km route or a more challenging 135km route. Inspired by the Tour De France, both

routes will have three timed Mountain stages taking in iconic climbs across Molls Gap, Ballaghbearn Pass and Caragh Lake to compete for the title of King and Queen on the mountain and a coveted polka dot jersey. There will also be a sprint section where participants can battle it out for a Tour De France green jersey. Beyond the race, participants can look forward to exhibitors, shows, a pop-up Tour de France Museum, athlete meet and greets and more on the day. Both routes will be on closed or partially closed roads and the race and its participants will be monitored by safety officials throughout.

Those seeking to experience the thrill of a Tour de France race are encouraged to register for early access to sign-ups at <https://ireland.letapebytourdefrance.com>



Pictured at the launch of L'Étape Ireland in Killarney town on Tuesday morning were: Dan O'Connor (Killarney Cycling Club), Kevin Murphy (Killarney Cycling Club), Shane Spellman (Killarney Cycling Club), Andy Buckley (Killarney Cycling Club) and Siobhan Donaldson (Killarney Cycling Club). L'Étape Ireland by Tour de France takes place on September 7th, 2024.

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President Michael D. Higgins has led the tributes to journalist and Kerryman Michael O'Regan who passed away at his home on Sunday.

"I was very sorry to learn of the passing of Michael O'Regan.

Retaining his interest in politics until his passing, he will be missed by people from all aspects of politics.

Michael O'Regan's journalistic career coincided very closely with my own time in Leinster House and he was a journalist for whom I, together with so many others, had the utmost respect.

Throughout the many years in which we met, Michael was always warm and engaging in conversation on the many topics which were for discussion. He was incredibly courteous, and a perfect judge of when an injection of the humour, upon which he drew from his proud Kerry background, was needed.

Michael was from a classical Rathmines College school of journalism that prioritised context, thus standing behind his reporting on any matter was the very significant work which he had put into researching and locating the issue in time and any previous statements by the interviewee.

This grounding of his work in extensive research ensured that Michael not only brought a full understanding of each of the topics on which he wrote to the readers of the Irish Times, but also to those who benefited from his regular contributions to radio and television panel discussions.

Prior to becoming an Oireachtas reporter, Michael made a significant contribution in his coverage of the Kerry Babies Tribunal, both during the tribunal itself and in his book on that tragic event and its handling.

In recent years, Michael wrote about his cancer treatment with great dignity. In writing with such clarity and honesty of his treatment, he provided a great service to others in helping

provide a sense of understanding and how they may seek to face their own treatments. As ever, Michael's meticulous skills of context, warmth and clarity were to the fore.

He will be missed by all of us who knew him. May I express my deepest sympathies to all of his family, friends and colleagues.

Síocháin síoraí dá anam." Sympathies on the passing of Michael O'Regan RIP

PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS

Joining in the tributes, Danny Healy Rae, TD, on behalf of the Healy Rae Family said:

"We are all devastated and saddened by the sudden passing of the Great Michael O'Regan and will forever miss him and his slot – call from the Dail on Jerry's Friday morning programme on Radio Kerry, we want to offer our sincere sympathies to his Family and Friends and all his followers all over the world, I have been following and listening to his view and opinions since early March 1997 when he gave my father a real possible chance of winning a Dail Seat the following June 1997 General Election, his vast knowledge of politics both local and national acquired over his lifetime in political journalism ensured that the view he came out with was always right, as a Kerry political representative it has always been important to me to listen or hear what his view was on the latest or any topic, his voice will never be forgotten – rest in peace Michael.

DANNY HEALY RAE, TD

On social media on Sunday evening, the Tánaiste, Micheál Martin, was one of many to express his sadness at the news and pay tribute. He was, he wrote, "very saddened at the passing of Michael O'Regan, an outstanding journalist, raconteur and man of integrity. A political journalist for all of my Dáil career, Michael was engaging, objective, and great company. A Kerryman to his core, he will be sorely missed by all."

TANAISTE MICHEÁL MARTIN

Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill has expressed his sadness at

the passing of journalist Michael O'Regan, a friend and fellow Kerryman.

"It is with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Michael O'Regan, a proud Kerryman and a top class political journalist. My sincere sympathies go to his family at this sad time. Michael reported on Irish politics since the 80's and he had an amazing insight into all political parties in the state. He is a former parliamentary correspondent of the Irish Times and presenter of the "Call from the Dáil" on Radio Kerry" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Michael was a gentleman in the true sense of the word and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He had a brilliant radio voice and his newspaper columns and radio broadcasts were eagerly awaited by all those with an interest in Irish politics, both local and national. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis" added Councillor Cahill.

CLLR. MICHAEL CAHILL

Fine Gael TD Brendan Griffin also expressed his sadness on the passing of journalist Michael O'Regan

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michael O'Regan. He was a kind and decent man, and a brilliant journalist and broadcaster. But my thoughts today are with his family and friends, who will miss him immensely.

Michael was a voice of sense and reason in an often crazy political world. Gone far too young, he was a giant in Irish political discourse who always stayed in touch with the ordinary people.

His work as a journalist over many decades has helped shape this country for the better, and his wit and sharp analysis brought politics to the people, especially to the people of Kerry via his weekly "Call from the Dáil" slot on Radio Kerry every Friday morning. His was a household voice throughout the Kingdom, and one that people respected and loved to hear at every opportunity.

Personally, I'll never forget him for taking the time to stop and chat in the corridors of Leinster House in my early days in Dáil Éireann, imparting his wisdom and knowledge to a young and slightly

daunted TD "from the other side of the mountain".

Rest in peace and thank you, Michael, a great Kerryman. Politics in Kerry and Ireland just won't be the same without you.

BRENDAN GRIFFIN, TD.

It is with great sadness I learned of the passing of Michael O'Regan. RIP.

Education Minister Norma Foley also paid tribute:

Michael was the consummate journalist; well researched, well informed, fair, impartial, passionate and compassionate in equal measure. He was a proud Kerry man and carried his county with pride both in his heart and his voice. A superb and expert commentator on all things political, he was also a much valued contributor to radio and television programmes.

For those of us from Kerry Michael was inextricably linked with Radio Kerry; an assured and reassuring voice on Call from the Dáil. His razor sharp wit and humour made his exchanges with Jerry O'Sullivan compelling, informative and enlightening. Kerry politicians and the local community waited with bated breath every Friday to hear his pronouncements for they were delivered with absolute authority and conviction and accepted without question by the public at large.

In his personal engagements Michael was a thorough gentleman; thoughtful, generous and unfailingly polite. It was an absolute privilege to know him and spend some time in his company. He will be greatly missed but remembered with gratitude and fondness always.

I wish to express my sincere sympathy to his family, his Irish Times and Radio Kerry colleagues and his readers and listeners throughout the country.

Rest easy now, Michael. Thank you for everything.

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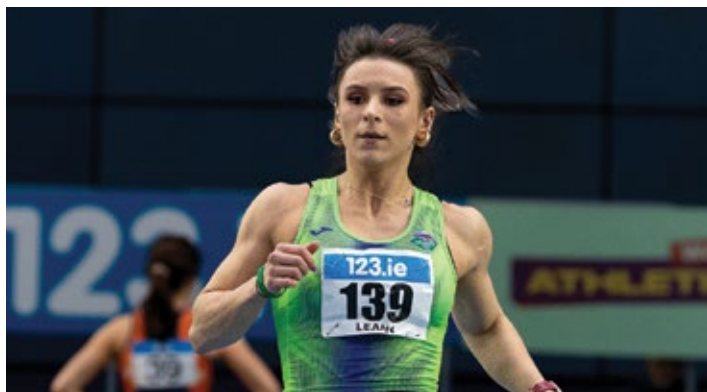
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Scaling the Heights at Killarney Valley AC



Sarah Leahy in action in the 60m finals which ended in a photo finish with Sarah finishing in silver position just six hundredths of a second separating her from winner Mollie Scott. Photo: Mark Kavanagh Photography.

There was more success for Killarney Valley AC Athletes at the national senior indoor athletics championships.

Nine athletes took part, in the national indoor athletics championships at the NIA in Dublin over the weekend. The club achieved two silver and one bronze medal.

The weekend started with first success for Ciara Kennelly who claimed the bronze in a height of 1.76m, Ciara is having a great season having a couple of weeks previously winning the Irish universities championship in a new PB of 1.79m. Project 1.80m and the outdoor championships in the summer are now Ciara's focus.

Then it was the long awaited 60m final for Sarah Leahy where Sarah was attempting to achieve back to back titles, Sarah finished in the silver position just six hundredths of a second separating Mollie Scott and Sarah in a photo finish, in third place was fellow international team mate Ciara Neville. Sarah who is a member of the Irish 4x100m relay squad now focuses on the outdoor season and in her individual 100m.

The final event of the championships saw the Killarney valley ac junior squad compete against the senior men in the 4x400m relay. The team included Jason O'Reilly, Oisin O'Regan, Cian O'Brien and Jack O'Leary who anchored the team home to the finish in second place claiming the silver medal. Killarney valley ac has achieved success in junior relay and senior relay in the same year, a super achievement.

With all the other club participants gaining great experience at the championships more success is surely to follow at this level.

Credit Unions taking on the banks in the mortgage market will help future homebuyers - MEP Kelleher

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that new legislation enabling Credit Unions to more coherently take on the banks in the mortgage market will help many potential homebuyers due to the lower rates they offer.

Kelleher, Chair of the European Parliament's Credit Union Interest Group, was commenting ahead of the first phase of implementation of the 2023 Credit Union (Amendment) Act, with the second phase expected in April. This is the first piece of Credit Union specific legislation in over 12 years.

"We all know how important credit unions have been in terms of supporting families with personal, car, holiday and other loans. Now, with the enactment of this Act, we will see our credit unions be able to greatly expand their offering in terms of mortgages.

"While some Credit Unions are already offering mortgages, 1800 in 2023 were drawn down, the new legislation will enable non-mortgage lending credit unions to refer their members to other credit unions.

"Additionally the law will allow the credit union movement to collaborate nationally on mortgages by developing and marketing a national brand and a national mortgage rate.

"This is something I very much support. As I have previously stated on many occasions, our traditional banking sector is too small. A lack of competition pushes interest rates up.

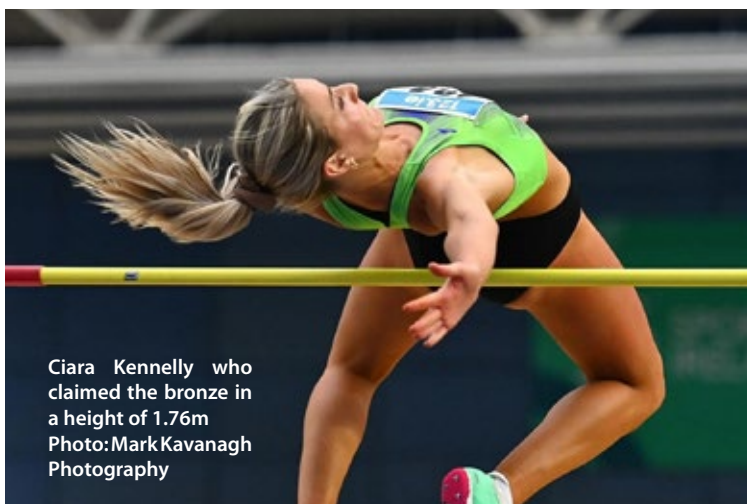
"With more and more credit unions getting into the mortgage market, it will increase competition and improve services for us all.

"The Credit Union movement is strong in Ireland. There is significant member loyalty with member unions of the Irish League of Credit Union holding over €310 million in savings alone.

"However, the ability of credit unions to issue mortgages is still limited by Central Bank of Ireland regulations which impose a cap on lending relative to the credit union's assets.

"With the Credit Union (Amendment) Act the Department of Finance has opened new opportunities for credit unions. It is now the job of the Central Bank to step up and play its role.

"I would urge the Central Bank to review these lending limits and consider whether they are proportionate and well calibrated or whether raising these limits could stimulate more competition in the market," concluded Kelleher.



Ciara Kennelly who claimed the bronze in a height of 1.76m
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Wall of Fame for Nicky

Killarney Outlook's favourite poet has had one of his works framed in one of his favourite hostels.

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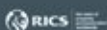


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MONEY MATTERS.....

By Dermot Cronin,
Financial Advisor



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BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

➤FIXTURES

Beaufort senior men bye next weekend in Mid Kerry senior league.

➤LOTTO

There was no jackpot winner of €2,400 on Sunday, 18th February. Consolation Prizes were €80 Padraig and Oisín Cronin, Keel. €50 Stephen and Pádraig Ashe, Cappaganeen. Pádraig Hallissey, Cappaganeen. Christine Breen, Beaufort. The next draw for a jackpot of €2,600 will be on Sunday, 3rd March in Galvin's. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

Please note that the online lotto closes at 7pm on the night of the draw and tickets sold after 7pm are entered into the following draw. Thank you to everybody who support our lotto. It is greatly appreciated.

➤EXERCISE CLASSES

Spring classes are being held in Beaufort G.A.A Clubrooms, week nights Monday to Friday. Classes at present are Yoga and Pilates. Pilates with Colleen include Ladies, Men's and Active retired classes.

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➤MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311. For Ladies football, LGFA membership, contact Sue 086 2632219.

➤**BEAUFORT SCOR NA BPAISTI** for primary schools was held on Friday, 16th February. Congratulations to the following who qualified for Mid Kerry Scor na bPáistí on Friday, 23rd February. Rince Foirne: Aoihbheann Reid, Anna Mai Hughes, Caoilainn Riordan, Avril Lynch, Jennifer O Rourke, Leah O Malley, Aoihbheann Moriarty, Lara and Lily Culhane. Solo Dance: Aoihbheann Reid. Solo Singing: Anna Mai Hughes. Solo Instrumental Music: Evan O Connor. Instrumental Music Group: Amy O Connor, Harry Hughes, Anna Mai Hughes and Evan O Connor.

➤PIONEER NEWS

The next eagerly awaited Rambling House will be held in Beaufort Community Hall on Saturday 9th March.

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

➤FLOODING

Mayor of Killarney Cllr Niall Kelleher is delighted to confirm following his representations that €40,000 has been allocated to deal with Flooding at Mounthorgan Cross this will be of much relief to households in the Area. Danny Healy Rea TD & Cllr Maura Healy Rea are also delighted with the allocation to deal with Flooding at Mounthorgan cross. There will be huge relief for householders in the area.

➤AGM

Rathmore community Council AGM held in community centre last week with good attendance with youth experience. Congratulations and good luck to all new officers; Chairperson Antoinette O' Leary, Vice Chairman Eoin Lawlor, Secretary outgoing Una Moynihan. Treasurers John Reen & Mary Hickey, PRO Linda sheehan, Jacentha Murphy & tributes were paid to Outgoing officers who step down as following: Chairman Brian Kelly, Vice Chairman Pat Cashman, PRO Michael O'Mahony. Cllr Niall Kelleher also attended meeting. Michael will continue with Rathmore/Gneeveguilla News in the Killarney Outlook & Kerryman notes

➤ST PATRICK DAY PARADES

Rathmore St Patrick Day parade will take place on Sunday 10th March. More details next week

Knocknagree St Patrick Day Parade will take place on St Patrick Day Sunday 17th March 2024 at 11am & Gneeveguilla parade after Mass on St Patrick's Day. Millstreet St Patrick Day parade on Sunday 17th March at 5pm in evening,

➤KERRY BRANCH OF SAMARITANS

The Kerry Branch of Samaritans wish to thank all who supported the Christmas Collection in the parish which is much appreciated. The following amounts were collected in St Joseph's Church Rathmore was €1,770.00, Holy Rosary Church Gneeveguilla was €1,513.44. Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Shrone was €481.50 Christ the King Church, Knocknagree was €639.00.

➤MEENTOGUES NS ENROLMENT

Enrolment Application Forms for September 2024 are available from the school and on the school website www.meentoguesns.ie. (064) 7754500

➤PARISH CONSULTATION

In his recent Pastoral Letter, Bishop Ray issued an invitation to all parishes to have consultation meetings regarding the formulation of Diocesan Policy for the shaping of our parishes in the immediate future: "I see the life of the 110 local church-communities as a valuable and

valued resource for people now and into the future. In the light of fewer clergy, we need to explore how each local churchcommunity can thrive with local leadership acting co-responsibly with the priests ministering to the parishes of the pastoral areas. A church can still be the centre point for community life, even if there is no weekend Mass. Think of your local church community in four ways: a social/friendship community; a caring compassionate community; a praying, worshipping and sacramental community; and a community whose mission is to nourish and develop its faith, and hand it on to the next generation."

"Our first step in the process is consulting you, the people of the parishes. In February, there will be a gathering in each parish. The invitation is open to all: what do you see as the strengths and weaknesses locally, and what are your thoughts on what might be done? In parallel with this, there will be a consultation for the clergy. Our hope is that parishioners and deacons will take a structured leadership role in their pastoral areas working in a co-responsible way with the priests of the pastoral area as well as priests from abroad. This will allow priests to work across pastoral areas in a more sustainable manner. We will keep people informed as the process progresses."

A number of parishioners have been trained to facilitate our parish meeting which will take place in Teach Iosagan Rathmore on Wednesday February 28th at 8.00p.m. Everybody is invited and welcome to attend, and we would particularly encourage those who are involved in any ministry or parish committee, to make a special effort to be present.

➤**SYMPATHIES** to Trish O'Mahony, Mark, Katie, Molly and JT on the death of John O'Mahony, Clarina Limerick & Mount Horgan, Rathmore husband & father. His mother Kathleen, brothers Noel, Anthony, Kieran and Aidan, sisters Nora, Linda & families & extended family. Johns funeral took place on the 9th February in Ballybrown Limerick.

To the family of Jo (Johanna) Corkery, Shinnagh, Rathmore & London. Her sisters, relatives, neighbours & friends including John and Denise Buckley, Nora Stanley, Dan and Maureen Buckley, John O' Neill and the staff at Rathmore Daycare Centre. Jo's funeral took place in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore, on 7th Feb. May John & Jo rest in peace

➤NOTES

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

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

➤LOTTO

Numbers drawn: 4,13, 20, 22. €100 Ellie O Sullivan, Ballybrack. €50 Martina Scannell, Milltown. €50 Lorraine Kennedy, Ballymalis. €25 Carmel Counihan, Faha. €25 Linda Mannix, Keel, Faha. Jackpot next week 25th Feb 2024 €10,200

➤SENIORS

Listry senior won at home to Scartaglin last Sunday. This Sunday 25 Feb Listry play Cordal in Listry come out and support.

➤MINORS

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A probationary period is a requirement in employment contracts that allows Employers to review new Employees' suitability throughout the early stages of their employment. It is a trial period during which both parties can assess the working relationship and allows the Employer to determine whether the Employee is a good fit for the role and the organisation. Employers should be aware of the purpose, duration, and rights of Employees and ensure they follow best practice.

Employer's Rights during the Probationary Period

As an Employer, if you dismiss an Employee while on probation or undergoing training, please note that the Unfair Dismissals Acts 1997–2015 will not apply, once:

- The contract of employment is in writing and
- The period of employment or training lasts one year or less, as specified in the contract. However, the Unfair Dismissals Acts will apply an employee is dismissed due to:
 - Trade union membership or activity
 - Pregnancy-related matters
 - Entitlements under maternity protection, parental leave, adoptive leave, parent's leave, paternity leave, force majeure leave, or carer's leave legislation.

What is the purpose of a Probationary Period?

The probationary period serves several purposes for both Employers and Employees. For Employers, it provides an opportunity to assess an employee's skills, competencies, and overall performance in real work conditions. It allows Employers to evaluate the Employee's suitability for the role, their ability to meet the required standards, and their compatibility with company culture. For Employees, the probationary period offers a chance to familiarise themselves with the job, understand expectations, and determine if the role aligns with their career goals. In doing so both Employers and Employees should benefit from a probationary phase.

Duration of the Probationary Period

The European Union (Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions) Regulations 2022 came into force on 16 December 2022 and introduced significant changes to the law on contracts of employment and working conditions for Employees. Specifically, there are now new regulations regarding the length of probationary periods in contracts of employment for Employees.

The new regulations state that probation periods can be no longer than 6 months. In exceptional circumstances, an employee's probation period can be extended for up to a further 6 months (up to a maximum of 12 months in total). An extended probation period occurs when it is deemed in the Employees interest or when an Employee has been on extended leave, such as sick leave, during their probation.

It is relatively commonplace for some Organisations to take a relaxed approach to managing probationary periods, knowing that they can simply extend the time period if they realise after six months that their employee may not be suitable. The change in employment law means Employers can no longer take this relaxed approach without risk.

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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>PARISH GATHERING

In his Pastoral Letter, "Moving Forward in Hope", Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on March 4th at 7.30pm in the Recreational Hall. As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests? Many thanks for your support and assistance for this consultation.

>ST BRIGIDS CROSSES

A huge thanks to all the staff and students from our three schools who crafted beautiful St Brigid's crosses for her special day. All offerings have been given to St. Vincent de Paul in Killarney which amounts to €605. This includes the Christmas Crib. Mile Buíochas.

>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY ALERT

Kilcummin Community Alert would like to thank the parishioners for their generous support of their annual collection. It is very much appreciated.

>MEETING

Garda Sean O'Sullivan will attend a meeting in Anabla N.S on Monday 26th of February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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>KILCUMMIN GAA

EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUE Spa 3-10 Kilcummin 3-07

Goals from Paul O Shea, Pdraigh Moynihan and Chris O' Leary were not enough as we lost to our neighbours in this keenly contested game in Spa on Sunday. Well done to Luke Daly who made his senior debut. We have two minor teams in the county league but both were on the receiving ends of defeats in round 1. Our A team lost to Churchill 1-13 to 0-5 while our B team had a creditable score of 3-08 but lost to a better Listowel team. Dara O'Brien, Oscar Lovett and Billy O'Donoghue were our



Kilcummin U13 boys indoor soccer.

goalscorers.

KILCUMMIN LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 12th February 2024 of the Jackpot for €9,500. Numbers drawn were 03,05,14,21. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Catriona McGuire, Katie Crowley, Kalie Kerins, Juliann Herlihy. The next draw will be Monday 26th February for Jackpot of €9,750.

>MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 16th February 2024 of the Jackpot for €8,600. Numbers drawn were 06,12,23,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Seán Gibbons, Mayo, Elaine, Séan, and Gearóid c/o John Kerins. Ciara Nagle, Mastergeeha, Eileen & Jimmy Devane, Mastergeeha. The next draw will be Friday 23rd February for Jackpot of 8,800.

>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to our U13 boys indoor soccer teams who finished in third place in the County finals. Thanks to all the coaches involved and the parents who supported the team. Thanks also to Kilcummin National School for the use of their gym for all the training sessions. Good luck to our musicians, singers and swimmers in their upcoming events this weekend.

SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

>SCOR NA BPAISTI

Kerry Co Final takes place on March 23rd. Any club member in Primary school is eligible to participate. Disciplines are set, figure, Seán nós, and solo dancing, solo and instrumental music, solo singing, ballad group, Recitation, Léiriú and Tráth na gCeist.

>SCOR SINSIR

Kerry Co Final takes place on March 22nd. If any members are interested in taking part in either Scór na bPaistí or Scór Sinsir, please contact Scór Officer Michael Aherne on 0871877091.

>MOTHERS AND OTHERS

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>EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

Round 3 18/2/2024 Spa 3-10 to 3-07 Kilcummin. In round 4 Spa have a bye. Spa will play Glenflesk on Thursday 29th of February in Spa @ 8pm in a

round 1 back game.

>WELL DONE

Our U14 Kerry player Ava Brosnan representative Spa brilliantly when they hosted Mayo in Dr.Crokes for a challenge match on Saturday last.

Ava had a great game and managed to get on the scoresheet against a strong Mayo team.

Our minor side secured a draw on their first outing of the season on Saturday when they travelled to Asdee to play Listowel Emmets in the Keane's SuperValu Minor County League. The game ended Spa 1-11 Listowel Emmets 2-08.

>REGISTRATION

Registration is through the Croke Park Foireann system and members can visit www.foireann.ie and set up their own account and register on the site. Anyone with any queries or anyone who wants to register directly through the club can contact either Ger (0872512266) or Deirdre (0851216359). They will also be in Spa on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 for anyone that needs to register in person.



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Written by: Seamus Healy

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 19/2/2024 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €7,600 The numbers drawn were : 14, 17, 18, 20. Consolation Prizes of €50, 1. Niamh Faulds, Lisbabe. (On Line). 2. Caroline Fleming, c/o Maria Buckley 3. Maria Buckley, Glashacormac. (Sellers' Prize) 4. Ciarán Favier, Co. Westmeath (On Line). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 4 th March 2024. Jackpot will be €7,800. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers. Lotto tickets including annual tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs and shops or online before 6pm on the date of the draw at: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor

Jackpot for the next draw on Monday 4th March 2024 is €7,800.

>EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE DIVISION 1B

Our Seniors had a win last Sunday over a tenacious Furies team in Glenflesk in Round 3 of the East Kerry Super League. Glenflesk 3.13 Furies 1.12. Good to see many young players stepping up to Senior level. Best of luck in their next outing away to Kenmare at the weekend.

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>PUBLIC MEETING

A Public meeting will be held on Friday 1st March at 7.30pm in Glenflesk GAA Hall. The theme of the meeting is based on Bishop Ray Browne's letter Moving Forward in Hope. The aim of the meeting is to get your thoughts on how the Parish will function and continue to thrive going forward. This

is your opportunity to participate and to share your ideas. Each Parish throughout the Diocese will be facilitating these meetings.

As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?



Mary Frances and Francis O'Shea, pictured with Peter and Robert Giles at the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Quiz held in the Old Killarney Inn.



The Spring is in the air

By Nicky Barry

Between Putin and Netanyahu, one can get depressed,
For the pair are ruthless killers, of the dispossessed.
They are devoid of pity, for the weak and for the old,
And wage warfare daily, with hearts that are stone cold.
But in Killarney we are blessed, as nature takes
its course,

And spring is in the offing, as lambs frisk and cavort.
There a myriad of snowdrops, all along the Mission
Road,

And daffodils are once again, a sight to behold.
Birds are singing in the trees, with buds about to show,
And squirrels now are thinking, their nut piles are
getting low.

Lawns are sprouting fresh green grass, and
mower engines hum,
And autumn bulbs are peeping up, relishing spring sun.
Frogs are spawning in their ponds, delivering their eggs,
And tadpoles soon will swim about, flexing little legs.

Chestnut trees show white embryos, which later will
turn brown,
And burst out of their green shells, to fall to the ground.
Thankfully nature is impervious, to man's inhumanity,
For it carries on quite blissfully, with its birds and bees.
But it will always not be so, for everything is changing,
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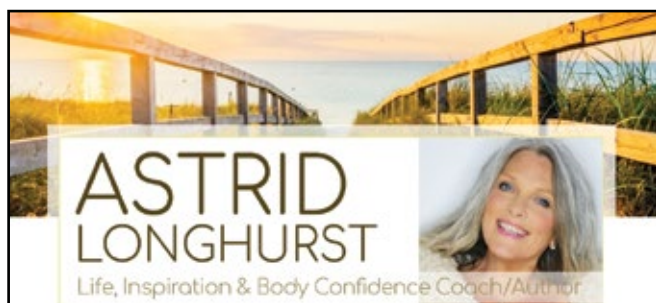
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4 steps to transforming worrying thoughts

- Instead of imagining the worst outcome for a situation or event, begin to imagine the best and happiest for all concerned.
- Turn worry into wishes. Thoughts carry an energy and a frequency. So the next time you are worrying about someone, instead of sending them worrying thoughts, send them happy wishes instead.
- Think of your worry as a small frightened child. Many of our anxieties and worries started in childhood. Imagine your worrying thought as a small scared child and become a friend to it. Reassure this small child and say that all is well and that you are here to love and protect this small "you."
- Breathe into the moment. Bring your body and mind into the present moment by breathing fully and slowly. Notice your surroundings and notice that all is okay in this moment.

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to the living cells below to multiply and move up. When the outer layer of your skin is removed, it allows healthier, brighter, more younger looking skin underneath to show through. Skin then heals uniformly to look better and healthier. You can usually see results straight after a peel, but a course of treatments is often needed. Facials and peels will make your skin and skin-care products work better.

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- Short-sightedness (myopia), long-sightedness (hyperopia), astigmatism and presbyopia
- An eye injury which may have scratched the cornea
- Foreign object in the eye
- Eye drops
- Dry eye
- Cataracts
- Age-related macular degeneration
- A migraine

Blurred vision can also be a symptom of non-optical conditions such as a diabetes, a stroke and preeclampsia (a condition caused by high blood pressure in pregnancy).

What are the symptoms of blurred vision?
Blurred vision is hazy and

unfocused, as though you were looking through an oily film and you feel you need to rub your eyes to get things back into focus.

It can affect your entire field of vision or your peripheral vision (the edges of your vision), and can occur in one eye or both. You may not realise that you have blurred vision in one eye until you do something that requires shutting your other eye – for example, doing your make up. This is because your brain provides compensation.

How do you treat blurred vision?
As blurred vision has many possible causes, the treatment will depend on the condition. If the blurring is recurring or ongoing, you should book an eye examination. This will investigate the cause and recommend suitable treatment or refer you to an appropriate specialist.

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The quiz winners from Friday night, l to r: Cathal O Shea, Aaron O Sullivan, Cathal Walsh (quiz master), Cathal Healy, Fiona Carroll (event MC) and Seán O Sullivan.

QUIZ KICKS OF 2024 FOR KILLARNEY VALLEY CLASSIC AND VINTAGE

It was the start of a busy year for Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club who kicked off 2024 with something different.

The progressive group held a table quiz for members, family and friends all in aid of Enable Ireland which raised €1,300

The Old Killarney Inn pub was the venue for the quiz. "Our Club is always growing and open to everyone, from car and tractor runs, to shows and quizzes and later this year the club are hosting the All Ireland Vintage Show on August 25th", Tom Leslie told Killarney Outlook. New members for 2024 are always welcome on www.killarneyvalleycv.com or visit our Facebook page.

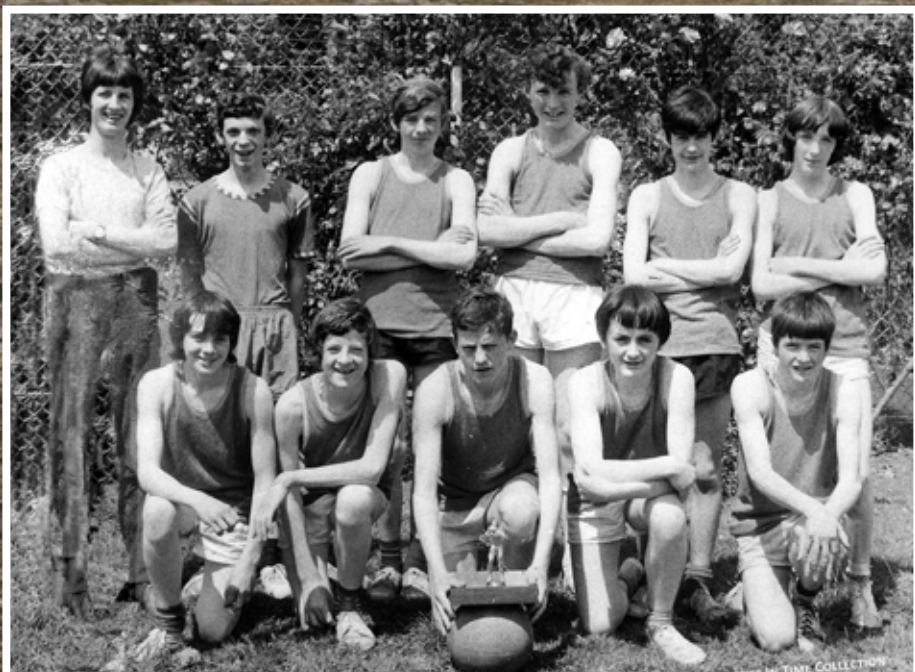


Joint Runners Up led by Dan O Leary



Joint Runners Up led by Patrick Lawlor

Moments In Time...



St Brendan's College under 16 Basketball team winners of the Munster Colleges Championship 1970/71 season.

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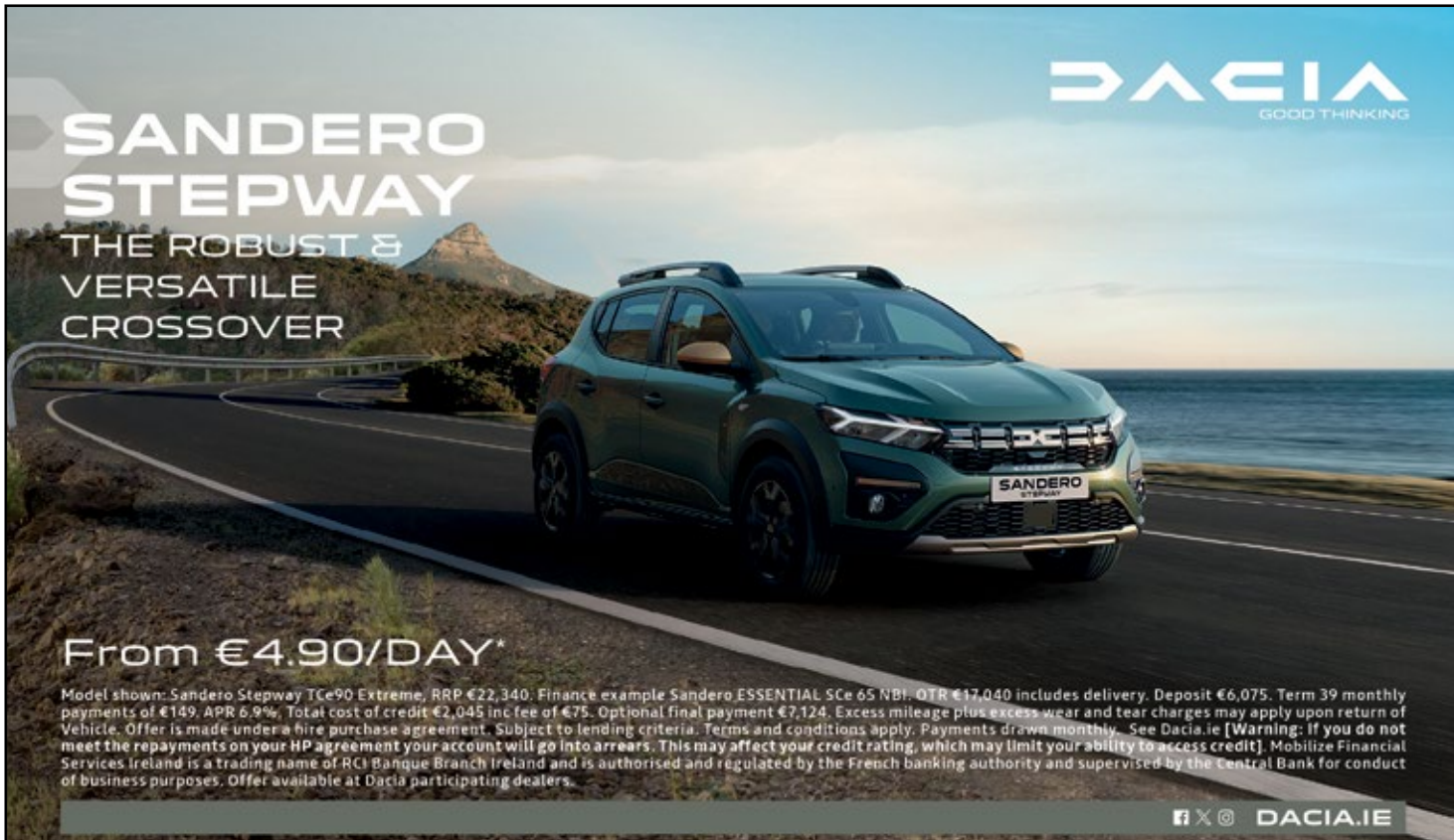
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Killarney RFC U18 girls and U12 girls who took part in a Q&A following the U18 league win a few weeks ago.



Killarney RFC girls who lined out for Munster U18 girls in the Interpros this week, Emma Dunican, Ava O'Malleys and Fia Whelan.

WORKMENS ROWING CLUB

A big thank you to all that contributed at our annual Church gate collection which was held over the weekend. All contributions will assist in our club's activities and competition during the year.

Last chance to get your tickets to our clubs annual fundraiser night which will take place on Friday 23rd February 2024 at Killarney Avenue Hotel. Doors open at 9pm sharp. Dance Night with Sets, Jives and Waltzes and music by Jerry McCarthy & Co on the night. Tickets €10 with fabulous spot prizes on the night and an evening of great entertainment is in store for all, don't miss it. Tickets are still available, please contact Timmy on 087-2898750 if you require same. Calling Killarney & the surrounding area to support this up and coming event.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club showed their growing strength in Kerry as one of the leading clubs at Tralee Distance Gala at the weekend. Killarney had 90% personal bests, lots of heat wins and top finishes:

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2nd 200 Back
3rd 400 Free
Dara Sheehan (age group 14)
2nd 200 Breast
Kate Daly (age group 17)
3rd 200 Breast

KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB

U18 GIRLS PLAY FOR MUNSTER

Very well done to our own U18 girls Ava O'Malleys, Fia Whelan and Emma Dunican who represented Munster in the U18 Interpros last week, playing Leinster and Ulster. Brilliant to see our girls line out in the red of Munster. Well done girls.

U16 BOYS IN MUSTER CUP QUARTERFINAL THIS SATURDAY

Wishing our U16's boys the very best of luck as they host Tipperary side Nenagh Ormond in the quarterfinal of the Pan Munster U16 Cup. This

team has been playing some fantastic rugby across the season and this promises to be a cracker of a game. Please come up to support the lads in the biggest game of the year for them to date. Kick off is at 2pm on Saturday.

MINIS HOST BLITZ THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday our Minis are due to host Rugbair Chorca Dhuibhne and Killorglin in a blitz for all ages. The action gets underway from 09:45am. Please remember the gumshield and waterbottle.

RESULTS

U14 Boys: Killarney 5 - 19 Mallow
U16 girls: Middleton 19 - 22 Killarney
Seniors: RCD 13 - 19 Killarney

FIXTURES

Minis host RCD and Killorglin, Aghadoe at 10am.

U14 boys V Bruff, Home - Saturday at 11am

U16 girls V Bruff, Home - Saturday @ 2pm

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Thursday 15th February

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REGISTRATION

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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The 123.ie Athletics Ireland National Indoor Championships was held last weekend in Dublin. Six National medals came home to



Killarney Valley AC with Ciara Kennelly taking bronze in the women's High Jump with a jump of 1.76m, Sara Leahy taking silver in the 60m sprint with a time of 7.42secs and our 4x400m men's relay of Oisín O'Regan, Jack O'Leary, Cian O'Brien and Jason O'Reilly taking silver in a time of 3.31.44secs. Anna O'Shea competed in the Pole Vault in her first ever Senior National Indoor Championships at just age 15 so plenty more to come from her. Congrats and well done to all.

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

RACE NIGHT

A huge thanks to everyone who supported and attended our Race Night fundraiser on Saturday last, which was a great success. The club was delighted to receive such fantastic support, with over 60 sellers bringing in over 420 race horse entries! Over 35 businesses also came on board to support MRC with race sponsorship, race programme adverts and spot prizes. We cannot thank enough all those businesses and individuals who got behind the club and this important fundraiser. All funds raised

will go towards the continued investment in boats, equipment, safety and gym equipment as well as essential upkeep and repair of existing facilities. This will greatly benefit all our members this season and in seasons to follow. Many thanks also go to everyone who came on the night. It was an evening of great entertainment and a special word of thanks also goes to our MC and race commentator Kieran Murphy. A marvellous evening was enjoyed by all! A final word of thanks goes to our hosts at Colgan's Bar in the Muckcross Park Hotel.

EVENTS

Back on the water, crews remain busy with their weekend training on the water and midweek gym training. The club's second competitive fixture of 2024 takes place next Saturday, March 2nd with the annual Cork Head Of the River scheduled for the city marina in Cork city. The Tribesmen Head Of the River will take place in Galway on Saturday, March 16th.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Last Friday the Div 1, 3 & 5 doubles championship took place in Tralee Sports Complex. Killarney Badminton Club had a very



David Kenny, (Farranfore Maine Valley) takes the first National Title of the day in the Men's 5000m race walk, making it his 4th National Indoor Title



4x400 Team 2nd in senior championships Below from left to right; Coach Tomas Griffin, Jack O'Leary, Oisín O'Regan and Jason O'Reilly.

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Div 3 ladies winners: Adele O'Brien & Josie Gilbert (Ballyheigue)

Div 3 mens runner up: Kieran Crehan & Alvin Rahman

Grade G Kerry team with Stephen Cotter, Jessica Galvin, Caroline Lemass and Saoirse Murphy had great games on Sunday but lost out to Cork and Tipperary.

Grade E Kerry team with Adele O'Brien starring for Killarney also lost out in semi final.

LEAGUE MATCHES

Div 5: Killarney v Tralee 5-2



Hasib Ahmmed & Driss Lecointe



Adele O'Brien & Josie Gilbert



SOUTH MUNSTER SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to St. Brigid's Presentation Students who competed in the South Munster Schools Cross Country event in Tramore Valley in Cork. Huge well done to all the girls who competed on the day over testing terrain! A special mention must go to Kirsten Kenny and Grace O'Meara who qualified in their respective age categories as well as our Senior team who have also qualified for the next stage taking place next week.

FOCUS ON GOLF

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RESULTS 18-02-2024: SINGLES 13 HOLES MAHONY'S POINT

Competition played on Sunday 18 February 2024 at Killarney (Killarney - Mahony's Point).

1: Noreen O'Callaghan 31 pts (13) Overall Winner, Last Six Holes

2: Kate Anu Culloty 31 pts (27) Overall Runner-Up

3: Roisin Kivlehan 30 pts (28) Overall 3rd

4: Jane Dwyer 28 pts (14) Last Three Holes

5: Anita O'Sullivan 28 pts (28)

NEXT FIXTURE

Sunday February 25th Killeen 11 Holes Single Stableford

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Daniel Kelly & Betty O'Brien 37 Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Daniel Kelly 43 and Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & Cian Breen 37 1/2 (B9).

2024 RATES

At our Club AGM on January 15th last it was agreed to change both our membership and green rates as follows.

Membership: Single Adult - €150, OAP - €100, Juvenile - €80 Family - €300 and Associate €133. These rates apply from March 1st when membership is due. Registrar Bobby Kelly is available one

hour after the Sunday draws conclude for any member who wishes to sign up for the year.

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ALL SQUARE FOR THE LADIES

Kerry 0-8 Mayo 0-8

By DAN KEARNEY



Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh & Fiona McHale in action.

Sinead Walsh was Mayo's saviour at Fitzgerald Stadium when she struck a point at the death to secure a draw in the fourth round of the Lidl National Football League Division 1.

Mayo trailed Kerry by 0-8 to 0-5 with ten minutes remaining but the visitors stormed back to hit three points in a row, to secure a brilliant draw and bring Kerry's winning start to the campaign to an end.

Mayo suffered a loss before the game when All Star Danielle Caldwell was ruled out with an injury but she was replaced by the very effective Sinead Cafferky who went on to have a fine game.

Kerry, playing with the aid of the breeze, started the first half in flying fashion and soon found themselves 0-3 to no score ahead with seven minutes gone.

Anna Galvin was very much to the fore in that opening salvo popping over two fine scores, the first after a pass from Amy Harrington and the second assisted by Mary O'Connell.

When Niamh Ní Chonchúir pointed a possible goal chance to put Kerry three ahead after a 40 metre pass from Danielle O'Leary, the signs looked ominous for Mayo but they dusted themselves down to come right back at Kerry for the remainder of the half.

Pressure on the Kerry knockout saw Maria Cannon point a placed ball in the ninth minute and although they kicked a couple of wides, Cafferky and a brilliant individual effort from Cannon saw the visitors level matters by the 20th minute.

Kerry were wasteful, kicking six wides in the first half as their forward division was well held by some strong cover in the Mayo backline.

Cafferky hit a fine individual score to put the Connacht side one ahead once more in the 21st



Kerry's Mary O'Connell in action.

minute but that was to be their final score of the half before Amy Harrington got a welcome score for the home side in the final seconds of the half to see the sides go in at 0-4 apiece at the break.

Kerry looked to have control of the second half when they pushed 0-8 to 0-5 ahead on the 50th minute mark and also letting a couple of goal chances slip with Niamh Ní Chonchúir rattling the crossbar in the 41st minute and Hannah O'Donoghue's goal effort in the 43rd minute well kept out thanks to a combination of Saoirse Lally and goalkeeper Laura Brennan. Mayo came right back into the game and struck on the bounce thanks to Walsh and a Cannon free before Walsh performed her heroics with the equaliser in the last minute.

Scorers — Kerry: A Galvin 0-2, L Ní Mhuirheartaigh 0-2 (1f), A Harrington 0-1, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1, N Carmody 0-1, E Dineen 0-1, Mayo: M Cannon 0-4 (0-3f), S Cafferky 0-2, S Walsh 0-2.

Munster Minor Championship - Round 3

Kerry -v- Tipperary Saturday 24th February - Time & Venue TBC (Kerry Venue)

Munster U16 Championship - Round 3

Sunday 25th February - Round 3
 B Kerry v Waterford (Sharon O'Keeffe Tournament)
 A Kerry v Waterford
 Venue: Kerry venue TBC

Munster Minor Championship - Round 2

Cork 3 - 07 -v- Kerry 2 - 06

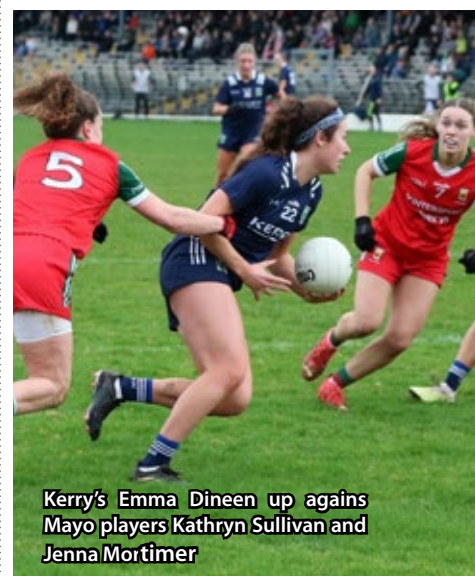
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Cork survived a late comeback from Kerry to run out four-point winners in Cloughduv on

Saturday. On a quite overcast day while the rain never fell conditions were quite difficult with water lying in places on the pitch. Cork made the brighter start and had 1-02 on the scoreboard inside the first two minutes. Cork's goal coming from Kate Carey after a mistake from the Kerry keeper. Lisa Slattery opened the visitors account with a free in the thirteen minute. The home side were adapting better to the conditions as they tagged on a further two points in the first half. Kerry had chances to score but failed to convert. A further blow for Kerry four minutes from halftime when Meabh Collins raised the second green flag for Cork as they went in at the break with a nine-point lead. Kerry needed to make the better start scoring three unanswered points. Meabh Collins with a brace. Matters where made even worse when Brianna Smith scored Cork's third goal. Cork where now ahead by fifteen points and only ten minutes played. Cork would fail to score for the remainder of the game. It looked like too big a lead for Kerry to claw back but to their credit they knuckled down and began to chip away at the scoreboard. Katie Doe was quickest to react for the visitors as she raised Kerry's first green flag of the afternoon. It gave the Kingdom confidence as they began to attack Cork more resulting in two points from play and two from free's. Lori O'Connor and Lisa Slattery with the free's. Another goal by Katie Doe late in the game gave renewed hope of snatching something from the game but it wasn't to be as Cork ran out four-point winners. Credit to both sides for playing football in difficult conditions.

Cork: M Collins (1-03 1f), K Carey (1-1), B Smith (1-0), A McAuliffe (0-2), A Sheppard (0-1)

Kerry: K Doe (2-0), L O'Connor (0-02f), L Slattery (0-02f), M Mulvihill (0-01), A Murphy (0-01)



Kerry's Emma Dineen up against Mayo players Kathryn Sullivan and Jenna Mortimer

Munster U16 B Championship – Round 2 (Sharon O’Keeffe Tournament) Tipperary 2 – 05 -v- Kerry 2-09

The B Team made it two wins out of two following a highly entertaining game away to Tipperary in Fethard. Played on the 4G Pitch Tipperary made the brighter start scoring 1-02 without reply inside the first five minutes. Emma O’Connor opened the Kingdom account in the fifth minute as Tipperary registered a further two scores to open up a six-point lead midway through the half. The home side getting off to the perfect start. Training on the 4G pitch no doubt helped this as it took time for Kerry to settle. Kerry came into the game more as the half wore on scoring 1-02 without reply. The goal coming just before halftime from Sadhbh O’Sullivan to go in at the break trailing by the slimmest of margins. While Tipperary where the better side in the first half Kerry where the better side for long periods of the second half. 1-02 without reply inside the first ten minutes saw Kerry open up a four-point lead. The goal coming from Kelsey Cummins. Kate O’Shea pulled a free back for the home side to reduce the deficit to three, but Kerry was doing enough to keep Tipperary at bay. Two frees from Emma O’Connor saw the lead back out to five. Nervous moments ensured as five minutes from time Aoibhinn Casey goaled for the home side to reduce the deficit to two. Kerry held firm and closed out the game strongly with substitute Leah Courtney pointing in injury time to seal a four-point win.

Tipperary: K O’Shea (1-02), K R Corcoran (0-01), A Casey (1-0), S Hanafin (0-01), E Cody (0-01)
Kerry: E O’Connor (0-07 5f), S O’Sullivan (1-0), K Cummins (1-0), L O’Donoghue (0-01), L Courtney (0-01)

Munster U16 A Championship Round 2 Tipperary 0-06 Kerry 0-09

The A team made it a clean sweep in the U16 grade at the weekend with a hard-fought win. Like the B team having a strong second half in their own game, Kerry had a strong first half in the A game and it reflected on the scoreboard. Right from the off Kerry were hungry from every ball and putting pressure on Tipperary all over the field. Kerry also lined without captain Muireann Teahan. Indeed, all scores in the first half coming from play from five different scorers as the visitors went in at the break six points in front. The pick of the scores coming from Leah Griffin after she making a great run to put Kerry five points to no score in front. Tipperary’s only score in the half coming from Amy O’Connor on the stroke of halftime. Tipperary were always going to come back at Kerry and they did just that. Kate Nevin with a brace of points to leave four between the sides. Kerry was not enjoying the same dominance as they had in the first. Playing against a breeze they were finding it harder to get the ball up the field as Tipperary forwards began to put extra pressure on the Kerry backs. As the game wore on so did Tipperary’s scores on the scoreboard. Two from Kate Nevin (one free) and Amy O’Connor saw the lead reduced to



Kerry captain Saoirse O’Connor McCarthy,
Referee Cathan Tracy, Tipperary’s Sadhbh Hannafin

two with only minutes remaining. The home side also had goal opportunities only for Kerry keeper Anne O’Shaughnessy pull off two great saves. Substitute Emily O’Sullivan steadied the ship for Kerry with a point from play as they ran out deserving winners. Lots of positives for the team to take from the game with six different scorers getting on the team sheet and only one point scored from a free.

Tipperary: K Nevin (0-04 2f), A O’Connor (0-02), Kerry: J Lynch (0-03 1f), D O’Neill (0-02), K Riordan (0-01), B Curtin (0-01), L Griffin (0-01), E O’Sullivan (0-01)

Referee for both U16 Games Cathan Tracy



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Utility Trust St Pauls vs Limerick Sport Huskies Report

MissQuote.ie Womens Basketball League
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre
Saturday February 17th

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 85 LIMERICK SPORT HUSKIES 71

Report by Enda Walshe

For the second season in a row Utility Trust St Pauls maintained a 100% home record after their latest win over a lively Limerick Sport Huskies side. The Huskies were targeting a playoff spot themselves but they needed to win this clash and hope that SETU Carlow would do them a favour against their Limerick city rivals, the Celtics. The Carlow part of the equation never materialised and it was all immaterial as the Huskies found that when St Pauls hit the higher gears they found it hard to live with them.

St Pauls now have the bonus of a home semi-final in the league, due to be played on either March 2nd or March 9th, and with the promise of a big home support, no one will enjoy coming to Killarney for that test. At this stage it's looking likely that it will be Templeogue who will finish as runners up in the Northern Conference. Regardless of the opposition the game will be one of the biggest occasions for Killarney womens basketball for many a day.

It was fitting on the last home game of the regular season that it was Meabh Barry who would be awarded the game MVP. She has been an integral member of the squad but more importantly she has embraced her role of being a team player, always ready to contribute when the call comes. It's a role she is happy to fulfil. "I know that when I come on I'm there to give the girls a break and help in any way I can. We're looking forward now to a home semi final but we'll keep our heads now in the meantime and train away."

Barry started the game alongside Sofia Paska, Khiarica Rasheed, Rheanne O Shea and Denise Dunlea. League top scorer Scout Frame lined up for the Huskies but her influence was well curbed by the home defence, and in particular Rasheed. It was Frame and Rasheed that got the scoreboard going before Barry, Paska and Rasheed again helped to open up a 10-2 lead. Ashley Hart and Aisling McGann were pushing hard for the Huskies, the latter hit a three but Paska, Rasheed and Lorraine Scanlon, fresh from Kerry GAA duty, made it 18-7. The Huskies finished the half the stronger, reeling off ten points through Hart, Frame and Orlaith



Vincent Barry (no relation) presents Meabh Barry with her MVP Award.

Woods to leave it 20-17 by quarters end.

The second quarter was a takeover by the hosts as Rheanne O Shea found her range from outside, and Paska continued to torment inside the paint. Paska and Barry dovetailed well inside with Denise Dunlea running affairs outside and Niamh Ni Chonchuir, direct from Fitzgerald Stadium, kept the tempo high. Woods was Huskies leading light in this period but even her eight points couldn't stop St Pauls opening up a 53-31 lead.

Scout Frame, well shackled up to this point, wiggled free to play a more prominent role in the third quarter and with McGanns accurate shooting, they enjoyed their best spell. St Pauls rotated their five but O Shea showed her radar was on point with two further threes and Paska popped in as required.

With a seventeen point lead, 72-55, the intensity slackened off slightly in the final quarter but notwithstanding that Denise Dunlea kept her foot on the gas and with Barry and Rasheed defending stoutly, any notion of a Huskies revival were quickly dispelled. Aisling McGann efficiency spilled into the final quarter but it was all academic as the result was never in doubt. Another big bonus for St Pauls was the opportunity to put more minutes into Lynn Jones on her return, and with a few weeks yet until the big league semi final, it will give her further opportunity to sharpen her tools.

Sofia Paska led the scoring with 26 points, Rheanne O'Shea had 15, Denise Dunlea 13, Meabh Barry and Khiarica Rasheed had 11 each, Lorraine Scanlon had 5, Niamh Ni Chonchuir 2 and Lynn Jones 2.

For the Huskies Aisling McGann was outstanding with 23 points, Scout Frame shot 21, Orlaith Woods 12 and Ashley Harte 11.

The final game of the regular season sees St Pauls travel to Kilkenny to take on the Marble City Hawks. The Hawks have struggled for wins this season but will be looking to finish their season on a positive note. Tip off at O'Loughlins GAA Club is 6pm.

Scotts Lakers vs Team NorthWest Match Report

InsureMyVan.ie Mens Basketball League
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre
Saturday February 17th

SCOTTS LAKERS 108 TEAM NORTHWEST 98

Report by Enda Walshe

Scotts Lakers maintained their pace in the race for a play off place with a hard earned win over a Christian Simmons inspired Team NorthWest. It could prove to be a pivotal couple of weeks for Brian Clarkes side as they travel to Galway next weekend to reacquaint themselves with the Titans on the same evening as the Limerick Derby. The significance of that result will be magnified if the Lakers can collect the points in Knocknacarra, with one of the playoff chasing Limerick sides bound to lose some ground. But for now all they can do is control the controllables, starting with that trip up the West Coast.

The team from the North West travelled South short on wins but in Simmons, Ryan Ganniclefft and Charlie McKinney they possessed a treble threat that could prove a handful for anyone. The trio did combine for seventy five points but were trumped by the home trio of Leondre Washington, Braden Bell and Eoin Carroll. Washington slalomed through the visitors defence to devastating effect at times, Bell rediscovered his hot hand again after an indifferent display last weekend while Carroll plundered twenty six points, a season high for the teenager.

The opening minutes of the game was littered with missed opportunities from outside as both sides struggled for any fluidity. Simmons and Ganniclefft got Team NorthWest off the mark before Carroll opened the Lakers account after a Rui Saravia assist. Washington, with a touch of razzle dazzle, got his opening basket before setting up Bell with a trademark alley oop pass. Saravia nipped in as did Bell but Simmons and Ganniclefft refused to let go and the game was tied at 12 each. Mark Sheehan announced his arrival with a three and a strong finish left the Lakers 21-17 clear. The advantage was extended courtesy of a Washington three and further hoops



from Bell and Carroll with Simmons and Ganniclefft trying to keep their side in tow. Oisin Spring hit a three to coincide with his entrance as John Fierstein and Charlie McKinney stepped up their input. Washington was weaving patterns to great effect with his dancing feet, Jamie O Sullivan hit from beyond the arc and all that helped the Lakers into a 51-42 interval lead.

Simmons really took up the cudgels in the third period, hitting seventeen of his side's twenty five points in the quarter, prolific from inside and out. But it was a more rounded effort from the Lakers as Carroll hit eight points, Mark Sheehan hit a nice jumper and Washington made his mark from all corners. Bell, displaying great athleticism, went coast to coast for the score of the quarter, and as the game headed towards the crescendo the Lakers had a seven point advantage.

Simmons went to work straight away with a three but that was neutralised by Bell and a couple of threes from the prolific Washington. To their credit Team North West battled manfully with Fierstein more prominent as they tried to whittle down the lead. Six points was as close as they got but Bell was now cock-a-hoop and with Saravia bringing an edge to their defence there



Eoin Carroll hit 26 points in the win over Team NorthWest.

was no chance of a turnaround. Eoin Carroll added to his total with Bell and Washington supplying the bullets and with both sides on team fouls it was the Lakers who dictated the finale, closing out the game 108-98 winners. Rui Saravia, who returned to his second home of Killarney last month after taking time out to travel, feels there is a different team dynamic compared to the ones he previously played on. "Maybe in the past the team was all built towards our Americans

but Brian(Clarke) is trying to make it more about the team and the other players involved. Everyone on the team contributed and were all trying to reach the playoffs." On his own role in the team Saravia underplays his undoubted impact. " My role is to guard what's in front of me and as they say, defence wins championships as well, so that's what I'm trying my best to do."

Leondre Washington hit 36 points for the Lakers with Braden Bell and Eoin Carroll netting 52 points between them, Rui Saravia, Mark Sheehan and Jamie O Sullivan all getting 5 with Oisin Spring getting 5.

Christian Simmons was the games top scorer on 41, Charlie McKinney shot 19, Ryan Ganniclefft had 15 and John Fierstein 11.

The Lakers make their way up the West Coast next Saturday when they face the Titans . A repeat performance from earlier in the season would be most welcomed, an 88-82 victory in Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. Tip off in Knocknacarra Community Centre is at 5pm. It will be their second last road trip, the Limerick Sport Eagles lie in wait on March 9th. The Killarney Cougars is the next home assignment on Saturday March 2nd with SETU Carlow in town on St Patrick's weekend.

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LOTTO

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TEAMS

The Club u12s were away on Saturday last to Milltown FC in league action where both teams served up an exciting game with Milltown taking the points in a 2-0 win with each of the Ballyhar squad putting in big effort. Squad: Adam Quirke, Ciaran Ferris, Elliot Lyne, Ewan Myers, Josh Nelligan, Ollie Kirwan, Rian Comerford, Sam Myers, Ruairi Casey & Thomas Ryan.

Both club U14 squads were out in Tom Hayes cup action with Team one welcoming Inter Kenmare to Murt Scott Park where the Ballyhar Boys had a hard earned 6-2 win. Kenmare went up 0-1 early on but it was the home team who led 3-1 at the break thanks to goals from Addy Nolan, Daire Cornally & Ryan Vickers. Daniel Duggan was in excellent form in the Ballyhar goal to deny Inter on a number of occasions before goals from Ryan Quilter, Jamie Murphy & Sean O Leary Griffin sealed the win in a good squad performance.

Team two travelled to Tralee to take on St Brendans Park A & the Tralee boys won comfortably with Noah Browne, Nico Neumann, Shane Edwards & Jack O Leary impressing on the day for Ballyhar.

The U16s welcomed Ferry Rangers to Murt Scott Park on Sunday in Tucker Kelly Cup action where the visitors made it through to the next round on a 3-5 scoreline with Lee Crillo, Davin Quilter & Anthony Cremin getting the Ballyhar goals for whom Ross Lally & Jim O Dowd were in excellent form.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Well Done to Ruairi Casey of the clubs U13s who was selected on last week's Kerry schoolboy team of the week.

KERRY FC

Best of luck to Kerry FC who have commenced their SSE Airtricity League of Ireland Division 1 journey & have a home game on this Friday night coming (23rd) v Bray Wanderers with

home games also on Friday 1st March & Friday 15th March.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

U 16 PREMIER

Kly Athletic 8 Kenmare 1

Ben Kelleher, Liam O'Brien, Liam Harmon, Mark O Carol, Alex Doolan

A dominant display by the boys in a heavy pitch, man of match Ben was excellent. Overall a great team performance, we're right back in contention for the league, this game also doubled up as a cup game

Best for Athletic: Ben Kelleher, Bryan O Connor, Jake Nash, Evan Doona

U15 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 0 - 5 Killarney Celtic

Not the best day at the office for our 15's when we hosted our neighbours Killarney Celtic in the League. Credit to our Girls they battled hard and played for each other and never gave up against a strong Celtic side in what was a very sporting game...Thanks to Killarney Celtic for a great game.

U13 CUP SEMI FINAL

Killorglin 1 - 4 Killarney Athletic

Ella Crowley, Lillian Slattery

Our Girls made the trip to Killorglin for the Cup Semi Final bright and early this morning. Our Blues came out on top after a fantastic sporting game and a great team performance with Goals from Ella Crowley (2), Lillian Slattery (2). Many thanks to Killorglin for a Sporting game. We now wait to see who our opponents for the Final are ...well done all

U12 BOYS DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 1 Mastergeeha A 0

The U12B boys played out a tightly contested match in Woodlawn Saturday morning with a superb long range goal from Ryan O'Donoghue late in the first being the only goal of the game. Mastergeeha played very well for long spells and were unlucky not to score. Thanks to them for the sporting match and well done to our boys for earning the win.

U12 PREMIER RESULT

Dingle Bay Rovers 5 - 5 Killarney Athletic A.F.C

Sean Quill, Cathal Foley, Rory Moynihan, Artem Dzhandra

The boys U12 A team had a very tough away match in Dingle this morning in blustery conditions. The boys were up 3-1 at halftime

on the Dingle team who are in the last 16 in the National Cup. Goals by Cathal Foley and 2 from Sean Quill including a worldly top corner free kick just before half. The boys were against a strong wind in second half and were under constant pressure. The tides turned and were down 4-3 with 12 minutes remaining. Rory Moynihan brought the boys back level 4-4 with a lovely strike from outside the box. The lads then went ahead with a lovely finish by Artem Dingle tied it up in last couple minutes in a breathtaking end to end game. Man of the match was Caelan Prendergast who bravely stepped in goal after our first team keeper was not available for the match. Caelan stepped up and did his team and himself proud, even spectacularly saving a breakaway at 5-5 to help earn his team a hard fought 5-5 draw. Well done lads. Proud of all of the boys today!

U12 GIRLS PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 1 - 1 Killarney Celtic

Leah Heinemann

Our U12 girls welcomed neighbours Celtic to Woodlawn Friday evening and after all the build up the two teams didn't let the side down. Athletic started the faster of the two teams and dominated the first half with Evie, Erica, Elizabeth, Clodagh, Lucey and Leah working well in midfield. With the majority of the possession we broke the deadlock when Leah received a cross field pass and fired a fantastic shot to the top corner. HT: 1-0 Athletic. To their credit Celtic dominated the second half, with little chances created from both sides however they grabbed a deserved equaliser with 5 mins remaining and could have got a winner only for a great one on one save from Lori. In the end a draw was a fair result. Our massive squad of 18 players all played some part in the game and we look forward to our cup game next weekend away to Killorglin .

MEK GALAXY

EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING T

The management committee of MEK Galaxy FC have decided to call an EGM. This will take place on Monday 26th February, 8pm in Faha National School. Our chairman, Liam Healy, has stepped down due to work commitments. We would like to thank Liam for the last 10 years of service to the club, and we are grateful for the drive & enthusiasm he brought to the role.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12s who were defeated away to Milltown FC on Saturday last in Division 1 of the KSB league



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14s who advanced to the next round of the Tom Hayes u14 Cup thanks to their home win v Inter Kenmare.

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We wish him all the best and hope to see him back involved with the club in the near future. There will be a number of committee and administrative roles available on the night. So if you are interested in joining the club at a very exciting time, please email your interest to meksecretary@gmail.com or contact Pa on 087 7943220.

GIRLS U14 NATIONAL CUP LAST 16

What a journey the girls have been on over the last few months in the national cup, we have had some great wins and fun along the way, but as any competition goes up the levels the better the teams we would meet, and we met one of the best clubs in the country this weekend, our girls fought hard from the start until whistle, it was not our day but getting into the last 16 in Ireland is an amazing achievement for everyone one of the team so that's a wrap for the national cup this year, well done to every player who played there heart out every game we are very proud to be supporting them throughout their journey, onwards and upwards with the local league games. They're a super bunch of girls and will no doubt have great days ahead. They showed great character in every game, never once did I hear them give out to each other for making a mistake. They battled away to the end in every game fair play to them!

U15 DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos 2 MEK Galaxy 4

MEK are just one win away from a play-off for top spot in this tightly contested division after a comprehensive win in Mounthawk. David O'Shea opened the scoring in the first minute with a screamer into the top corner and Michael Griffin matched this with a similar score in the opposite bin. Conor Hayes then hit the crossbar but followed up for a third goal while David O'Shea made it 4-0 at the end of the first half. Dynamos stuck early in the second-half and added a second late in the game but the result was never rally in doubt as MEK came close on several occasions.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 7,12,19,27. No jackpot winner.

Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €5,800 on Monday Feb 26th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, club members and online through clubzap.

YOUTHS LEAGUE

Killorglin AFC 2-4 Killarney Celtic

Jason O'Sullivan, Rafael Viegas, Callum Cronin, Matteo Falcone

Celtic led 1-0 at halftime through Jason O'Sullivan. Rafael Viegas increased the lead before Killorglin replied. Celtic regained the initiative when Callum Cronin netted but Killorglin came back again to leave it 3-2. The win was secured when Matteo Falcone finished to the net to leave Celtic winners on the night.

U16 TUCKER KELLY CUP

Ballyheigue Ath 1-6 Killarney Celtic

Pa O'Brien 3, Cillian Coffey 2, James Coffey

Despite missing some players Celtic turned in a fine performance to qualify for the next round of the Tucker Kelly Cup. The forward line showed their quality with some fine goals.

U16 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic 6-2 Listowel Celtic

Samuel Scroope 3, Pa O'Brien 2, Cillian Coffey

Played last week Killarney won the battle of the league leaders after a fantastic 1st half had Killarney 4up at the break. Killarney continued their good work in the 2nd half to run out deserved winners on the night.

U14 TOM HAYES CUP

Killarney Celtic A 1-2 Killarney Athletic A

Cormac O'Sullivan

Celtic found themselves 2 down before Cormac O'Sullivan pulled 1 back but alas it was not enough for our A team as they exited the Tom Hayes Cup.

Killarney Celtic B 2-8 Listowel Celtic A

Daniel Mannix, Kevin Breen

The B team battled hard against the Premier side but eventually Listowel gained the upper hand to record a clear cut win.

U13 DIV 1

Listowel Celtic B 0-4 Killarney Celtic

Noah Brosnan 4

Killarney started brightly and Noah Brosnan marked his return to action with the lead goals as Killarney led 2-0 before Listowel pulled 1 back. Noah Brosnan hit his 3rd to leave Killarney 3-1 ahead at the break. In the 2nd half Noah Brosnan

completed the scoring to leave Killarney in a good position as the league nears its end.

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic Green 5-0 Tralee Dynamos

Sean Doyle, Paul McGrath, Cillian Scannell, Conor O Doherty, Dylan McCarthy

Celtic continued their fine vein of form with a clearcut win over Dynamos. Sean Doyle, Paul McGrath and Cillian Scannell had Celtic 3 to the good at the break. Conor Doherty and Dylan McCarthy rounded off the scoring in the 2nd half for the league leaders.

GIRLS

PADRAIG HARNETT MEMORIAL CUP U17 7-A-SIDE BLITZ

Killarney Celtic finished runners up in this 7-a-side blitz played in Mounthawk Park last Saturday. Celtic had only 8 players but won their way to the final where they finished runners up to LB Rovers after a penalty shootout. Emily Buckley finished joint top goalscorer despite playing the 1st 3 games in goal.

U15 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 0-5 Killarney Celtic

Leah Mannix 4, Amelia Carroll Kelly

Celtic had a clear cut win in Woodlawn last weekend. Celtic led early through Leah Mannix. Amelia Carroll Kelly doubled the lead to leave Celtic 2-0 ahead at the break. In the 2nd half Leah Mannix hit a hat trick to compliment the good work of the team, thus ensuring the deserved win. Celtic lie top of the table with 7 wins from 7 played.

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 1-1 Killarney Celtic

Leah Mannix

Celtic played out a draw after coming back in the 2nd half. Athletic had the better of the exchanges in the 1st half and led 1-0 at the small whistle. However Celtic came back and Leah Mannix scored a well deserved equaliser to share the spoils.

CONGRATS to Leah Mannix and Seodhna O'Sullivan who made the Girls Roll of Honour. Well done to all our players who played for Kerry in the inter leagues matches last Sunday.



Killarney Athletic U12 Boys B Division 1



Killarney Celtic U16 vs Ballyheigue Ath in the Tucker Kelly Cup.

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CAMHS SCANDAL, STATE APOLOGY

and their families affected by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) scandal. Councillor Cahill said the Taoiseach's refusal to issue a Public Apology to date, is an insult piled upon injury."

"This is a hugely important issue for many individuals and their families in our county. I previously stated that this is one of the biggest scandals of my lifetime, if not the biggest" stated Councillor Cahill.

"I attended 2 meetings in Dail Eireann in regard to this scandal, the first at the beginning of 2021 on the invite of the Kerry CAMHS Family Support Group and the second one more recently at the beginning of December 2023 on the invite of Davin Godfrey and his family. Davin has been campaigning on behalf of individuals and families affected by CAMHS and has called on the Taoiseach for a State Apology on a number of occasions. I believe the Taoiseach must issue a State Apology with immediate effect" said Councillor Cahill.

"Many of these families and individuals are known to me and they have legitimate concerns in regards to the overprescribing of psychotropic drugs, the lack of monitoring and the absence of psychosocial intervention for both patients currently in the service and for those who have left the service. This scandal has had a devastating affect on the lives of these young people and in many cases lives have been ruined" stated Councillor Cahill who previously

called for a State Apology last year.

"Having heard all the evidence and the impact these drugs have had on our young people, I am convinced that this issue warrants a State Apology" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"We have seen in the past where the former Taoiseach, Enda Kenny issued an apology in regard to the Magdalene Laundries, we have seen in the past where Micheál Martin as Taoiseach issued an apology in regard to the Mother and Babies Homes and where our present day Taoiseach Leo Varadkar issued an apology for the Cervical Check issue so why will our Taoiseach and leader of this country not issue a public apology to all those affected by the CAMHS scandal. Todate, he has also refused to meet with Davin Godfrey a Spokesperson on behalf of all those individuals and families affected by this scandal here in Kerry and this is outrageous" stated Councillor Cahill.

"As Tanaiste, speaking in the Dáil, during Leaders Questions a couple of years ago Mr Varadkar said and I quote 'he was very disturbed and very worried about what had happened both as a Public Representative and a Doctor'. He also said and quote 'The issue of a State Apology to the affected families would have to be given consideration by the Government and the Taoiseach'. This man is obviously a hypocrite. He is talking out of both sides of his mouth. It is time for action and the Taoiseach must give a State Apology for all the damage done to all these individuals and families" said an angry Councillor Cahill.

Councillor Cahill requested that an emergency meeting be sought with An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and this was agreed by all Councillors present.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL NOTICES OF MOTION

Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the following at Monday's Kerry County Council Meeting:

That the Council would detail the numbers of people accessing homeless services within the County for each of the last 6 months, with the number of cases involving children being detailed for each month. Also, that the Council would detail the steps being taken to eradicate child homelessness.

"The housing shortage in this country is well documented but one of the most shameful aspects to this shortage are the numbers of homeless in the country, including the number of children who find themselves without a safe, secure and permanent place to live. This morning's figures show the numbers of homeless in the country to be above 9,000, with over 3,500 of those being children. This is nothing short of a disgrace in a country the purports to be a modern, first world country. I note in the reply that numbers in Kerry are dropping and I welcome this. I recognise that the reasons behind those accessing emergency accommodation are varied, but is imperative that we as a Council do all we can to assist these people as we are very often the only people they can turn to for help. I see that numbers in Kerry have been steadily dropping from a high of 172 adults and 70 children in November 2019, to 36 adults and 8 children in December, and I commend the Council staff for this. I also welcome the setting up of a dedicated point of contact for families entering the emergency accommodation services. Numbers have been reasonably steady in the last 6 months, with largely the same numbers for each month, approximately 40 adults and 8 children per month and I accept there will always be those accessing emergency accommodation, it is imperative we do all we can to get it as low as possible, as 1 homeless child is one too many."

OPT IN SCHEME SUGGESTED FOR DEPARTMENT PAYSLEIPS

Further to my successful NOM in September 2021 calling on the Department of Education to

begin emailing payslips each month instead of wasting money posting them, it has emerged that the numbers availing of this option is disappointingly low. I now propose that we write to the Minister asking that the initiative changes from an 'opt in' scheme, to one where people will have to opt out in order to continue receiving a paper payslip.

"I was delighted when my Motion in September 2021 to ask the Department of Education to cease the unnecessary posting out of physical payslips to teachers each week in favour of electronic ones was supported in this chamber and ultimately came into practice last year. I documented the benefits at the time, both in terms of saving millions of euros each year, as well as reducing our paper waste. Unfortunately, it has recently been reported that uptake for electronic payslips has been disappointingly low. I have conducted informal surveys amongst many of my teaching colleagues, and have asked those who didn't sign up for a payslip to be emailed to them why they hadn't. The answer was almost always the same, "I must do it but have not got around to it". I am now calling on the Minister to tweak the scheme slightly, and make it an 'opt-out' scheme, whereby everyone is automatically signed up to

receive an e-slip, as the electronic email is called, and those who wish may apply to have it posted to them. This has proved very successful in organ donor schemes around the world, and I feel it would also work in this instance".

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Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

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Killarney Area

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The Golden Nugget, Fossa

4th Thursday

7.00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
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Larkin's Bar, Milltown
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1st Thursday

8.30 PM
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Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
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4th Friday

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Kenmare & Sneem Area

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

The Kerry Football Team ahead of their win over Mayo on Saturday night.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



LAST GASP SCORE SEES OFF MAYO CHALLENGE

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 0-16 Mayo 0-15

Job done. That's the bottom line. It wasn't particularly convincing as a display, but the scoreboard was tilted a fraction in our favour at the final whistle, and that's the bottom line. I don't believe in wasting too much tie trying to gauge championship form so early in the league – frankly, I don't even think a weak Munster Championship is much of a benchmark for that.

Mayo make two changes before the throw-in, Brickenden and Callinan, both of whom played in the Sigerson Final mid-week, are starting. Kevin McStay clearly wants to take something from this game – fair enough. It would be a third victory over Kerry on the trot and a bit of a marker laid down, but I wouldn't be losing sleep over it.

There was huge demand and a big crowd in Austin Stack Park. No parking in the Horans' car park, but it was a fine night for a short walk. It might have been a different issue in bad weather, and the stand fills very quickly – very quickly indeed.

Mayo made a bright start, Fergal Boland fisting over neatly. Mayo drove at us with pace and power – they overwhelmed us last year in the Fitzgerald Stadium with that sort of football, and it is great to watch compared to the defensive closed shop of most modern teams. Kerry had numbers back in defence, but when they moved the ball quickly with good kick-passes (like a lot of teams nowadays, we are guilty several times of an extra hand-pass or two at the back for safety) to exploit the gaps left by Mayo's raiders, it was yielding scoring opportunities. Cillian Burke sent a lovely ball

into David Clifford and we were level on the scoreboard. Kerry, with all that space to attack, were relishing this. Cillian Burke, who looked superb early on, won a free for Sean O'Shea but it tailed off to the left and Dara Moynihan was also slightly off after taking a good mark. Paudie Clifford showed them how it's done, cutting in for two good points. The direct route was working.

Mayo, who aren't at full strength here, have a nice bit of steel about them. I'm impressed with Sam Callinan, who drives forward for an excellent point. David Clifford has a go from long distance but that, too, tails off. Three wides already for Kerry – it's not a major issue when we are playing good football, but it's not something to completely ignore either.

A good ball from Joe O'Connor and David had a chance at a goal, but couldn't get the power behind the shot and Colm Reape gathered easily. He might have been better off with taking a point in the short term, but you won't win anything long term without players willing to back themselves.

Mayo's Tommy Conroy evaded a couple of what I consider half-hearted tackles but couldn't put his shot between the posts. A let-off. We had plenty of bodies back but nobody really stuck a hand in.

Diarmuid O'Connor (the superior Kerry version!) picked up a yellow card, but the referee also gives Kerry a soft enough free for holding inside and Sean O'Shea duly tapped over. Sean was doing a lot of tracking back, more than I would prefer him to be doing. Mind you, Mayo had realised how open they were leaving their defence and keeping more numbers back there. Right tactic; Kerry had chances to push well ahead by then but hadn't executed them well enough. A free for the lively Ryan

O'Donoghue meant that Kerry were just a point ahead, 0-4 to 0-3. David Clifford gathered from Dara Moynihan, who is doing trojan work in the trenches, and doubles our advantage.

Sam Callinan was covering a lot of ground and sprinted forward for another fine score. Sean O'Shea replied after Dara Moynihan was fouled, but Ryan O'Donoghue gathered a neat flick on by Aidan O'Shea to reply. Shane Ryan was very nearly caught out in midfield as the ball is turned over, but the Kerry defence react quicker than the Mayo attack and the danger is averted. I don't mind a goalkeeper coming out to stretch the defensive line, but anywhere beyond that zone, the risk/reward ratio makes no sense to me. Jason Foley got up on the overlap to pick off the last score of the half, although Kerry could be grateful for a bad miss by Tommy Conroy after a very good run.

Half-time Kerry 0-7 Mayo 0-5

Kerry had played the better football in that first period and they came quickly out of the blocks in the second half as well. Dylan Geaney opened the scoring to put a goal between them. Fergal Boland replied with a real beauty. Sean O'Shea, staying closer to his full forward berth in this half, pointed from play, with Jordan Flynn replying. It was pretty much honours even in terms of the midfield battle, with neither side having much of an advantage in the middle third. A foul on Gavin White saw Seán O'Shea stretch our lead to three again. Mayo refused to be shaken off, though, and Ryan O'Donoghue and Bob Tuohy trimmed the gap back to a single score again, 0-10 to 0-9. David Clifford and Mayo's Diarmuid O'Connor exchanged points. David had another goal chance but again it was gathered fairly comfortably. Paudie, the captain very much leading by example, raced in again for a superb score, showing brilliant kicking

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technique as Mayo rushed to close him down. Substitute Darren McHale once more cut the gap to a single point, 0-12 to 0-11.

Barry Dan O'Sullivan came off the bench and brought a sense of calmness with him. Diarmuid O'Connor (our one) steadied himself and kicked a great point. Paudie Clifford kicked his fourth point from play and there was a goal between the sides again, and now time was running out for Mayo. Moreover, they lost the influential Sam Callinan to a second yellow. Three points up and an extra man? Any team who want to be considered as real contenders need to just put this to bed now.

Mayo, gloriously, simply refused to go gently into that good night. Colm Reape nailed a long range free, but David Clifford split the posts. Still the goal between them.

Ryan O'Donoghue on target. Fergal Boland with a well-taken free. O'Donoghue again, and it's level pegging. Well done to Mayo, but if Kerry lose this I'll consider it a self-inflicted fumble.

Two points in it and deep into injury time. Everybody, including all the Mayo players, know exactly who Kerry is looking for, and they aren't wrong. Once David Clifford gets it, he dummies just once to open a fraction of space and launches it with a perfect trajectory. That one will be viral on social media within minutes, and with good reason. For once (it's a rarity with social media), the substance is worth the hype.

Fair enough, this definitely can't be called grand larceny. But Mayo supporters could probably make a case for trespass. Kerry were the better side overall and that would have been a worthy winner of any game. But to be quite honest, I would say that Mayo deserved a point for a draw. As Clint Eastwood pointed out in 'Unforgiven', "deserve's got nothing to do with it".

A bit of a curate's egg from Kerry, very much good in parts. I enjoyed the football – patches of that first half especially were a far cry from the ultra-defensive game we see far too much of these days.

As for championship form? Arrah, whist. We can be looking at that after Scaraveen, the late April/early May weather of the cuckoo. I haven't even seen a swallow yet.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Graham O'Sullivan, Jason Foley (0-1), Dylan Casey, Tom O'Sullivan, Tadhg Morley, Gavin White, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), Joe O'Connor, Paudie Clifford (0-4), Dylan Geaney (0-1), Cillian Burke, David Clifford (0-5), Seán O'Shea (0-4, 3f), Dara Moynihan. Subs: Conor Geaney (for Dylan Geaney, 49 mins), Barry Dan O'Sullivan (for Joe O'Connor, 54 mins), Paul Murphy (for Tadhg Morley (58), Adrian Spillane (for Dara Moynihan, 63 mins), Ronan Buckley (for Cillian Burke, 66 mins)

Mayo: Colm Reape (0-1, 1f), Jack Coyne, David McBrien, Donnacha McHugh, Sam Callinan (0-2), Rory Brickenden, Enda McLaughlin, Jack Carney, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), Bob Tuohy (0-1), Fergal Boland (0-3), Jordan Flynn (0-1), Aidan O'Shea, Tommy Conroy, Ryan O'Donoghue (0-5, 2f). Subs: Darren McHale 0-1 (for Aidan O'Shea, 48 mins), Enda Hession (for Enda McLoughlin (48), Stephen Coen (for David McBrien, 58



Action from Kerry's win over Mayo in Austin Stack Park on Saturday Night. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

mins), Cillian O'Connor (for Bob Tuohy, 59 mins), Ciarán Boland (for Tommy Conroy, 71 mins). Referee: Derek O'Mahoney (Tipperary)

AROUND THE GROUNDS

In Division One, Derry are the early leaders with three wins. They put Monaghan to the sword fairly comfortably. I wouldn't read too much into that, but the three goals from three defenders....Derry defend in numbers and attack at speed. That and McGuigan's accuracy will take you a long way...but it won't win you an All Ireland. Dublin outplayed us last year, just like we outplayed Galway the year before. I know Derry gave us a fright last year and beat us in the opening game of this year's league, but they played their full hand to do so. Like Mayo last year, I think it's too early to be going so strong, especially when the Ulster Championship is so testing. Dublin just have a single win on board, but Dublin are definitely not pressing pedal to metal just yet. This weekend's contest against us will be an entertaining game, but I'm not sure either side will show their full hand. Dublin won't be real candidates for any relegation, not that Division Two did them any harm last year. Injury hit Galway needed that narrow win over Tyrone. I suspect that their Round 5 game against Monaghan will ultimately send the losers down alongside Roscommon.

Division Two actually has a bit more drama to it. I think the spectre of the Tailteann Cup gives it a lot of extra bite. I very much dislike that round robin pre the pre-quarter-final nonsense that has been crudely inserted into the All Ireland Championship format (at a time when incoming President Jarlath Burns, whom I admire, is talking about amateur workload and size and cost of county panels) but I'm actually a big fan of the Tailteann Cup. Achievable goals. Interesting that three Ulster counties, Armagh, Donegal, and Cavan are leading the way. Frankly, despite the negative approach of teams, the Ulster championship is the only one worth paying into.

I arrived home on Sunday in time to throw on the last ten minutes of Meath versus Louth, and I was so happy I did. I gather that most of the game was more about efficiency than panache, but the finish was absolutely gripping. Just when it looked like Meath were carefully nursing possession to run down the clock, Matthew Costello took a completely opposite approach, sliced through the whole defence superbly, and buried not just the best goal I've

seen this year, but probably the best one I will see. That put them five points. Game over – until Tom Jackson goaled at the other end – not as brilliantly created, but the actual shot was truly stunning. Meath held on to win, but they were sweating at the finish. This is what gaelic football could and should be.

Glenn Ryan is coming under appalling pressure as Kildare manager, both inside and outside the county. There's no question but that the Lilywhites have been very underperforming compared to their underage success and their talent on paper. But that long predates Ryan's arrival as manager. Teams need a good manager, but this modern myth of managers as transforming magicians is rubbish. The County Board could take a harder look at their own structures for bringing players through to senior rather than taking cheap shots at the manager. The truth is that Kildare definitely look to be in freefall, but even in the unlikely event that it is all Ryan's fault, I still consider the abuse he is getting – and yes, it absolutely is abuse – to be utterly disgraceful.

Cork are similarly adrift but Cleary – and Cork supporters deserve credit for this – aren't looking for easy villains or throwing toys out of their prams. See how it's done, Kildare? Cork so far have been starting games well but running out of steam and leaving too many scoring chances behind them. It's not a crisis, but it's ominous. Not just for Cork, but for us. I used to have to argue that Cork football being weak is, however counter-intuitive it may seem, bad for Kerry. Technically we could be the only Munster county guaranteed a chance at Sam Maguire, but we would be coming into the Round Robin whatever-it-is (sigh) cold. That ain't the time to be finding out your weaknesses. Of course the loser of the provincial final would join us. Which in turn would demote another Division Two team from the top sixteen. If Cork drop into the Tailteann Cup, I could see them taking the likes of Fermanagh with them yet. Division Two has plenty to play for – which is great.

MAYO SNATCH LATE DRAW AGAINST KERRY LADIES LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE Kerry 0-8 Mayo 0-8

With three wins and a draw and sitting comfortably on our own at the top of the table, you'd have to be churlish to complain. I'd be churlish enough at times. There are 'good' draws, where you got out of there with a point by the skin of your teeth. And there are 'bad'

draws, where you should have won and didn't. This was definitely the latter.

Kerry – in front of a small enough crowd in the Fitzgerald Stadium, unfortunately – made a good start and had Mayo under pressure straight away. Danielle O'Leary's attempts sailed wide and Niamh Ní Chonchúir was only denied a goal by a very good save, but Anna Galvin had Kerry on the scoreboard with two well-taken points in the opening five minutes. A brilliant pass by Danielle O'Leary saw Ní Chonchúir with another goal chance, but this one fizzed just over instead of under the crossbar. Astonishingly, though, Kerry were not to score again until just before the half-time whistle.

Maria Cannon opened Mayo's account from a free. Both sides were going defensive now and forcing turnovers. Hannah O'Donoghue did have a good effort drop short – Mayo keeper Laura Brennan was comfortably in command of her square. Sineád Cafferky's effort at the other end had more legs on it and an even better kick from long distance saw Cannon bring the sides level. Mayo were very much hitting their stride now, with Cafferky doubling her tally and nudging the visitors in front. Both sides had a few chances but had no joy – Niamh Ní Chonchúir had an effort signalled wide after much discussion. Just before half-time Amy Harrington got Kerry back level. Mayo will have been the happier team going in at the break, having contained a Kerry attack that had been racking up strong totals in all their games so far, but both managements needed to adjust the tempo to spark this one into life.

Half-time Kerry 0-4 Mayo 0-4

Kerry started running their bench at the break. One of those introduced was Kerry captain Niamh Carmody and she announced her presence with the opening score of the second half. Kerry had already been somewhat unlucky after good work by Niamh Ní Chonchúir opened a gap for Hannah O'Donoghue but she was denied by a superb block, with Laura Brennan once more clearing her lines. Maria Cannon had another point from a free for Mayo but Emma Dineen had another Kerry score after more good work by Ní Chonchúir – another one that could well have billowed the net. Kerry had an even better chance two minutes later, Niamh Ní Chonchúir cracking a thunderbolt off the crossbar. Hannah O'Donoghue set up Danielle O'Leary for yet another chance at goal, but once again Brennan was equal to the challenge. Kerry were making hard work of putting this one to bed – mind you, Mayo deserve a lot of credit for their sheer grit, it's worth an awful lot in a game like this. But the introduction of Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh and two rapid fire points, one free and a peach from open play, had Kerry three points clear again, 0-8 to 0-5 and just six minutes on the clock. Surely a bridge too far for Mayo now?

Sineád Walsh gave them a lifeline with a superb score. Kerry were dropping back now and Mayo were scenting possibilities. Maria Cannon calmly slotted a free and it was just a one point game. With three minutes of injury time played, Mayo found Sineád Walsh in a tiny pocket of space. She had very little room to manoeuvre,

but somehow got a shot away and it curled perfectly between the posts. I won't say that it was as dramatic a winner as David Clifford would score later in the day, but it wasn't far behind it either.

One that got away, but I suspect that Darragh Long and Declan Quill won't mind the chance to iron out some of those kinks. The most famous subs bench of them all has to be the Kerry mens' team in the 1988 Munster Final. Paidí Ó Sé, Eoin Liston, Denis 'Ogie' Moran, Ger Power....and players like Donal McEvoy, Joe Shannon, young Timmy Fleming, Eamonn Walsh of the great Knocknagoshel family. But the first four already had 29 All Ireland medals between them. You won't see a subs bench like that too often.

I know the circumstances aren't remotely comparable – the Kerry ladies are quite rightly trying players in different positions at the moment – but take a look at the subs Kerry brought on last Saturday. In order, you have Aishling O'Connell, Niamh Carmody, Emma Dineen, Lorraine Scanlon, Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh, Kayleigh Cronin, Ciara O'Brien, and Katie Brosnan. That's no bad hand of cards to have in your hand!

Kerry: Ciara Butler, Eilís Lynch, Deirdre Kearney, Aoife Dillane, Brid O'Connor, Cáit Lynch, Ciara Murphy, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin (0-2), Jess Gill, Danielle O'Leary, Amy Harrington (0-1) Hannah O'Donoghue, Jadyn Lucey, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1). Subs: Aishling O'Connell (for Brid O'Connor, half-time), Niamh Carmody (0-1 for Jess Gill, half-time), Emma Dineen (0-1 for Jadyn Lucey, half-time), Lorraine Scanlon (for Mary O'Connell, 38 mins), Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh (0-2, 1f for Amy Harrington, 44 mins), Kayleigh Cronin (for Aoife Dillane, 46 mins), Ciara O'Brien (for Ciara Murphy, 51 mins), Katie Brosnan (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir (59).

Mayo: Laura Brennan, Alana Fitzpatrick, Nicola O'Malley, Saoirse Lally, Kathryn Sullivan, Sinead Cafferky (0-2), Erin Murray, Aoife Geraghty, Hannah Reape, Fionnuala McLaughlin, Lisa Cafferky, Maria Cannon (0-4, 3f), Tara Needham, Fiona McHale, Sineád Walsh (0-2). Subs: Jenna Mortimer (for Erin Murray, 42 mins), Emma Needham (for Sineád Cafferky, 44 mins), Emily Reape for A Fitzpatrick, 51 mins), Chelsea Doherty (for Tara Needham, 56 mins).

Referee: Patrick Smith (Waterford)

Congratulations to the Kerry U16 A and B team who had good wins over Tipperary in Round Two of the Munster Championship last weekend. The B team beat their Tipperary counterparts by 2-9 to 2-5 and the A team won by 0-9 to 0-6.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

Senior Club Championship

Group 1: Templeogue,

Rathmore, Kenmare, Spa

Group 2: Dingle, Milltown-Castlemaine, Na Gaeil, Crokes

Intermediate Club Championship

Group 1: Stacks, Glenbeigh-Glencair, An Ghaeltacht, Mitchels

Group 2: Rahillys, Listowel, Kilcummin, Laune Rangers

Group 3: Fossa, Ballydonoghue, Desmonds, Beaufort

Group 4: Legion, Gneeveguilla, Marys, Glenflesk

Premier Junior Championship

Group 1: Ardfert, Furies, Brosna, Ballyduff

Group 2: Ballymac, St.Senans, Churchill, Renard

Group 3: Annascaul, Dromid, Keel, Listry

Group 4: Currow, Waterville, St. Pats, Castlegregory

Junior Championship

Asdee and Duagh will meet in a preliminary round, with the winners going into Group 3.

Group 1: Beale, Tuosist, St. Michaels-Foilmore, Scartaglin

Group 2: Tarbert, Cordal, Kilgarvan, Moyvane

Group 3: Skellig, Winners preliminary round, Cromane, Finuge

Group 4: Sneem Derrynane, Knocknagoshel, Lispole, Valentia

POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Best wishes to Corn Uí Mhuirí champions Mercy Mounthawk as they take on Naas CBS in the Hogan Cup sem-final this Saturday at 2.

Congratulations to Tarbert Comprehensive on their 2-11 to 1-13 win over Coláiste Pobail Bheanntaí in the Munster C (Corn Sheáin Mhic Mhurchada) Final last weekend in Banteer.

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Rapolas Buivydass of Garveys' Tralee warriors on making the national mens' team that took on Kosova last night in the 2027 European Championships pre-qualifier.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Killarney Valley athletes who enjoyed success at the National Senior Championships. Star of the show was Ciara Kennelly, who won gold in the high jump. Sarah Leahy won silver in the 60m, while the Mens 4 x 400m team of Jason O'Reilly, Oisín O'Regan, Cian O'Brien, and Jack O'Leary also won silver. This was the club's first ever Senior National Relay medal.



PHOTO FINISH: Sarah Leahy in action in the 60m finals which ended in a photo finish with Sarah finishing in silver position just six hundredths of a second separating her from winner Mollie Scott. Photo: Mark Kavanagh Photography



Action from Kerry's win over Mayo in Austin Stack Park on Saturday Night. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Ireland's best hope for an Olympic medal might not do so on land at all. Daniel Wiffen has been nothing short of absolutely sensational in the world of swimming, and last week he set even higher standards for himself, winning the 800m at the World Championships in Doha (Ireland's first ever long course World Championship medal) before going on to add the 1500m gold last Monday.

SOCCER FAI

When a Pope passes away, or more recently retires, the College of Cardinals gather in The Vatican to elect his successor. They are not allowed to leave until they elect one of their number to be the new Pope, no matter how many rounds of voting are required or how long the process takes. At the end of each vote, the proto-deacon of the College lights a flame so that the waiting throng will know the result. White smoke means that a Pope has been chosen, whereas black smoke means that another vote is required. Eventually, white smoke will be lit and the proto-deacon will declare in latin 'habemus papem'. "We have a Pope".

At this stage, I strongly suggest that the FAI Executive be locked up somewhere until they can make a similar declaration (PAC meetings excepted). It sounds like the public favourite Lee Carsley couldn't agree terms on the position of Irish manager – for all I know, it could be a negotiating tactic. It's not like Carsley isn't holding all the cards. Last Monday national media claimed that betting had been suspended on Chris Coleman, so certain were they of him taking up the role. The betting hadn't been suspended, by the way, I strongly suspect that it was the betting chains themselves that put that story out to get people to check and encourage business (and if I was a bookie, I would absolutely have done that). On Tuesday, we were told unequivocally – by many of the same media outlets, so 'unequivocally' might not be quite accurate – that Coleman had declined the role. As far as I can see, journalists are surmising that he felt that reversing Ireland's decline to match Irish expectations wasn't really an achievable goal.

I never really thought Carsley was likely – the FA are going places that the FAI are not, and

his star is high enough to be in the mix for club positions that are far more lucrative and achievable than the Irish job. I did think Coleman might bite. Neil Lennon is a non-runner with the Irish supporters (perhaps a bit unfairly). The notion of Roy Keane as Irish manager is an easy media headline but ridiculous in reality. There's too many bridges burnt there on both sides. Chris Hughton wouldn't be my first choice but I've always considered him a safe pair of hands and we need his kind of stability.

I actually sympathise with the FAI in regards to Eileen Gleeson's role. Right from the start, she made it very clear that she was interested in a long term development plan for women's soccer in Ireland. The FAI needed to get the negative headlines about the poorly handled dismissal of Vera Pauw out of the way, and having insider Gleeson step up was the obvious choice. In those circumstances, absolutely skippy I'd be insisting on guarantees about the job I had actually desired and signed up to do. It's the ludicrous denials and question-ducking by both Gleeson and Marc Canham (whose own developmental plan for men's soccer is basically Ruud Doktor's reprinted – are we really throwing that age-old chestnut of switching to summer soccer on the fire again? Good luck with that) that is giving that story legs that it simply doesn't deserve.

But this whole situation is dragging on and it's getting ridiculous at this stage. At this stage I really think the FAI would be a lot better off appointing John O'Shea (who is familiar with the current set-up) on a temporary basis and getting out of the increasingly negative headlines. Non habemus papem, and the longer it goes on, the less credibility the incoming manager will have afterwards.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND Cork City 2 Kerry FC 0

There was over 5000 people in a buzzing Turners' Cross to see Kerry and Cork open their Division One campaigns. It's a bit of a strange one – for many years, Kerry people travelling to this venue were supporting the home team. Cork City, in various guises and different names, have been a power in the League of Ireland. In recent years, under John Caulfield's management (now with newly promoted Galway) they were the biggest rivals to Stephen Kenny's Dundalk. Losing that relegation game to Waterford last year and

dropping down to Division One is a big fall for them, whereas going head to head with the former powerhouse is a huge incentive for Kerry FC supporters.

Kerry actually started brightly. Seán McGrath drew an early save and Daniel Okwute got to the resultant corner but just couldn't quite direct the shot on target. A bright start, though – Kerry were not going to defer to their hosts. Cork were settling, though, their one-touch passing that little bit more astute. Harry Nevin worked a little bit of space down the right wing and crossed. Kerry had bodies there but Cork's Jack Doherty got his foot on it. I assumed he was going to lay it off for a piledriver, but instead he swivelled and poked it home. No fault to the defenders; it was well crafted and excellently finished.

The second goal was beautifully crafted. A Kerry attack was neatly swallowed up and Cork played it swift and sure down the left wing – again, the one-touch passing was sublime. When the ball arrived to Doherty with the defenders forced to back pedal, he took one touch to cut inside and gave the hapless Antonia Tuta no chance. Kerry were perfectly competitive – I think they'll actually be reasonably happy with their overall display – but never carried the same kind of goal threat as Cork. Andy Spain did have a header cleared off the line early in the second half and Nathan Gleeson skewed a shot wide, but Cork settled again. They had a real thunderbolt from distance go just barely wide and had a reasonable shout for a penalty – at the time I thought unlucky defender but definite penalty. Looking at the replay I'm a lot less sure. In the end 2-0 to City was a fair result. To be honest, Cork City will be right up among the favourites for promotion. We aren't at that level yet but we are on the right road. We could have taken a goal ourselves and, crucially for me, we didn't give up anything soft. If we can keep replicating that in upcoming games, I'd be very hopeful.

Kerry FC: Antonio Tuta, Seán O'Connell, Andy Spain, Samuel Aladesanusi, Kevin Williams, Seán McGrath, Ronan Teahan, Steven Healy, Nathan Gleeson, Victor Udeze, Daniel Okwute
Subs: Ryan Kelliher (for Victor Udeze, half-time), Kennedy Amezighi (for Steven Healy, 66 mins), Daire McCarthy (for Seán McGrath, 66 mins), Ethan Kos (for Seán O'Connell, 66 mins)

European Parliament Hopeful Comes to Killarney

Workers and carers in Killarney are the target voters for European Parliament hopeful Lorna Bogue.

Lorna, a 32 year old Cork city councillor originally from Limerick, spent some time in Killarney speaking to workers and carers. Speaking today she said, "Killarney's economy is very reliant on service industry workers particularly. These are very labour intensive, challenging jobs that are highly skilled. I was talking to people on the doors about their experiences, for which I am very grateful to them for sharing."

"Workers and carers are the ones expected to pay for climate action on top of high rents and prices for everyday needs. I want to represent those who keep the economy running in workplaces, communities and homes. Particularly in Killarney where the vibrancy and attractiveness of the town is a product of its workforce, those voices need to be heard and championed. I am running for Europe because being MEP for Ireland South allows me to listen to workers and carers from Kerry to Wicklow and to intervene politically on their behalf from a broader platform."

Lorna's campaign is being conducted almost entirely by public transport. Upon arrival in Killarney railway station one of the first people she met was Seán Kelly MEP.

"I was just about to post on social media about how crowded the train from Mallow was. Students and workers coming home for the weekend

had to stand on a train that was delayed and overcrowded. I was thinking about who I could address this to as I sat down for lunch in a nearby hotel when I saw Seán Kelly MEP. After a pleasant exchange about our campaigns we recorded the impromptu meeting of competitors in the European election in June with a photo."



Sean Kelly MEP pictured with Lorna Bogue.

Over €30 million for regional and local roads across Kerry



Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has welcomed an allocation of €30,141,110 in funding for improving and maintaining Kerry roads.

This is part of a significant investment package of €658m nationwide aimed at restoring the network which is essential for maintaining social and economic connectivity, linking people and places across the country.

Minister Foley said: "This investment will allow us to repair, strengthen and maintain our roads across the county, ensuring they are fit for purpose. Government is dedicating resources towards initiatives such as road repair, bridge rehabilitation, road safety measures, community engagement, drainage improvements, and climate change adaptation."

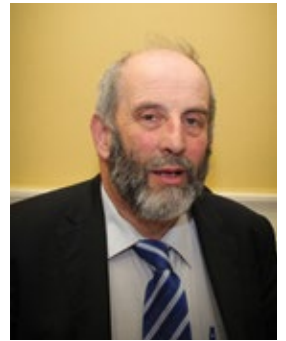
"Maintaining and improving our road network is crucial to sustaining and developing our local economies across rural Ireland. These roads are imperative for children getting to school and people getting to work safely."

Minister Foley emphasised the importance of this investment for rural regeneration and concluded by saying that a key priority for Government continues to be the protection and renewal of the existing regional and local road network.

Disappointment on the Progress of the Killarney By Pass

Following Danny Healy Rae's attendance at the Oireachtas Committee on Transport this week, he got the opportunity to ask Peter Walsh of TII specifically about the progress of the Killarney By Pass from Farranfore to Lissivigeen and Lissivigeen to Castle Lough on the Muckcross Road.

"I am very disappointed with the reply I received when I asked would this scheme be included in the 2024 investment programme, he replied that it is not on this year's National Development Plan and had no idea whether it would be included in the 2025 programme either. This is very disappointing in many regards not least road safety and the inconvenience being caused to many motorists because of increased volume of traffic on our roads as well as the impact it is having on our economy", the Deputy told Killarney Outlook. He is now appealing to the Government again to include the Killarney By Pass on this year's programme.



Councillor Marie Moloney slams the H.S.E. for it's despicable cut to grants for Cancer Sufferers



The proposed cut to the grant for specialist bras for women who are Cancer Sufferers and who have undergone mastectomies has been described as one of the most meanest and unacceptable of cutbacks made by the H.S.E., by Councillor Marie Moloney

"Each year women who have undergone mastectomy surgery were entitled to a grant to allow these ladies to purchase two bras and a swimsuits, it is now proposed to cut the grant to the price of just one bra with a maximum spend of €60"

"These bras are not just any ordinary item of clothing or underwear, it is medical necessity. The breast prostheses are quite heavy and must have a proper specialist bra which also helps prevent Lymphedema."

"This miserable cutback comes from a H.S.E that squanders so much money each year. There is hardly a house in this country which doesn't have some medical appliance in their sheds, such as crutches, walking frames and even wheelchairs that the H.S.E. will not take back when they are no longer being used and yet the H.S.E. sees fit to cut back on a bra for Cancer Sufferers."

I am calling on the Minister for Health to immediately instruct the H.S.E. to reverse their decision to cut this vital grant to women who have undergone mastectomies.



FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 18/02/2024 for a jackpot of €9,900 were 2, 7, 10, 27. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Mark McElligott, online; Kevin McCarthy, online; Michael O'Keefe, Dromin; Paul O'Sullivan, c/o O'Sullivan cycles and Pat Moynihan, Dromduhuig. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Our minor team had a great start to their county league campaign with an emphatic win in Reenard against a combination of Reenard/St Marys/Valentia on Saturday afternoon. Fossa started brightly and had the ball in the net through Dylan O'Meara after 5 minutes of play and they never looked like being beaten from there on. Ryan Brady pulled off a brilliant save to deny the hosts a certain goal, Fionn Doyle was coolness personified at full back and was ably assisted by Luke McCann and Jack Spillane. Conor O'Mahoney put in a great display in front of his Reenard cousins, Jack Hallissey (0-03) and David Butler (0-02) were outstanding attacking from the half back line while Mark Kennelly and Karl James O'Neill (0-02) controlled midfield. The half forward line of Sam Clerkin, Cathal Breen (0-03) and Derek O'Gorman (0-02) worked their socks off, Shane McCormick (0-01) and Mikey Moroney (0-02) were excellent in the corners but Dylan O'Meara gave an unreal display at full forward, kicking 3-04 in total. Harry O'Connor and Morgan O'Brien also contributed in no small way to this fine victory. They now play Annascual/Lispole in Fossa next Saturday at 3pm.

Thanks also to Jerry Daly of the Killard Group in Australia (formerly from Two Mile School) who is our minor team sponsor again this year.

EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Fossa played Rathmore in glorious sunshine on Sunday in a very competitive East Kerry league game. It proved to be a really good workout for both sides, they were evenly matched throughout but Rathmore scored the only goal of the game in the 17th minute of the first half and led at half time, 1-05 to 0-04. The two sides continued to trade scores in the second half, a feature of the game was the unerring accuracy of Emmet O'Shea from play and he kicked 8pts in total. The Fossa management ran the bench and gave valuable game time to some of the younger players, including Ted O'Donovan who kicked a fine point to register his first ever score for the senior side. Tadgh O'Shea scored 3pts but Fossa just couldn't draw level even though they battled right to the end and Rathmore held on to win on a score of 1-10 to 0-12. Next up is Dr Crokes in Lewis Road.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Our three Fossa players, Kelsey Cummins and Anne & Lily O'Shaughnessy had another good outing on Saturday, being part of the Kerry U-16 squads who were victorious over Tipperary, however the Kerry minors, with Seodhla Collieran



The Fossa Minor team who were victorious on Saturday against Reenard/St Marys/Valentia in the first round of the county league. Back L-R, Mark Kennelly, Conor O'Mahoney, Karl James O'Neill, David Butler, Luke McCann, Jack Spillane, Sam Clerkin, Dylan O'Meara, Ryan Brady, Fionn Doyle. Front L-R, Jack Hallissey, Shane McCormick, Cathal Breen, Derek O'Gorman, Morgan O'Brien, Harry O'Connor, Mikey Moroney.

involved, were unlucky to lose to Cork.

FIRIES

SENIOR MEN'S RESULT

East Kerry Div 1B

Glenflesk 3-13 vs Firies 1-12

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE RESULT

Firies 2-10 vs Kerins O'Rahillys / St Pat's 0-07

After a slow start on their first game back in action. The Firies boys trailed by 4 points to no score mid-way through the first half, But by half time they had taken the lead on a scoreline of 0-06 to 0-05.

A much-improved performance in the second half with the help of Goals from Padraig O'Sullivan and Daniel Cronin helped Firies to a 2-10 to 0-07 victory. Well done to the players and management team.

LOTTO Results Feb 12th. Numbers drawn were: 6, 9, 12, 21. No jackpot winner. 5x €30: Pat O Donoghue, Dromore. Pats T O Sullivan, Farranfore. Brendan Quirke, c/o Bridies Shop. Shirley Eager, Farranfore. Dermot O Mahony, Ballyhar. Next week's jackpot €2200

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Division 1B: Spa 3-10 Kilcummin 3-07, Glenflesk 3-13 Firies 1-12

Division 2: Kilgarvan 0-11 Currow 4-12, Listry 0-19 Scartaglen 0-04, Cordal 3-14 Kilgarvan 0-6

Fixtures, 12pm

1A

Round 4 25/2/2024

Dr.Crokes V Fossa, Gneeveguilla V Rathmore, Legion a Bye

1B: Firies V Kilcummin, Kenmare V Glenflesk, Spa a Bye

Division 2: Kilgarvan V Scartaglin, Listry V Cordal, Currow a Bye.

SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ

Best of luck to all clubs Scór na bpáistí

participants, which takes place on the 25th February 2024 at 2 O'Clock in Fossa Hall.

COACHING ACADEMIES

East Kerry/Eoghan Ruadh U14 coaching academies took place last week. Over seventy players took part in the coaching sessions in Killarney and Rathmore. The aim of the sessions was to improve and develop all (2010) players sent in by the clubs. Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC and James Darmody UL delivered the coaching sessions. Thanks to Sean Coffey (St Brendans College) and Noreen Lawlor (Rathmore) for supporting the well run event over the two days. The feedback was positive by all the players with games based approach developing players skill levels and decision making in a learning environment. This was an excellent starting point in the process to select Kerry South U14 extended panel for 2024.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the family of Hannah O'Neill (née Reen) Lissivigeen, Killarney, Kerry / Headford, Kerry on her recent death.

KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR TEAM UPDATE

The Club would like to place on record its gratitude to Peter Keane and Chris Flannery, who have stepped down from their roles as Senior Team Manager and Strength and Conditioning Trainer. The professionalism both Peter and Chris brought to their roles was unparalleled, and we thank them for the time and effort they put into the club. Having set a high standard, the Club is conscious of maintaining continuity, and with that in mind, Gary McGrath has stepped up from his coaching role last year to the managers seat where he will be joined by selectors Liam O Toole and Enda Walshe. Damien O Sullivan is the new S and C Coach with the backroom completed by Chris Davies, Gerard O Keefe, and Paudie Lynch. KJ Griffin will look after the stats and analysis

Donal O Donoghue has moved away from the job of Senior B Team manager, a role he fulfilled for nine years. A man who spends



The Killarney Order of Malta recently presented Fitzgerald Stadium Stewards with their certificates for completing a course in Cardiac First Response Community. Photo: Yuri Shalimov.



Fitzgerald Stadium Stewards recently attended a training night for match day events and emergency procedures at the stadium. Photo: Yuri Shalimov.

incalculable hours in the club we thank him for his outstanding service. Not being lost to the club, he has already come on board with the Boys U13 team. We also thank Conor McNiece for the time he put into the team. Mark O Leary has been ratified as Senior B manager, where he will be joined by Michael B O'Donoghue and Mike Piggott, who remain on board. Further additions to the management team will be added in the near future.

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

The Under 17 boys kicked off their Division 1 County league campaign with a win against An Gaeltacht in Gallarus last Saturday afternoon. It was a fantastic open high scoring game, and it needed a top class performance to overcome a very good Gaeltacht team. The next game is versus Austin Stacks this weekend and a special thanks to all the supporters who travelled back to Gallarus for the game. Final score: Killarney Legion 6-10 An Gaeltacht 2-13.

Earlier in the week the first competitive juvenile game of 2024 took place as our Under 17-second team beat Austin Stacks in a high scoring encounter in Tralee. Final score Killarney Legion 7-9 Austin Stacks 3-10.

EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE

Gneeveguilla were the visitors to Direen in Round 3 of the East Kerry Superleague on a sunny spring afternoon. Conor Keane struck for an early goal and with Shaun Keane and Will Shine prominent the half time score read 1-8 to 0-3 in the home sides favour. Further goals from substitutes Sam Benson and Peter McCarthy put the seal on a 3-13 to 0-8 win.

INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The draw for the prestigious Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Club Championship took place during the last week and it pitted us into an interesting group with two other East Kerry clubs. Glenflesk will provide the opposition in Round 1, with the game taking place in a neutral venue. Gneeveguilla will face St Marys in the other group game. The Championship kicks off after Kerry finish their All Ireland football championship campaign.

MTU KERRY

Congratulations to Ryan O Grady and MTU Kerry on their Trench Cup win during the week. After a difficult day on Wednesday sourcing a

playable pitch the final eventually got played in Ballyduff.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS TABLE QUIZ

The big night for our ever active Mothers and Others group is coming close. They are organising a table quiz in the International Hotel this Friday February 23rd. This is a fundraiser for their upcoming trip to Brittany in April and the whole club is asked to row in between the project. Throw in for the quiz is 8 bells.

LOTTO

Results Monday February 12th. Numbers were 1, 7, 10, 23. Bonus No 17. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. John Kerrisk online 2. Kieran O Shea online 3. Joan Doran Allmans Terrace 4. Con Costello Portarlinton 5. Owen Casey College St

DR. CROKES

GAA SUPER GAMES continues on Tuesday nights from 6pm-7pm. This includes all players from 8-12 years of age.

ASTRO HURLING continues every Sunday in Fossa National School. U8-U10 from 5pm-6pm. U11-U13 from 6pm-7pm. All are welcome to attend.

EASTER CAMP

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

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Dr. Crokes GAA Membership for the 2024 season is now open online. https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=13281#Anchor

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

PILATES with Jola continues on Thursdays from 6:10pm to 7pm in the clubhouse.

GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASSES with Kathleen continue on Tuesday mornings at 11am in the clubhouse. You do not need to be a member to join these free classes. All are welcome.

OLD CLOTHES BANK is located at the rear of the clubhouse. All clothes should be deposited in bags. Donations will help to provide valuable funding to our club.

LOTTO took place February 19th. Numbers drawn were 2, 3, 11, 20 Jackpot of €7,100 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €45 each. Jackpot for draw on February 26th will be €7,400. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor

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BINGO

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

CONGRATULATIONS to former player Eric O'Connor and Caitriona O'Sullivan on the recent birth of their daughter Grace.

CONDOLENCES to Vince, Helen, Liam and Aoife Cooper and the Enright family on the passing of Helen's father Danny Enright, Tarbert. 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.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, February 19th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 9, 17, 23 and the bonus ball was 15.

Lucky Dip Winners were as follows: €50: Susan Sheehan, Milltown. €50: Clíodhna Quirke,



Milltown. €25: Jason O'Connor, Castlemaine. €25: Arnold Castroverde, Milltown. €25: Ted Kennedy, Milltown. €25: Dolores O'Sullivan, Castlemaine

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 4th at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets.

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: GROUP STAGE DRAW

The draw was made last Thursday night for the 2024 Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Football Championship.

We have been paired with Dingle, Na Gaeil and Dr Crokes. Our first fixture will be against Na Gaeil. Dates, times and venues to be confirmed.

KERRY REPRESENTATION: ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - CILLIAN BURKE

Well done to the Kerry Senior Football team and management on their 0-16 to 0-15 win on Saturday night against Mayo in Austin Stack Park, Tralee. A mighty performance by Milltown/Castlemaine's Cillian Burke at wing forward as he got on a lot of ball and set up a number of scores throughout a very tight contest. Cillian has now started five of Kerry's six games so far in 2024.

Eyes will now quickly turn to this weekend's game against All-Ireland Champions Dublin at Croke Park.

CONGRATULATIONS: CORMAC LEANE - TARBERT COMPREHENSIVE

Well done to our Milltown/Castlemaine Senior Football Goalkeeper, Cormac Leane who was part of the Tarbert Comprehensive School management team that was victorious in the Munster U19 'C' Final against Coláiste Pobail Bheanntraí (Bantry Community College) on Saturday evening.

REFEREES FOUNDATION COURSE

Kerry GAA will be running a Referees Foundation Course over the first three Fridays

in March (1st, 8th & 15th) at 7.30pm.

If you are interested please contact the club secretary Susan Sheehan at Secretary. milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie

The course takes place in the Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence and you must be over 18. You must be available to attend all 3 nights.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: GROUP ONE, ROUND 2 RESULT

Milltown/Castlemaine 0-17

Glenbeigh/Glencar 2-09

Well done to our senior players and management who made it back to back wins on Sunday afternoon in Group One of the Mid Kerry Senior Football League. Dara Hogan contributed 0-10 (one more than last week's impressive 0-9 haul against Laune Rangers), his brother Sean also improved on his two points last weekend, scoring 0-4 in Glenbeigh whilst Gavin Horan, Pa Wren and Conor Spillane added 0-1 each to overturn a two point deficit heading into the final quarter when the hosts led 2-7 to 0-11 and ultimately emerge two point winners. Round 3 will take place next weekend when Milltown/Castlemaine host Cromane.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: ROUND 3 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine's senior side will take on Cromane in Round 3 of the Mid Kerry Senior Football League on Sunday, February 25th at 1:00pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. All support is welcome.

KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 3B, ROUND 1 RESULT AND ROUND 2 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine 4-10

St Michael's Foilmore/Skellig Rangers 0-07

An impressive start to the County Minor Football League for Milltown/Castlemaine last Saturday afternoon after a convincing fifteen point victory at home to South Kerry opposition. Round 2 takes place next Saturday, February 24th when our lads travel to take on Churchill at 3:00pm.

HELP WANTED: VIDEOING GAMES

If you are available to assist in the videoing of club games, then please contact Liam Doherty

on 086 041 3593. Full training and support will be provided and it will take approximately 10 minutes per match. No previous experience necessary.

COACHES WANTED FOR 2024 SEASON

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

THE FAHA RAMBLING HOUSE/COMHALTAS

Listry Community Council and Milltown Listry Comhaltas invite you all to 'The Fahá Rambling House', back after four years! Hope to see you there on Saturday, March 2nd at 8pm for craic agus brack. Bigí Ann!

ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

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

TEAM UPDATES

Our underage club teams will be resuming shortly for the 2024 season. Watch this space over the coming weeks for more details!

TEAM ENQUIRIES

If you want to join your local club, one of the fastest growing clubs in the county, please contact Ian Twiss on 087 252 1053.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For any other queries, please send an email to our Secretary or Chairperson at the following addresses: secretary.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie or chairperson.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie

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



KERRY Senior Football Captain Paudie Clifford gave the Glenbeigh Glencar Cromane U15 Boys team, coaches and parents a great send-off from Kerry Airport to their Tournament with four London GAA Clubs this weekend. Pictured with Players and mentors were Paudie Clifford Kerry Football Captain and Johh Mulhern, C.E.O., Kerry Airport. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .

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Testimonial from an existing apprentice

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"Nenzing is located in the Austrian Alps and offers plenty of opportunities for hiking, mountain biking and skiing during the winter. On the other hand, if I visit Rostock in North Germany during the summer, I will have to opportunity to spend some time relaxing at the beach or taking in some of the wild coastal trails. Either way, both are great locations and give Killarney a run for its money in terms of scenery and things to do."

Expanding on his apprenticeship so far Cian says, "This opportunity is a game-changer, especially for someone like me just starting out. It's not every day you get to be part of something so cutting-edge, right here in Kerry. Every day is different and brings something new. My colleagues are a great bunch, we have good craic and I get to learn from the best in the business."

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student through this weekly study you are growing in wisdom. 'Wisdom is the principal thing' (Proverbs 4:7). No matter what age, in everything we do, we all need Wisdom. Wisdom, or the lack of wisdom, is a key factor in how one's life plays out. Many associate it with older generations, but that's not always the case; younger people are often far more astute than given credit for. Certainly, as we grow older we become more experienced: learning 'I won't do that again!' - for hindsight is a wonderful thing.

But what is Biblical Wisdom? "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). Really Wisdom is God's knowledge given to us through the Person of the Holy Spirit Who lives inside of every believer in Christ. So, it's like an internal antenna wired direct to God bringing discernment, understanding and intelligence that's supernatural - not from the flesh. It's the Power of God to help us navigate this life to make smart and right decisions as a result of our Creator's input.

James put it this way ".... if you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and He will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask Him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do" (James 1:5-8).

Later James went on to lay out the difference between earthly, sensual wisdom and God's Wisdom.... "If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honourable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder, and evil of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favouritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness (James 3:13-18).

Wisdom doesn't mince her words. The world's culture has sugar coated truths, lulling people into a false sense of security when they should've been alerted to the danger they're in. Perhaps this is the reason reality tv shows are so popular - it's much easier to analyse, judge and mock others instead of examining oneself. God's Wisdom, which is more to be desired than gold, calls out to each of us daily - 'alerting the inexperienced and those easily misled to seek common sense and prudence, warning those who are closed-minded (self-confident fools) to seek the insight and self-discipline that leads to godly living' - "...for I speak the Truth and detest every kind of deception. My advice is wholesome. There is nothing devious or crooked in it. My Words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those with knowledge. Choose My instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold. For Wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can compare with it" (Proverbs 8:1-11; Proverbs 3:13-26).

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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OPEN INVITATION, MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE; PARISH GATHERING

In his Pastoral Letter, Moving Forward in Hope", Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on Tuesday 27th of Feb at 7.30 in John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Rock Road, Killarney. preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

- Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
- Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
- Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?
- Many thanks for your support and assistance for this consultation.

THE KNOCK AND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The dates for our Knock and Lourdes pilgrimages are :Knock, Saturday 24th August. Lourdes, Thursday 29th to Tuesday 3rd September. This year we hope to have all elements of our Lourdes Pilgrimage: The assisted-pilgrims, a full team to care for them, youth from some Secondary Schools, and ordinary pilgrims. Further information to follow.

JANICE CARRIG MINISTRIES will lead our Day of prayer for Healing at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Scartaglen this Sunday Feb 18th starting with Praise and Worship at 2.30. with Paddy Sheehan. Janice will conclude with personal prayer on a one to one.

GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS: Slow gentle mindful movement & breathwork class beginning Monday 19th February at 6pm in the Parish Centre, Church of the Resurrection, Park Rd. 8 Week Course. Suitable for people of all ages & abilities. Qi Gong helps take care of mind & body health. Contact Noreen on 085 8600099 or by M: info@qigongwellness.ie

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

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

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

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

Thank you for favours received

NOVENA TO SAINT THÉRÈSE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus
Please pick for me a rose from the heavenly garden and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands (mention your special prayer request here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did, in God's great love for me, so that I may imitate your "Little Way" each day.

NOVENA TO ST. MARTHA

O St. Martha, I resort thee and to thy petition and faith, I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays. Comfort me in all my difficulties thro' the great favour thou didst enjoy when Our Saviour lodged in they house. I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favour I ask (Mention favour).

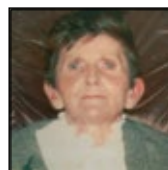
Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for in all our necessities. I ask thee St. Martha to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast as thy feet.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys and a lighted candle every Tuesday and the above prayer made known with the intentions of spreading devotion to St. Martha. This miraculous Saint grants every thing before the Tuesdays are ended. No matter how difficult.

19TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR PARENTS

JOAN KENNEDY



WHO DIED THE
11TH OF SEPTEMBER 2004

AND

JOHN JOE KENNEDY



WHO DIED ON THE
26TH OF FEBRUARY 2005.
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Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us everyday

Unseen, unheard but still always near

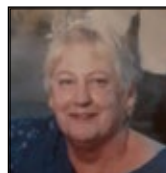
Still loved, still missed, still very clear

Always loved and sadly missed

By your son Eammon, daughter in law
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BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET
PEGGY MOORE



I AM THINKING OF YOU
ON YOUR BIRTHDAY ON
FRIDAY THE 23RD FEBRUARY

Every day in some small way

Memories of you come my way

Though absent you are always near

Still missed, still loved and always near

From Your Loving Twin Sister Nora.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PATRICK
O'BRIEN



NOHOVALDALY, RATHMORE

WHO DIED ON THE
24TH FEBRUARY 2023

As we lovingly remember Patrick on his first anniversary, the family would like to express our sincere gratitude to those who supported us with our sad loss.

Thank you to Patrick's wonderful friends and neighbours for their kindness down through the years. A special word of thanks to Breda who consistently went above and beyond, offering a helping hand whenever it was needed. Her kindness will always be appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks to our many relatives, friends and neighbours who attended the funeral Mass both in person and online. To those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and messages of condolences online and to all who travelled long distances to be with us, we are truly grateful.

We express our sincere gratitude to all involved in Patrick's funeral:

Fr. Pat O'Donnell for his comforting words and beautiful mass. To Joan Collins and Sheila McSweeney for the music and O'Learys Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism.

A special word of thank you to: Dr. Michael Casey and staff in Tullig Medical Centre, Reens Pharmacy Rathmore, the staff at Kanturk Community Hospital for their help and care over the last few years.

We wish to thank The Staff at University Hospital Cork who cared for Patrick in his final months.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement of our sincere appreciation for your kindness and gratitude to all.

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