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Pictured at the launch of the Community Sustainability Fair which takes place this Sunday afternoon in Fossa Community Centre are from left: Diarmaid Griffin, Anthony Dennehy, Angela Lynch, Paul O' Raw, Theresa Kissane, Mary Murphy, Mary Fitzgerald, and Jimmy Dennehy. See Page 4.

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A Note from the EDITOR



Killarney weathered two storms this week with the arrival of Storm Isla and Storm Jocelyn, however the perfect storm could be on the way for the town as rising costs, staff increases and fewer people on the streets have combined to sadly see businesses close.

A film on the people of Gaza will be screened tonight in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, a sustainability group in Fossa are holding a fair on Sunday and the TY students of St. Brigid's took to the stage for their variety show.

A former Kerry footballer is set to take on a marathon task, hospitality skills were on the menu for KCC students and a rescheduled walk in memory of Hugh Murhill and in aid of the Irish Kidney Association will take place on Sunday.

Mid Kerry are set to celebrate Biddy's Day, special family occasions were celebrated and Listry GAA Club honoured their players and supporters.

Kerry Ladies claimed victory of the Dubs, the Sem booked a semi final place in the Corn Uí Mhuirí and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie

*What a photo.....
Rafal Taracha*



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FOSSA HOST COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

The recently established Fossa Climate Action Group is hosting its inaugural public event, a Community Sustainability Fair this Sunday afternoon, January 28th at 3pm in Fossa Community Hall, opposite Fossa Church.

The Climate Action Group was established in October 2023 after concerned citizens were inspired to action by a movie called 'The Letter'. 'The Letter - a message to our earth' is a movie for a global audience that follows frontline leaders, climate activists, and climate refugees from across the world that face the effects of climate change everyday. The story raises hope in a heartwarming way by telling the story of these protagonists as they are invited to join Pope Francis in the Vatican to tell their story and find solutions. This hope became action right away in Fossa when Mary Fitzgerald and Paul O'Raw asked volunteers to join them in finding a way to take action locally amid the global climate and biodiversity crisis.

Soon there were weekly meetings and the first event was planned: A Community Sustainability Fair that showcases the organisations that are making a difference in the county. Among the exhibitors telling their story on the day are Killarney National Park Education Centre, KWD Recycling, Transition Kerry, Tralee Bay Wetlands, Kerry County Council, Killarney Men's Shed, Milltown Health Food Shop, Beaufort Bee Club, Fossa National School, Organic Farmer, Bio Ferma Cleaning Products, Killarney Coffee Cup Project, Wild Weeds, M.D. O'Shea & Sons, JM Energy, Killarney Credit Union, My Carbon Buddy and Killarney Mountain meitheal.

All people, young and old are welcome. Admission is free! Follow us on Facebook: Fossa Climate Action Group

FOSSA CLIMATE ACTION
Community Sustainability Fair
 Information, demonstrations and exhibitions
DATE: Sunday Jan 28th
VENUE: Fossa Community Centre, 3.00 - 5.00

'Your Community - Our Future'

EXHIBITORS INCLUDE:

- National Park Education Centre
- KWD Recycling
- Transition Kerry
- Tralee Bay Wetlands
- Kerry County Council
- Killarney Men's Shed
- Milltown Health Food Shop
- Beaufort Bee Club
- Fossa National School
- Organic Farmer
- Bio Ferma Cleaning Products
- Killarney Coffee Cup Campaign
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A community event aimed at raising awareness and encouraging action.

GAZA Film Screening Tonight



A beautiful portrait of everyday Gazan citizens, leading meaningful lives beyond the rubble of perennial conflict will be screened tonight, Friday, 26 January from 7pm – 9:30pm at St Mary's Church of Ireland in Killarney.

The event is organised by The Kerry branch of The Irish Palestinian Solidarity Campaign and is directed by Garry Keane and Producer Alison Twomey.

Following some hugely successful educational & solidarity events in recent months, the Kerry IPSC have chosen this particular film made in 2019, to highlight the current genocide being committed in Gaza and the West Bank.

In this cinematic journey through Gaza, unfolds a portrait of its ordinary people who attempt to lead meaningful lives beyond the war. 'Gaza' brings together an eloquent, resilient and courageous group of souls, whose struggle, resilience and sense of family goes to the very heart of humanity...a people whose lives are shaped by occupation but not defined by it.

This multi-award winning documentary by Irish filmmakers Garry Keane and Andrew McConnell was Ireland's entry for Best International Feature Oscar in 2020. (12A 90 minutes)

The evening will be MC'd by Killarney filmmaker Eoin O'Shea, who will host a questions & answers segment with Garry & Alison after the screening. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about life under occupation & ask any questions you may to people who have direct experience.

Tickets are €10, €5 concession with all funds being donated directly to 'The Amjaad Charity' in Gaza.

All proceeds from this screening will be donated directly to AMJAAD.

AMJAAD Charity has been working in Gaza for 7 years. They provide assistance and aid to over 2000 families every year – providing transportation to access medical care, as well as giving food, medicine and clothes to poor families who need them.

You can also donate here <https://www.gofundme.com/f/me7g79-amjad>



A man wearing glasses, a grey blazer, a blue sweater, and dark trousers is standing outside a shop, pointing towards a large blue sign. The sign is for 'QUILLS MENSWEAR' and advertises a 'SUIT SCRAPPAGE SCHEME'. The sign text includes: 'TIME TO CHANGE YOUR SUIT? TIRED OF YOUR OLD STYLE?', 'BRING YOUR OLD SUIT INTO US AND WE WILL GIVE YOU €100!....YES €100! OFF THE PRICE OF A BRAND NEW SUIT!', 'YOUR OLD SUIT WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY', and 'ASK INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS!'. The sign also has a small note at the bottom right: 'TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY'. The background shows the shop's entrance with a brick wall and a display of shoes.

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KILLARNEY BUSINESS CLOSURES....

Chamber: Reducing VAT rate again would be a good start

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has pledged its full backing to a campaign to immediately reduce the VAT rate on hospitality to nine per cent – or less – as part of a suite of measures to support businesses struggling to survive in the current economic climate.

The town's business representative organisation said it is no coincidence that many operators started feeling the squeeze when the rate was increased to 13.5 per cent in September and that, in addition to the huge increases in the other costs involved in running a business, was leading to a sudden spate of closures.

"The VAT rise, combined with rising energy costs, food inflation, major staffing issues, wage increases and fewer people on the streets has, in many respects, created the perfect storm to force a business to close," chamber said.

"Some traders have raised the white flag and acknowledged that they can simply no longer absorb the costs and remain any way competitive," a statement issued by joint chamber presidents Pádraig Treacy and Johnny McGuire said.

The chamber has acknowledged that issues such as leases expiring, business premises being sold, difficulties in securing qualified staff and the dark cloud of warehoused debt having to be paid back in a matter of weeks have all contributed to a number of businesses pulling down the shutters.

But the business organisation stressed that there can be no argument that Killarney is also really feeling the impact of the very significant influx of asylum seekers and refugees which has resulted in considerable challenges for those involved in retail in the town.

Chamber said less people spending obviously means businesses, who operate on tight margins, are going to suffer and many involved in retail in Killarney have reported a dramatic reduction in footfall since so much of the town's available accommodation was snapped up by the International Protection Accommodation Service.

"That factor alone is impacting on business, it is impacting on services such as access to GPs and schools and it is putting traders on the streets under real pressure," Mr Treacy and Mr McGuire said.

The joint presidents said when Finance Minister, Michael McGrath, addressed the chamber president's lunch this time last year, he gave an undertaking that he would do everything in his power to extend the period of time for the lower VAT rate and he kept his word.

"Chamber led the way on that occasion and we would now appeal to the minister, once again, to consider reintroducing the nine per cent rate – or even lower – to give many businesses a fighting chance of survival. It would, at least, be a decent start.

"It's a big ask but it's a big problem and this is the only solution," Mr Treacy and Mr McGuire said, adding that it was imperative that jobs in retail, hospitality and other services are protected.

"Very few can be critical of the minimum wage increase as staff must be



Johnny McGuire



Pádraig Treacy



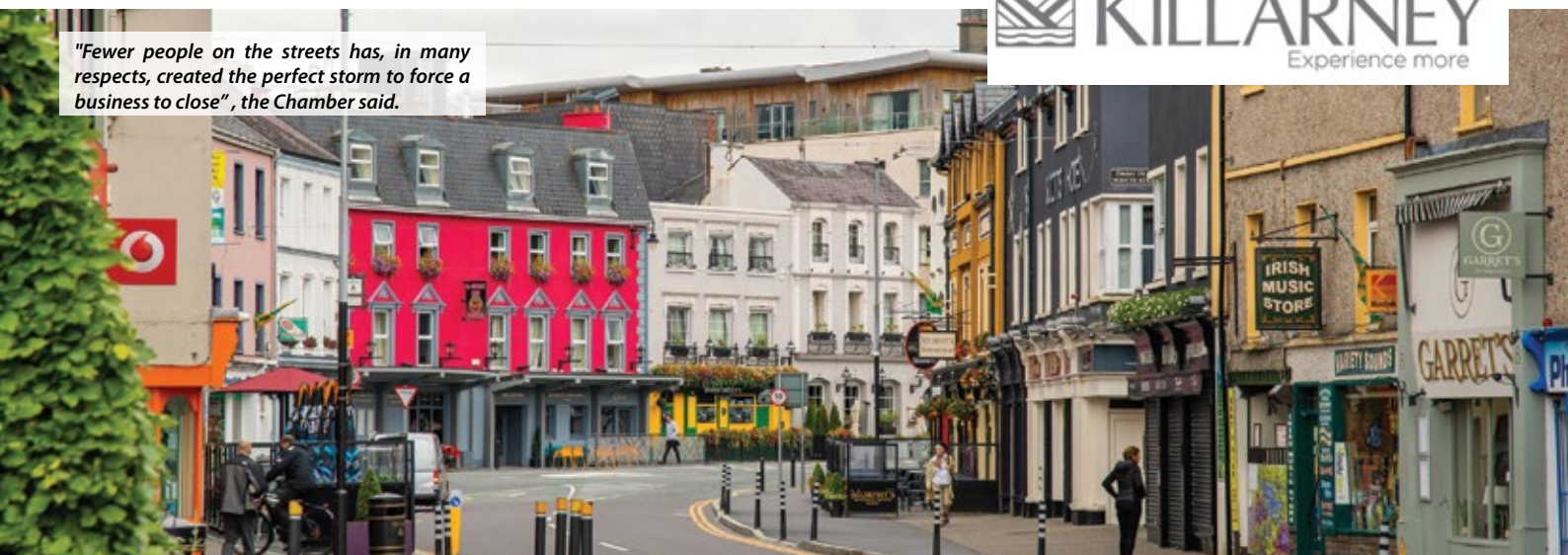
Finance Minister speaking to Hotelier Bernadette Randles at the Chamber President's Lunch this time last year. File Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan.

looked after but having to also cope with a VAT hike and a drop-off in footfall as a result of lost accommodation will be the final straw for too many," the chamber warned.

The business organisation said in addition to reinstating the nine per cent rate, consideration should be given to a bespoke package of supports for businesses, additional breaks in terms of commercial rates, greater training opportunities for staff and agreeing to a phased repayment of warehoused debt.

"Fewer people on the streets has, in many respects, created the perfect storm to force a business to close", the Chamber said.

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The big clean-up... Outdoor Staff of Kerry County Council, clearing and felling a number of trees at on the N71 Killarney to Kenmare road in Killarney National Park, on Monday, in the aftermath of Storm Isha. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

KILLARNEY WEATHERS THE STORMS

Killarney was battered by two storms this week with Storm Isha on Sunday followed quickly on Tuesday by Storm Jocelyn.

ESB crews worked tirelessly to try to get thousands of homes and businesses back on the grid.

However it took days for some homes in the Killarney area to get their power back as crews working were hampered by the arrival of the second storm on Tuesday.

Muckross House and Garden Restaurant was closed on Monday 22nd January, as crews dealt with power outages and tree felling in the aftermath of Storm Isha.

Multiple trees are down across the Park and this week crews from Kerry County Council and the National Park worked tirelessly to clear them.

Following Storm Isha on Sunday Storm Jocelyn arrived on Tuesday and it is the tenth named storm of the season.

In the past 10 years since storm naming begun, we have only reached as far as K once before, in 2016. One more storm to go to tie that!

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



The big clean-up... National Park and Wildlife Service, Outdoor Staff, felling one of a number of trees at Tanks Road, Upper Torc Car Park, Killarney National Park, on Monday, in the aftermath of Storm Isha



A tree down on the Port Road on Sunday caused major traffic chaos.



What a difference a day..... just before the arrival of Storm Isha, Paud O'Donoghue captured this stunning photo of the frozen lake near Dinis.



The big clean-up... Sjoerd Van Wierst, NPWS, outdoor staff, felling one of a number of trees at Tanks Road, Upper Torc Car Park, Killarney National Park, on Monday, in the aftermath of Storm Isha.

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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

Little focus on local business closures in the council

More attention was given to Palestine than to the tsunami of business closures in Kerry at this week's council meeting in Tralee. Much the same could be said about the Dáil this week.



Johnny Healy-Rae

I kid you not: The scarf wearers in the Dáil are more exercised by Gaza than by the housing and small business crisis.

Certainly, the conflict in Gaza is awful. But I find the response to what is tragically just one of a number of terrible world conflicts by Boyd Barrett, Murphy, Smith and most of Sinn Féin these days perplexing.

I expected more from Kerry County Council. It has traditionally been a fairly sensible and courageous forum.

Johnny Healy-Rae had an excellent motion, given the worry in families and in the community in Killarney, Killorglin, Kenmare and even Cahersiveen about small enterprises closing.

He sought exact numbers. He also asked the council to identify "the main cause" for the cessations of several businesses in Killarney and across south Kerry in just weeks.

The council in a reply said one in five jobs in Kerry was tourist related. In fact, most employment in Kerry is in small enterprise, they told him.

'My fear is there will be a domino effect. When one closes the next will, and so on, and these businesses will not reopen. If it's happening in Killarney, what hope is there for Killorglin, Kenmare and Cahersiveen' Johnny said.

People were losing jobs and council rates base would also be affected.

'Our bed space has gone down and it's time to say clearly it's because we are housing so many refugees and asylum seekers and others,' Johnny said.

But no one else said anything. Then it was on to Gaza - for the second time. There had already been a call for a ceasefire from Sinn Féin though why they would expect world powers to listen is beyond me.

Then, Mayor Jim Finucane (FG) had an announcement. He is organising a Palestinian solidarity day. Deirdre Ferris got exercised, speaking about ethnic cleansing and genocide.

This is loose talk and I hear it now across Sinn Féin and the so-called left. Personally I find it offensive. Historically, in any civilized society genocide is precise and historical. It refers to the deliberate, organised slaughter of six million Jewish people. I can't figure the one-sided interest in Gaza by some of our politicians, to be honest. There are other terrible conflicts, where children have been dying of hunger with years in Yemen, in Mali and elsewhere. Why are we ignoring these? Meanwhile, Johnny Healy-Rae also reminded us how not so long ago this State which is now to buy a hotel in Roscrea, sold off the Killarney and Parknasilla Great Southern.

'Are we going to have complete Government-run tourism in the future? Johnny asked.

Tea and Toast

The first thing I did when the electricity returned after 36 hours was to partake of tea



and toast. Traditional sliced toast smothered in marmalade. And scalding tea that had been boiled in a kettle, not from a saucepan on a portable gas ring. The white bread had been in mortal danger in the freezer during the power cut.

Sliced toast and tea must be one of the great pleasures in life. I associate it with waking up in hospital having managed to miraculously survive something or other. Is tea and toast an Irish hospital tradition, and maybe an Irish religious hospital tradition I wondered? If so, I shouldn't talk too much about it because someone in authority will surely water it down to fit with our new global lack of identity Anyway, back to the power cut. I honestly wonder why we can't weather a storm on this Atlantic island without the whole infrastructure crumbling. Whether a fall of snow or a breeze, we are all locked in the cabin, shivering and wondering why we pay expensive standing charges to the electricity companies when a breeze can bring down a pole.

The council on Monday heard how it is carrying out reviews of trees especially along main roads. The reason the trees came down is because their feet are so wet they are easily uprooted and no amount of reviewing will cure that. Topping them severely may help. Proper drainage alongside them would help more.

Back to the tea and toast. If I have learned two lessons from the power cut it is : never buy an electric car and always keep an open fire. With an open fire, you can still cook and keep warm and with a diesel car and an inverter you can have some form of power generation. Not to mention you can move if you need to. As for the fire, I am looking out now for the old kettles and griddle pans and a long toasting fork and an old oil lamp so I won't be stuck again. Things that were thrown out not so long ago. So much green thinking can come unstuck in a winter storm!

Digitised display of Annals?

We could be inspired by the new red metal box in the yard in Trinity College. It contains a visual display of the ninth century manuscript such as you have never seen before. Normally just one page of the mad book - as I like to call it - is on display in the Long Room in Trinity. But while the room is being done up, Kells has been digitized and you see every page in large display.

The manuscript with its crazy, intricate psychedelic drawings gets over one million visitors a year.

The Annals of Inisfallen is a lot more sober but for me more interesting as a good chunk of it is about actual historical events. And while the Book of Kells was composed on Iona and brought to Kells for safety from the Vikings - the annals were largely composed on our Lower Lake. Would it not be a great idea to have a similar digitised display, of large interactive panels of the pages of the annals accompanied by music and perhaps scenic shots of the places referred to?

We could do so much with a little imagination. Not to mention technology. I often wonder if we are too taken with the natural history aspect of Killarney and not enough with the historic.

Killarney House could easily accommodate a metal box cabin for the annals, the luna and surrounding historical buildings from Aghadoe to Muckross Abbey and the three sisters in Lissivigeen. Any volunteers?



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Team Kerry is heading to the UK at the end of the month to participate in micebook EXPO, an annual business event which brings together UK event planners and over 100 exhibitors for two days of networking, one on one meetings, and education sessions. Kerry Convention Bureau (KCB) are hosting the inaugural 'Meet in Kerry' micebook EXPO destination showcase zone, partnering with five bureau members from around the county to fly the Kerry flag and shine a spotlight on what Kerry as a destination can offer for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (commonly referred to as MICE) and how easy it is to get to, particularly utilising the London Luton and Stanstead routes in to Kerry Airport.

Taking place at Convene, London on 29-30 January, this collective business events sales initiative will see both KCB, whose remit is to provide free and impartial support and advice to event planners considering Kerry for business events and the participating members, who represent 4 & 5 star hotels and venues in Dingle, Killarney and Tralee, connect with event planners from around the UK and share details of the inspiring, diverse and future focused options available for business events around the county, and in their respective businesses. Kerry Convention Bureau is supported by Fáilte Ireland and Kerry County Council.



Getting ready to head to London for the micebook EXPO are from left, Muireann King, Killarney Brewing and Distilling Company, Fallon Griffin, Killarney Hotels Collection, Mary Mc Quinn, O'Donoghue Ring Collection, Becky Hargrove, Kerry Convention Bureau, Aisling Foley, The Rose Hotel and Miriam Ferriter, Dingle Skellig Hotel Photo: Don MacMonagle - macmonagle.com

Online player in Kerry becomes 1st National Lottery millionaire of 2024



A Daily Million player in Kerry has officially become the first National Lottery millionaire of 2024 after scooping the top prize of €1 million in Tuesday nights 9pm draw. The Kerry player was celebrating after purchasing their ticket online for the Tuesday night draw.

The winning numbers in the 9pm Daily Million draw on 23rd January were: 15, 17, 27, 28, 29, 32 and the bonus was 11.

The National Lottery are urging online players in Kerry to carefully check their accounts today as a Daily Million player now has a prize worth €1 million waiting to be claimed. The winner is advised to make contact with the prize claims team on 1800 666 222 or email claims@lottery.ie and arrangements will be made for the winner to visit Lotto HQ to collect their life-changing prize.

South Kerry Greenway

Kerry County Council has confirmed at this month's Council meeting, in reply to a Notice of Motion by Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill, that consultants have been appointed to prepare the Tender Documents for the mid-Section of the South Kerry Greenway between Mountain Stage and Kells Post Office, which contains the most complex and challenging elements.

"This progress report is gratifying in that we can at last see the steps that are being taken and the timelines around delivering this massive project to Mid and South Kerry. Kerry County Council outlined to me the steps required to bring about approval so that the Main Construction Contract can proceed to contract" stated Councillor Cahill.

"They envisage that following the Tender process and subject to the necessary approvals, a main contractor will be appointed to undertake a contract of approximately 2.5 years in duration" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"The reality of the delivery to the people of this region, of the South Kerry Greenway project is finally sinking in. It is going to happen, we can see the machinery and works and we now have tangible timeframes" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Kerry County Council has also confirmed that the land acquisition process is underway and a number of advance work contracts are at construction. I will continue to press that all facilities and accesses are provided for affected landowners, to ensure everybody gets a fair deal and are treated with respect and dignity. We will all look back on this as the best thing that ever happened for the people of Mid-Kerry, South Kerry /Caherciveen and Iveragh and indeed for all of Kerry" added Councillor Cahill.





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Sarah takes on A MARATHON TASK to raise funds

With three All Stars and numerous Munster titles, former Kerry Ladies Senior Football Captain is taking on a mammoth task for the children in her care.

Sarah Houlihan, an SNA in Cullina National school, has decided that there is no mountain high enough to climb for the children under her care. Sarah has decided to run a full marathon for the children in the ASD classes in her school. She will be taking on the challenge on Friday the 9th of February, leaving Cullina school at 9am.

The fundraiser came from a chat last year with class teacher Lorraine Counihan and another classroom SNA Sarah Kelleher. On her iDonate page, Sarah said they were chatting after the children went home, and speaking about how the children in both the junior and senior classes deserved so many more opportunities outside of the school to promote their social and communication skills, as well as therapeutic activities. They want to give them every

opportunity possible. However, such trips and activities are expensive.

Sarah and her colleagues know that they work in a very privileged position and they work in classrooms with fantastic children who have wonderful talents and amazing personalities. They feel lucky to be part of their life for a few hours everyday.

The aim of this fundraiser is to raise much needed funds so the children in the ASD classrooms can go on outings once or twice a month, visit the library, stand in queues to exchange their books, experience therapeutic horse riding sessions and surf lessons. The more we raise the more opportunities we can offer our children.

You can support Sarah and the children of Cullina National school at <https://www.idonate.ie/cause/CullinaNationalSchool>.

The funds raised will make a massive difference to their school life.



Former Kerry Football Captain, Sarah Houlihan is set to take on a marathon to raise funds for Cullina National School



SNOW FLAKES IN KILLARNEY

BY Nicky Barry

On Wednesday night the sky was dark, clouding a crescent moon,

Just another dreary night, but suddenly out of the blue, Snowflakes drifted from the sky, and in no time at all, A white carpet lay before me, and I was enthralled.

When kids awoke on Thursday morn, they were all ecstatic,

For although Santa was long gone, this was winter magic. The old folks were not happy, as snow spells big trouble, For the ground is treacherous, and the air is numbing.

They walk slowly to the shops, stepping carefully, For one slip can mean

disaster, so they proceed gingerly.

Birds are busy in back gardens, looking out for crumbs,

Which caring folk leave out for them, in the morning sun.

Kids drag sledges up the hills, to career the whole way down,

For it's seldom in Killarney, that snow lies on the ground. I think of the three old ladies, in the TV ad,

Who order up three sledges, and then go quite mad.

They sail down the hill like teenagers, laughing all the way,

And then they go back up again, reliving carefree days

This arctic blast has now passed, and then comes the spring,

For every season has its charms, and the birds again will sing!

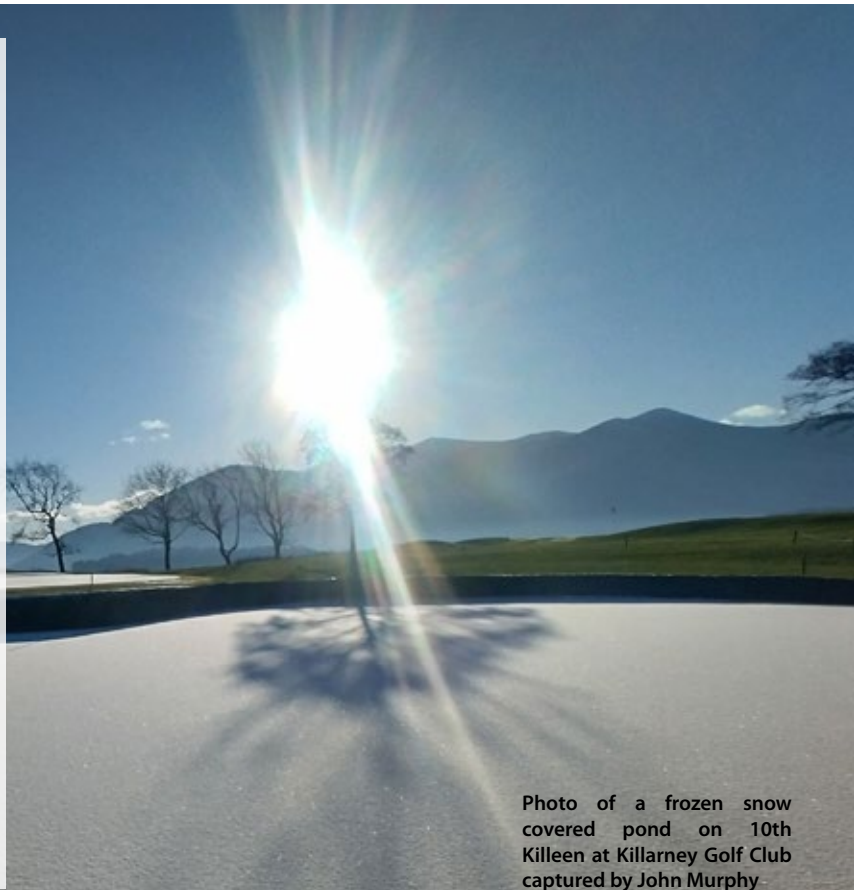


Photo of a frozen snow covered pond on 10th Killeen at Killarney Golf Club captured by John Murphy

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UPLIFTING AFTERNOON AT THE PLAZA

It was the perfect formula for an uplifting afternoon at Killarney Plaza Hotel when they launched their spa partnership with Skin Formulas

The Spa at the Killarney Plaza Hotel hosted a sparkling seasonal afternoon at The Tan Yard last month to celebrate its new partnership with Irish beauty brand, Skin Formulas.

Interior and Fashion Stylist Niamh O'Donovan hosted the glamorous soiree where guests enjoyed creamy Dingle goats cheese with truffle honey, pickled beetroot and fig chutney on toasted brioche bites. Bespoke cocktails including The Mellow Goose and Copper Gold were firm crowd pleasers and even Santa couldn't resist stopping by for a swift one.

Skin Formulas' CEO, Geraldine Jones and National Sales Manager, Head of Education & Events Emma Hogan Eyre held a panel discussion about the evolution of the brand's revolutionary, award-winning approach to skincare, built on trust in the process, transparency in the ingredients and honesty in the results.

Guests were also lucky enough to get a sneak peek of what's to come with heavenly facial demonstrations in the spa's treatment rooms and an exclusive private sale of Skin Formulas products.

Skin Formulas is now available as part of the Spa at Killarney Plaza Hotel's treatment and product offering.



Speakers at the event; Niamh O'Donovan, Geraldine Jones & Emma Hogan Eyre



Enjoying the event.... Dee Maher & Nicole Lonergan



At the event.... Niamh O'Donovan and Gemma Ring



All smile for the camera.... Noreen Midleton and Annette O'Brien



HOSPITALITY SKILLS ON THE MENU FOR KCC STUDENTS

It was hands on for Killarney Community College Transition year students who this week continue to build their own professional development by completing a hospitality skills course run by Hospitality Skills Ireland Fiona Dunne. They learned valuable industry skills by completing modules in identification of cutlery, how to carry plates, customer service, taking orders correctly, how to serve customers to a high standard, how to handle customer complaints and how to act in an industry interview. Student feedback was very positive with many suggesting that they now have the confidence and skills to seek a summer job in the town within the hospitality sector.

TY co-ordinator Loretta Maher was full of praise for the interactive workshop "all our students received a certificate of completion and are excited to apply for jobs in the industry knowing they have the essential skills and training needed to succeed in the industry"



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FOR THE KINGDOM

TOURISM in Kerry is celebrtng following the recent Irish Independent Travel Reader Awards.

Kerry Tourism Industry Federation have congratulated the Tourism Industry in Kerry with the county once again winning big at the Irish Independent Travel Readers' Travel Awards. Killarney's Coffee Cup Project winning the 'Green Light' Award for Sustainability for 2024.

Kerry has been voted BEST HOLIDAY COUNTY for 2024.

Indo readers said "Kerry has 32 counties in one," that Kerry is where to find "great hospitality and beautiful and diverse nature." Kerry's

hotels, beaches & sustainability projects feature prominently in today's awards - congratulations Kerry, take a bow!

Kerry also features widely in the Top 10 lists in the awards:

Inch Beach is named #2 Beach in Ireland with readers commenting: "Expansive, beautiful hillside pastures, bar and restaurant make for a perfect beach day... and oh, the sand! I can walk forever."

Pax House in Dingle wins #1 Spot in Ireland's Best Small Stays

Kerry Airport #5 in Ireland's Top 10 Airports

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MEP Kelleher tables amendments to protect the right to use cash in retail grocery stores and pharmacies

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said it is essential that citizens have a right to use cash in a wide variety of shops and public services.

Kelleher, a member of the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee, was commenting after tabling amendments to the new EU Regulation on the Legal Tender of Euro Banknotes and Coins, which enshrines the status of the Euro as legal tender and protects the right of citizens to access cash and use cash.

"My amendments are focused and to the point. I have tabled amendments to ensure that retail grocery stores, pharmacies, healthcare providers, public bodies and utility companies cannot refuse to take cash.

"I believe these are essential services for ordinary citizens, and we need to protect citizens' ability to pay for these services with the means they have available. Whilst there is a trend in Ireland towards a preference for digital payments, if we do not protect the ability to use cash in certain cases then we risk marginalising certain communities or excluding them completely.

"Many of our older citizens still collect their pensions in cash from the Post Office every week. They should have a right to be able to use that cash in these types of shops or providers.

"I believe that my amendments will align quite closely with the legislation that the Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath intends to propose on access to cash and using cash in essential services.

"My hope is that my amendments will be supported by all political groups in the European Parliament, and that, once finalised, will give citizens both clarity and certainty into the future," concluded Kelleher.



Charity Memorial Walk

Sunday 28th January 2024, 2pm

in Memory of Hugh Murhill



STORM ISHA FORCES HUGH MURHILL WALK TO RESCHEDULE

The wind and rain of Storm Isha put paid to plans to hold a memorial walk in aid of the Irish Kidney Association and in memory of Hugh Murhill last weekend.

However organisers are going full steam ahead this coming Sunday, 28th January with the fundraiser.

Registration will take place at 1pm in Tigh Mary Donals (formally known as White Gates Hotel) - €20 per Adult, (Children Free)

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The STEM Passport for Inclusion Certificates were awarded by Munster Technological University (MTU) to 23 senior cycle female students of Castleisland Community College. They participated in the Stem Passport for Inclusion -an MTU initiative that Cáit McEllistrem (Biology and Agricultural Science teacher) helped facilitate. The aim of the project is to encourage more girls to study STEM subjects (science, technology engineering and maths). The project allowed them the opportunity to develop important, fundamental skills that are needed to pursue STEM degrees (e.g. computer science, technology, maths, physics, chemistry, biology and engineering).

The students completed three lab days and an assignment. They now receive 50 bonus points for their CAO that they can use to apply for stem related courses in MTU or Maynooth university. It's an NFAQ level six module, so they have a pathway to university and it also acts as a connection for industry and internship opportunities.

Women in STEM careers from Microsoft and Accenture became mentors to the students throughout the duration of the project. They provided the students with an identifiable role model.

'The girls were inspired by these mentors who discussed their own careers in science and technology. They explained how to support students into and during their STEM careers and considered how to develop and advance this into the future,' stated Ms Mc Ellistrem.

50 bonus CAO points for Castleisland Community College students!



In the photo from left standing: Isabelle O Connor, Sarah West, Tara Kerin, Ella Killington, Keeve Aherne, Bella Harmon, Mollie Mahony, Emma O Donoghue, Grace O Callaghan, Natasha Knightly, Sarah Milicic and Cáit McEllistrem.

Kneeling from left: Leah Whelan, Caitriona Murphy, Bláithín O Mahony, Amy O Sullivan, Ciara Shanahan, Amy McCarthy, Mikaela Buckley, Katie Kerins, Shauna McCarthy.

TIME TO FINISH FINNEGANS CROSS

Cllr. Brendan Cronin has called on the Killarney MD Roads Department to confirm how much funding is required to finish improvement works on Finnegan's Cross and is that funding secured.

"Substantial work has been done improving visibility at this very dangerous junction at Finnegan's Cross and it is critical now that the required funding is provided to finish all the junction works properly. As this vital road safety works has been sought for many years, it is imperative to finish the works in early 2024 and also it is important to acknowledge the goodwill of all the adjoining landowners who's cooperation has made these improvements possible", Cllr. Brendan Cronin told Killarney Outlook.

In response the council said that to complete the outstanding works at the location, Kerry County Council has made a funding request to the Department of Transport to the value of €600,000 via the Specific Improvement Grant. It is expected that this grant will be announced by the Department of Transport in mid-February.



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By Billy Ryle

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USER-FRIENDLY

Almost all applications to CAO are made via "Apply," the interactive online application facility, which remains open until 1st Feb. on the CAO website, www.cao.ie. Apply is user friendly and easy to follow, particularly as CAO provides an 'Interactive Demo' to enable you make a trial application.

ACCOUNT

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INFORMATION

Log into "My Application" by entering your CAO application number, date of birth and password. Provide the additional personal information. If you are applying on the basis of Leaving Cert (1985-2024) results enter the name and address of your second level school(s) and the years attended. If you are a Leaving Cert 2024 candidate tick the box provided. If you have previously sat the Leaving Cert, provide the year(s) in which you sat the

exam and your exam number(s).

CHOICES

Add your Level 8 and Level 7/6 course choices by 1st Feb. by clicking on "Add Level 8 course choices" and/or click on "Add Level 7/6 course choices." You may apply for a maximum of ten course choices on each list. List your courses based on genuine order of preference.

MATURE

If you are a mature applicant, click on 'Mature Application Form' to update your mature application form.

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SUSI

If you intend to apply for a maintenance fee grant, indicate this on your CAO online application form. CAO will then provide your identification, contact and offer/acceptance details to the grant authority, Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI).

SUBMIT

Once you are satisfied with the detail you have submitted, click 'Log Out' to exit. All of your details will then have been submitted to CAO.

DOUBLE CHECK

Check your course choices immediately via the "My Application" facility to ensure that they are correct. Use the online change courses facility on the CAO website if you need to amend or add courses. This facility is free of charge until 1st Feb. You may also use the online facility to amend course choices from the 6th February to 1st March (fee €10). Apply is user friendly and secure and allows you to submit your application from the privacy of your own home.

CHECKLIST

- "Apply" is the standard method of applying to CAO
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- Application for restricted courses must be made by 1st Feb (5pm)
- Restricted courses normally require additional assessment procedures, e.g., portfolio
- You may use the online facility to amend course choices from 6th Feb.(noon) to 1st March (5pm, fee €10) to add any restricted courses not already listed or if you're a restricted category applicant (i.e., mature)

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As part of the Amber Flag initiative, students from St. Brigid's raised an incredible €1326.75 for Pieta House with a Christmas Jumper Day and bake-sale. The Amber Flag Committee would like to thank everyone who donated, baked and helped organize this event. Many thanks to Ms Healy Rae and to the other staff members who helped in any way with the students' endeavours.





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MID-KERRY PREPARE TO CELEBRATE BIDDY'S DAY

The people of Mid Kerry are preapring to celebrate the annual Biddy's Day Festival (February 1st – 3rd)

The festival is emerging as a vibrant tapestry weaving together the threads of tradition, community, and the age-old craft-making skills that have defined Irish heritage. This year's festivities, set against the picturesque backdrop of Killorglin, promise a captivating journey into the heart of Irish folklore.

At the core of the Biddy's Day celebration is the timeless tradition of Biddy groups, a revered custom that sees these spirited emissaries don straw hats and carry Brídeóg dolls on visits to both rural and public houses. Their mission? To weave a protective spell against malevolent spirits, ensuring the well-being of both humans and animals in the year ahead. A visit from the Biddy, steeped in history and meaning, guarantees good fortune, fertility, and prosperity; a lack of visitation considered a profound oversight.

Held during the February Bank Holiday weekend, the Biddy's Day Festival has become a beacon, reigniting interest in a once-fading tradition. The 2024 program is a testament to

this resurgence, offering a multi-generational celebration that embraces the rich tapestry of Irish culture.

Highlights of the Festival:

Crafting Traditions: Immerse yourself in traditional craft-making workshops, including Biddy's hat-making, the art of crafting traditional crosses, sugan weaving, and more. Accomplished artisans will be conducting workshops suitable for all ages, fostering a sense of connection to Ireland's rich cultural heritage.

Biddy's Day Parade: On February 3rd, the town of Killorglin will come alive with the vibrant Biddy's Day Parade. Watch as Biddy groups from various townlands proudly march up the main street, a celebration of fire, song, and dance that promises to captivate audiences of all ages. This is followed by dancing and music on the Plaza in Library Place.

Honouring a Legacy: This year's festival carries a poignant undertone as the committee pays homage to its founder and chairman, Conor Browne, who passed away in July after a courageous battle with illness. Conor's vision and spirit have guided the festival's



Mike Coffey making Biddy Hats

organization, and a new plaque will be unveiled in the Poet Pucks Garden on Saturday, Feb 3rd, as a lasting tribute to his indomitable legacy.

Diverse Cultural Events: The festival's diverse program includes historical talks, storytelling sessions, concerts, outdoor events, and the creation of a unique Biddy's Drink Cocktail recipe, specially concocted for the festival weekend.

Community Revival: Witness the transformation from decline to resurgence as, from 2016's two active Biddy groups, the mid-Kerry region now boasts eleven active traditional groups, with two more in the process of reforming. The festival continues to attract interest from groups nationwide keen on reviving the tradition.

The journey unfolds with a prelude of events starting on January 27th, including workshops, a concert, and insightful talks, building up to the grand crescendo of the Biddy's Day Parade on February 3rd. Schedule will be released in the coming days on all Biddys Day social media.

Closing Celebration: The festival concludes with a lively Biddy Ball, featuring live music across various venues, and a special Biddy's Day Cocktail served at Falvey's Bar.

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On February 3rd, the town of Killorglin will come alive with the vibrant Biddy's Day Parade.

Ní Ríordáin urges vigilance regarding charity collections

Aontú Candidate for the Castleisland Electoral Area, Cáit Ní Ríordáin, has urged the public to be vigilant following the apprehension of bogus collectors in Castleisland on Friday.

"Two individuals purporting to represent the LauraLynn charity were observed collecting at two locations in Castleisland town. A vigilant member of the public observed one of the collectors lifting the flap of the swing bin that he was using as a collection bucket and removing some money. The charity were then contacted and they confirmed that they had no collectors in the area. An Garda Síochána arrived and the two individuals were placed in the Garda car. It is vital that anyone who is donating to a charity should first confirm that the collection is genuine", Cáit Ní Ríordáin said.



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Saturday Jan 27th

12pm - **Demonstration & Workshop Hat/Cross Making** - by M.Coffey & J.Courtney - **Sean Scoil**

Tuesday Jan 30th

11am - **The Clorcal Comhrá** - St. Brigid Cross-making and Caint & Comhrá - **Killorglin Library**

Thursday Feb 1st - St. Brigid's Day - Lá Fhéile Bríde

All Day - **Workshop** - Cross-making Workshop/Brigid's Cross - **Killorglin Library**

11.30am - **Yoga Event** - 'Stand Strong' Yoga Event - **Library Place**

4pm - **Outdoor Event** - Samhradh Sauna & Sound with Bébhinn & Renata - **Cromane Beach**

7.30pm - **Event** - Lighting the St. Brigid's Fire - **Falveys**

8.00pm - **Singing Session Event** - 'Gathering of the Brigids' - **Falveys**

Friday Feb 2nd

3.30pm - **Workshop** - Willow Lantern Making - by Caoimhe Dunn - **Sean Scoil**

6.30pm - **Talk** - 'Legends & Folklore of St. Brigid in Kerry' with Tom Dillon - €5 entry - **CYMS Small Theatre**

8.00pm - **Story Telling** - Sitting Room Sessions with Joe & Bridget 'Myths & Mighty Women' - **O'Grady's Bar**

Saturday Feb 3rd

11am - **Children's Story-telling** - 'The Legend of St. Brigid' - **Killorglin Library**

11.30am - **Butter-making Demo** - w/t The Kerry Creamery Experience - **Sean Scoil**

12.00pm - **Workshop** - Sugán Weaving w/t Tim Griffin - **Sean Scoil**

1.00pm - **Pottery Workshop** - Ceramic Brigid Cross Workshop @ Blue Bird Pottery - €45pp.

2.00pm - Unveiling Puck Poets Plaque - **The Puck Statue Park**

7pm - **PARADE** - Biddy's Parade - **From The Fishery to Library Place**

9pm to late - **Music** - Biddy Ball with Barry & The Bishop - **Francie Sheahan's**

9pm to late - **Music** - Saoirse - **Kingston's Bar**

9pm to late - **Music** - Maire Begley & Friends - **Sheila Bars**

9pm to late - **Music** - Come As You Are - **Paud Neill's**

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The Arts Council is inviting all schools across Ireland to get involved in their first ever Creative February, a celebration of art and creativity in schools with a focus on fun, festivities, imagination and innovation. This initiative will run from the 1st to the 29th of February.

Creative February will recognise and affirm that our schools are truly creative places, filled with very creative people. From primary to secondary to alternative settings, all children and young people will be encouraged to MAKE, SEE, DO.

Make any style of art you choose – paint, draw, dance, knit, design, sculpt, code

See art - Visit a museum or gallery, attend a theatre or spoken word performances, dance shows, music gigs, or see architecture and local art in your town or city!

Do a creative project - as a team, as a class or as a school.

The underlying theme for Creative February is Spring.

We're asking students and schools to proudly share their creations online with us, tagging the Arts Council and using the hashtag #CreativeFebruary.

Widows and Widowers can now PURCHASE THEIR HOMES

A Kerry County Councillor has welcomed the changes announced by Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien to the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

"Amongst the changes to the Scheme that will come into effect on the 29th of January is a reduction in the minimum qualifying reckonable income from €12,500 to €11,000 per annum. This will enable more older tenants to qualify to purchase their home and the Widows/Widowers/Surviving Civil Partner's Pension will now be included as primary reckonable income when determining eligibility for the Scheme" said Fianna Fáil Councillor Michael Cahill

"I stated previously on a number of occasions that Widows, Widowers and Surviving Civil Partners were being blatantly discriminated against and that this was an anomaly in the scheme criteria that had to be addressed" said Councillor Cahill.

"I am delighted to see that Minister O'Brien moved to correct it following I raising it publicly and directly with the Minister and his officials" stated

Councillor Cahill.

"My Party colleague, Councillor Mikey Sheehy also raised the matter" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

The Blind Pension, Invalidity Pension and Disability Allowance will also be included as primary reckonable income when determining eligibility from 29 January. This is in addition to the contributory and non-contributory State Pension and will enable applicants in receipt of these long term Department of Social Protection payments to qualify to purchase their home under the Scheme, subject to meeting all other eligibility criteria.

"This will open the window of opportunity for a lot more tenants to purchase their homes and will have a knock on affect hopefully to enable Kerry County Council to provide more tenancies for those on our waiting list" added Councillor Cahill.

ST BRIGID'S NEWS THIRD YEAR RETREAT WITH YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Third year students in St Brigid's Killarney had an enjoyable and fulfilling day recently as they attended their retreat in the John Paul Pastoral Centre, Killarney. Each year group from St. Brigid's attends an annual retreat, giving the students time out to relax, reflect, and bond with each other in an informal, friendly setting. The students focused on Prayer through fun activities, discussions and reflection. Thanks to Claire, Liam and Claudio from Youth for Christ for facilitating the day, and to Ms Neary, year head, for organising the event. A great day was had by all





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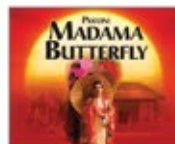
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A special date was celebrated for little Hunter Looney's Christening day at The Church of the Sacred Heart in Milltown on 6th January 2024.

The son of Claudia and Alan Looney, Hunter Noel has taken his second name after Claudia's beloved grandfather Noel Lucey from Glenflesk.

Joined by family and friends including Alan's mum Mary and Claudia's Mum, Sandra, Hunter's God Parents are Alannah Eviston and Steve Looney.



Pictured at the Christening of Hunter Noel Looney are from left Steven Looney Godfather, next Mike Mc Carthy, Aaron Looney, Mary Looney, Killian Looney, Alan and Claudia Looney with Hunter Noel Looney, Sandra Lucey, Alannah Eviston and Marie Looney.
Photo: Kris Muciek.



Proud parents.... Claudia and Alan Looney with Hunter Noel.

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In general, there is no statutory entitlement for an employee to be paid if they cannot attend work because of extreme weather. Any more beneficial arrangement is a matter for agreement between the employer and the employee.

Employers are encouraged to take a long-term view of the working relationship, recognising that demonstrating concern for the welfare of employees and treating employees fairly translates into a better working environment to the benefit of both the staff and the employer.

Can an employee take annual leave days to cover the unforeseen absence from work?

Employers may allow employees take annual leave for the day or days covered by the event in which case they would be paid. It is best that this would be specified in company policy.

What happens where a roster needs to be changed at short notice?

Normally, employees are entitled to notice of at least 24 hours of a roster change. However, this does not apply in exceptional circumstances as with extreme weather events.

What happens where the employer is unable to either open the premises for a few weeks because of the emergency or where there is no work – for example when there is a flood?

In these circumstances the employer may put employees on a period of 'layoff'. An employer may lay off employees when there is no work available for a temporary period with that employer. If employees are laid-off then the employer is not obliged to pay employees. Laid-off employees may be entitled to Jobseekers Benefit or Jobseekers Allowance from the Department of Social Protection for the days they are not working.

Terms and Conditions of Employment (Contract & Handbook)

Employers may have included policies and procedures in their contracts of employment to cover severe weather events which may include:

- The taking of annual leave for the days absent to avoid employee loss of earnings
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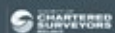


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By Michael O' Mahony

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➤NOVENA TIME IN KNOCKNAGREE

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena commences in Knocknagree on Saturday February 3rd & concludes on 11th February 2023

➤WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Joanne Fleming formerly Castleisland now Gneeveguilla who married Aidan Courtney Muckross Killarney who recently in Killarney the couple will resid in Gneeveguilla we wish both of them happy long life together

➤RECENT KILLARNEY MD MEETING

Cllr. M. Healy Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and TII if funding has been secured to address the drainage issues in Rathmore and if so, when will the works be done? The fact these works were not completed as part of the overall scheme is totally unacceptable. Reply: Killarney MD Road Crews are expected to commence in Rathmore Village by the end of January to address the surface water from the downpipes. Also welcome By Mayor of Killarney Cllr Niall Kelleher

➤SYMPATHIES to Catherine, Pat, Dan, Diarmuid, Brendan and Peadar Cremin & families on the death of their mother Teresa Cremin, Bánamuclach, Gneeveguilla & Rathmore Townland. Relatives, neighbours & friends. Teresa was laid to rest on Thursday 18th January in Gneeveguilla. May Teresa rest in peace

➤PANTO IN RATHMORE 2024

Puss'nBoots the Panto is all set to open the curtains for their 2024 panto season in the Community Centre in Rathmore next weekend, on Saturday January 27th at 7.30 pm and the matinee on Sunday January 28th at 3.00pm.

The Marian Players have staged pantomimes in Rathmore every year, except for covid, since 1988 and the presentation this year has all the hallmarks of being one to remember. With as much colour and comedy as ever the music song and dance are all entwined into an evening of great entertainment for all the family.

The booking office is located next door to Christy's Takeaway adjacent to the hall. The office is open for reserving seats and collecting tickets every day from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. The phone number for the office is 085 2031730. People can pay for their tickets by Visa and collect them at their convenience. All proceeds go to Kerry Parents and Friends. Chy No 6871.

➤ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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➤SUBSTANCE MISUSE AN 'INFORMATION EVENING

Glenflesk, Kilcummin and Kilgarvan GAA Clubs invite you to an 'Information Evening on Substance Misuse an 'Information Evening on Substance Misuse Awareness' which will be held in the Killarney Heights Hotel on Friday, January 26th at 8pm. It is aimed at helping parents, coaches, teachers and anyone involved with young people, who are interested in finding out more about supporting them in making healthy and positive life choices. Guest speakers include Timmy Lane of the 'The Two Norries' and his brothers, who will share their stories of addiction and recovery. Information on local support services will be shared on the night. The event is open to all members of the public and admission is free.

➤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

LOTTO numbers drawn 2, 6,12,15. €100 Tim and Carmel, Ballytrasna. €50 James Sugrue, Lahard. €50 Niamh Tangney, Ballymalis. €25 James Mannix, Laharn. €25 Andrew Carroll, Gneeveguilla. Next weeks jackpot 28th Jan €9,600

➤AWARDS NIGHT

Awards Night was held at Faha Court, thank you to the large crowd that attended our 2023 Annual Awards held in Faha Court last Friday. Great night had by all and the awards winners as follows:-

Seamus Kennedy Club Persons of the Year - Grants Committee (Donagh

O Regan/ Mark Curran/ Richard Walsh/ Jerome Kennedy & Tony Darmody)

Joe Clifford Hall of Fame Award - Ted Scannell

Club Supporter of the Year - Tony O Dowd

Senior player of the year - Cain Bradley

Young player of the year - Cain Bradley

Junior player of the year - Jimmy O'Leary

Young Junior player of the year - Daniel Evans.

Kerry Player Awards - Ruairi Murphy, Ronan Buckley & Aaron O Shea

players of the Junior Team that won the Kerry Cup were present with their medals. Congratulations to all.



Cain Bradley, Young Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year winner receives his awards from Denis Murphy.



Ted Scannell receives the Hall of Fame award from Denis Murphy and Anthony Clifford



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By Dermot Cronin,
Financial Advisor



IS IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GET A MORTGAGE TO BUILD MY HOME THAN A MORTGAGE TO BUY MY HOME?

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

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Written by: Helen Moynihan

>KILCUMMIN CCE RAMBLING HOUSE

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>31 CARD DRIVE

Memorial Tournament will be held in the Klub Bar in memory of Dermot "Brady" Moynihan on Sunday 4th of February @ 4pm. (31 card partners). All proceeds donated to the Comfort for Chemo.

>COUNTY COMMUNITY GAMES

County Community Games Annual Church Gate collection will take place on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th February.

>KILCUMMIN NATIONAL SCHOOL - ENROLMENT 2024/2025

Kilcummin National School is currently enrolling for September 2024. Please contact Kilcummin National School by email at kill43163@gmail.com or office@kilcumminns.com or by phone on 0646643163. Enrolment application forms are now available on our website. Please check out our website at www.kilcumminns.com for more information.

>KILCUMMIN BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTERSCHOOL SERVICE

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>KILCUMMIN GAA

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GAELIC MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Football, fun, fitness and craic. Non-competitive, no experience required for women aged 25 and over. Meeting 9th February at 7.30pm in the Kilcummin GAA Hall. New members welcome.



Mastergeeha U16 team who progressed to the last 32 of the National Cup after a 4-3 victory over Cullen Latin FC of Tipperary.

THE IRELAND LIGHTS UP

"The Ireland Lights Up" initiative continues at Kilcummin GAA Walking Track. @ 7pm in partnership with @rteoperationtransformation and @get_ireland_walking. The aim is to make exercise more accessible on the dark winter nights and to offer anyone in our local community an opportunity to get together and socialise in a healthy way. This is open to everyone, Club Membership is not required but each participant must register each night for insurance purposes and adhere to Health and Safety Guidelines issued at registration.

LOTTO

There was no winner on 15th January 2024 of the Jackpot for €9,000. Numbers drawn were 05,07,08,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Teresa Casey; The O'Connor family, Knockanes; Diarmuid Healy; John Dunlea. The next draw will be Monday 29th January for Jackpot of 9,250.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

U16 NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 4

Mastergeeha U16 team who progressed to the last 32 of the National Cup after a 4-3 victory over Cullen Latin FC of Tipperary. Goals from Milosz Niezgodna (hat trick) and Rory O'Connor.

LOTTO

There was no winner on 19th January 2024 of the Jackpot for €7,800. Numbers drawn were 05,08,14,18. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Rose O'Sullivan, Killorglin AFC; Jack O'Leary, Milleen; Dan O'Sullivan, Dooneen; Sylvie Dwyer, Glounacopple. The next draw will be Friday 26th January for Jackpot of 8,000.

SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

>ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT ON IN HILLIARDS

Sat 10th Feb. Food: Buffet. Music by Dave Moul. Tickets €30 & available from Anne Holland, Mathilda McMarthy, Triona Mangan, Andrew Garnett, Adrian O'Sullivan, Ivor Flynn. Tickets also on sale in clubhouse Weds 31st Jan, 7.30-8.30pm

>SCORNA 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 gCéist.

>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.

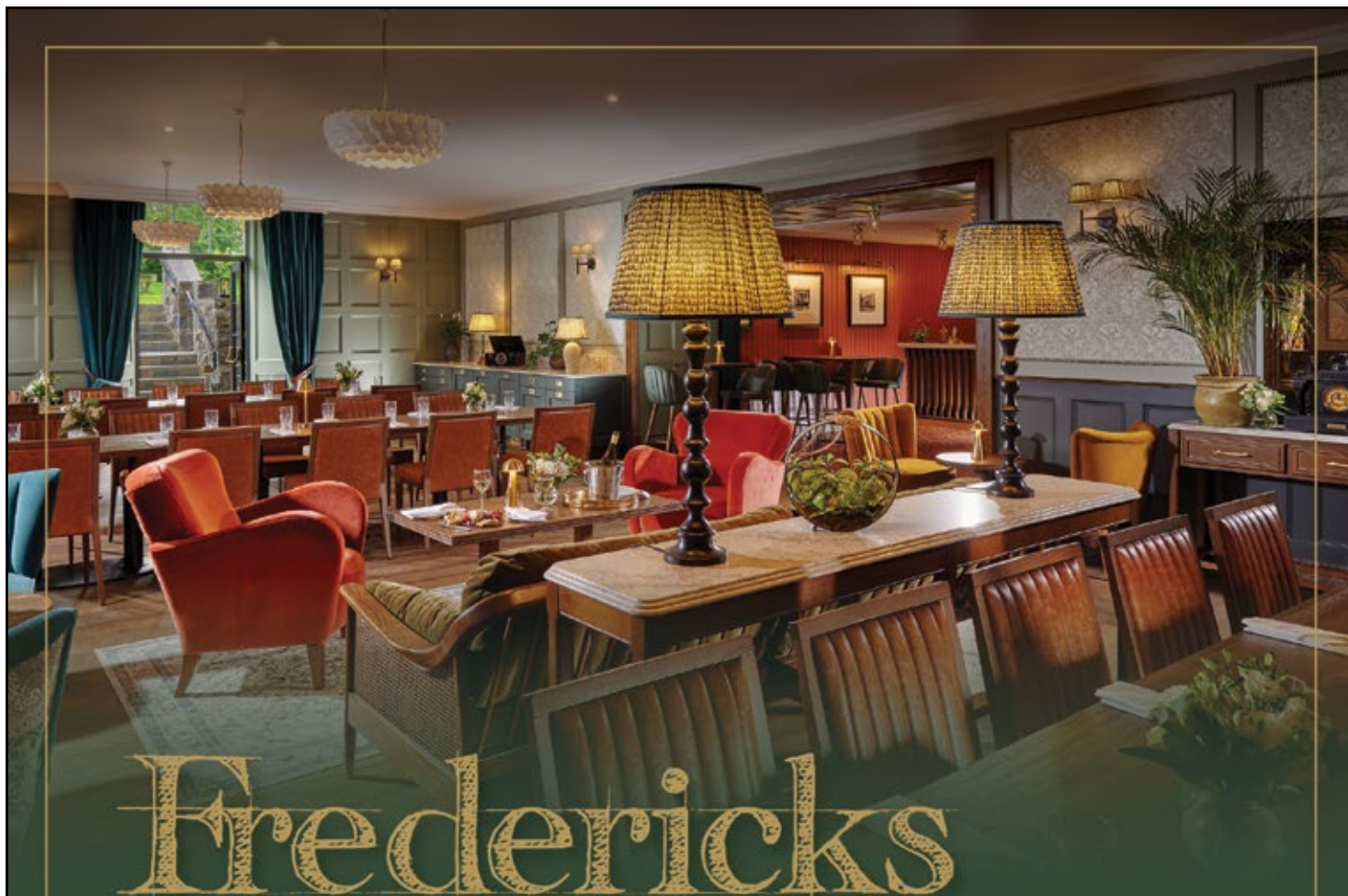
>SPA LOTTO 22/01/24 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 10, 14, 23, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Leonara O'Donoghue Online; Sinead Sheehan, Online; Breda Moynihan, Headford, Glenflesk Theresa Lyne c/o Brendan Cronin

Next weeks draw is on Monday 29 Jan for a jackpot of €6,800

>SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP 1 will be held in Spa this Saturday 27th @10am. New and current coaches need to contact the children's officer to register. Anne Holland 0857780883

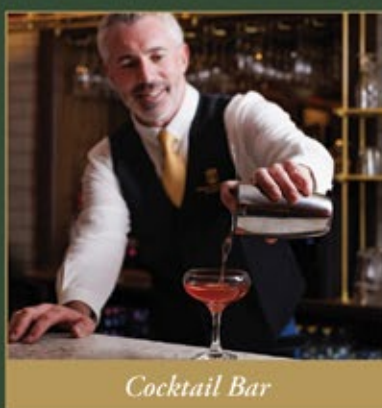
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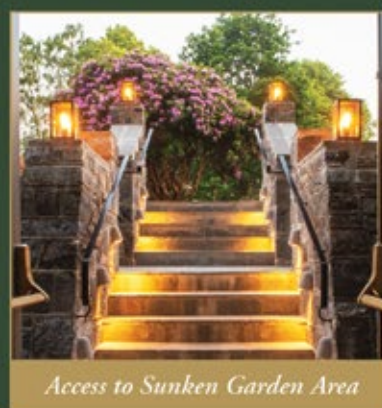
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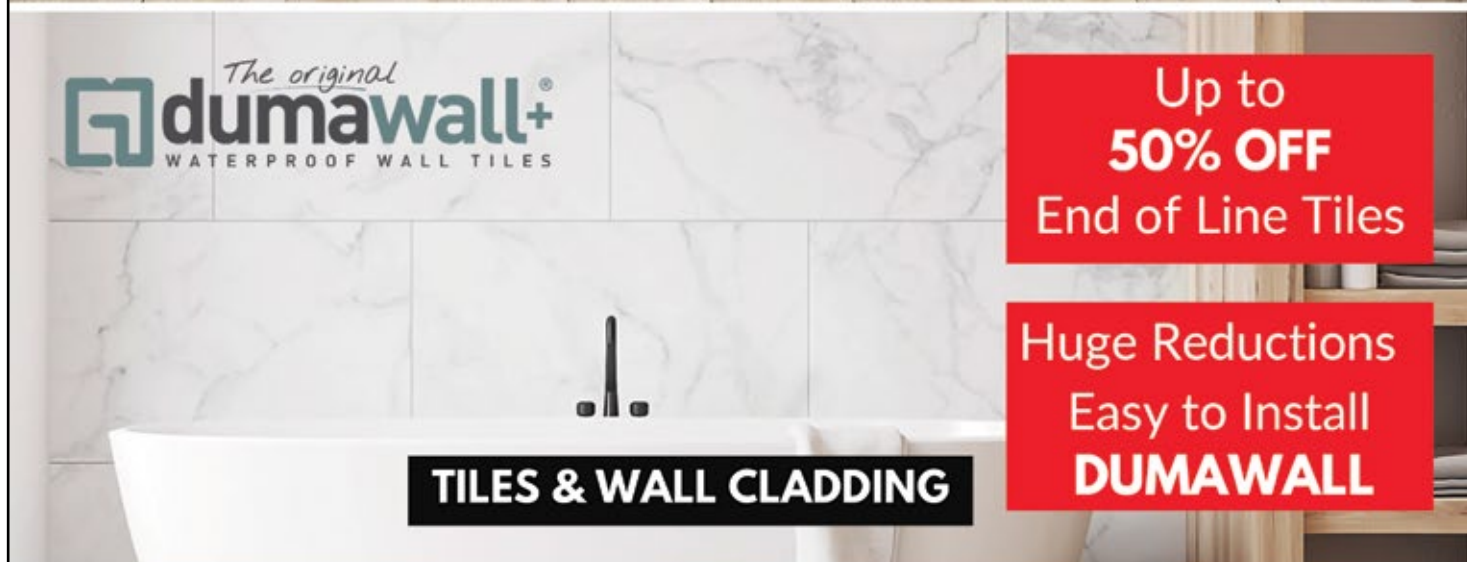
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- **Reprogramme your conscious mind.** Your thoughts affect how you feel. Become aware of the kind of thoughts you are thinking and if they are supportive and encouraging or if they drag you down and make you feel lost or hopeless. You will always know if there is a negative or unhelpful thought at play because you will feel it in your body. Change the thought to a more helpful one as soon as you are aware of it.
- **Reprogramme your subconscious mind.** Notice the patterns that are continually repeating in your life. These old habits and "stories" are old beliefs from the past. Question your self-limiting beliefs by asking if they are actually true for you. Choose more empowering beliefs that support what you desire.
- **Elevate your vibrational frequency/energy.** We may not have control over certain events in our life. However, we do have a choice in how we respond to them. Every day, choose to live in a higher emotional state of joy, peace, love and gratitude. Actively look for those things which make you feel better.

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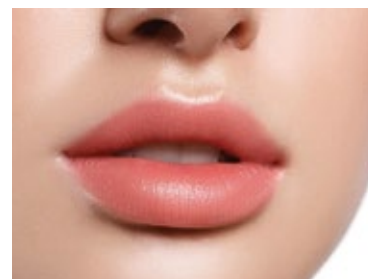


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highlighter to accentuate it. Blend a slightly darker shade of concealer than your foundation just below your bottom lip to enhance the shape of your lips. Keep your lips well hydrated and use volume enhancing lip balms. Ormedic lip enhancer €31 uses polypeptides to volumize your lips by up to 40%.

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It might be thoughts like this is too hard, the diet is too restrictive, what was I thinking joining the gym..... or any number of negative thoughts which can be normal when changing a regime that you got comfortable with.

We get into our comfort zones, and over the festive period a lot of us over-indulge in food, sweat things, as well as alcohol. Then when the "new year, new me" thoughts happen we are full of great intentions and we can go overboard with changes we make.

Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither will the new body, new diet or new fitness routine that you have decided to go for.

With that said the key to success will be how consistent you will be, not for 4 weeks, 6 weeks or 8 weeks but if you are serious about the changes you want to make then you will be making lifestyle changes that will help you achieve what you are after, and not fall into a cycle of being full of enthusiasm at the beginning of the journey, then getting annoyed maybe because the results are not happening as quickly as you would like and then you fall off the wagon and give up because of a perceived lack of results.

There are no quick fixes, there are no miracles. To make the changes you want, you need to make a plan and then you need to be consistent, even days where you don't want to do what it takes – that's when you need to have a chat with yourself, because if you aren't willing to do the work then there is no one else that can do it for you.

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What is visual disturbance?

Visual disturbance is when you experience a short spell of flashing or shimmering of light in your sight. The symptoms normally last around twenty minutes before your sight returns to normal. Usually, there is no headache during the visual disturbance. A visual disturbance should not be confused with a retinal or ocular migraine where there is a partial or total loss of vision in one eye, normally with a headache.

Who is affected by visual disturbance?

Visual disturbance is a common condition among people who are affected by migraines, although they can affect anyone.

Visual disturbances tend to be more common in:

- women
- people aged under 40
- people aged over 60
- people with a personal or family history of migraines

What are the symptoms of visual disturbance?

- Flashes of light

These may start in the periphery of your sight, and become larger and more central (Some people experience the opposite, starting as a tiny dot centrally and become a bigger arc as they reach the periphery)

They may be black and white or brightly coloured

Typically described as a

zigzagging pattern, or giving the appearance of shards of glass

They may be apparent when your eyes are shut

- The disturbance affects your sight and both eyes are affected.
- There is no headache during the disturbance
- The visual disturbance last around 20-30 minutes

How do you treat visual disturbance?

Firstly, do not panic; visual disturbances can be frightening, but in most cases are short lived. If you are driving or operating machinery, stop what you are doing and wait for the symptoms to go away. Make a note of your symptoms, how long they lasted and what you were doing just before they began. In most cases, there is a common trigger and keeping a diary of symptoms can help work out what the trigger is. Simply avoiding the trigger, where possible, may be all you need to do.

Common triggers include:

- stress
- tiredness
- flashing or flickering lights (including driving through a row of trees in bright sunlight)
- glare
- exercise
- bending over
- dehydration
- certain foods such as chocolate, cheese or alcohol.
- excessive heat



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GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 23/ 1/ 2024 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €7,200. The numbers drawn were : 7, 8, 20, 26. Consolation Prizes of €50. 1. Helen Moynihan, Rathanane, Kilcummin (On Line Ticket) 2. Micheál O' Donoghue, Dromcarbin 3. O'Donoghue's Shop, Barradubh. (Sellers' Prize) . 4. Colin O'Leary, Shinagh, Rathmore. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Tuesday 6th February 2024.

>CORN UI MHUIRI

Congratulations to St Brendans on winning the Quarter Final of Corn Ui Mhuiri last Tuesday in Banteer defeating Clonakilty Community College on a score of St Brendans College 2.18 Clonakilty Community College 1.11. St Brendan's will meet fellow Kerry side Mercy Mounthawk Tralee in the semi-final. Scorers for St Brendan's College Killarney: J Moynihan 1-6, A Hennigan 1-5 (0-2 f), P O'Donoghue 0-3, R Hartnett, C Cronin (f), O Fleming, M Lynch 0-1 each. ST. BRENDAN'S COLLEGE KILLARNEY: S O'Meara; L Daly, D Stack, M Lynch (capt); L O'Neill, K O'Shea, A Byrne; J Moynihan, O O'Neill; J Kelleher, C Cronin, O Fleming; P O'Donoghue, G Healy, Liam O' Donoghue, A Hennigan, R Harnett. Subs: T O'Gorman for J Kelleher (44), J McCarthy for R Harnett (50), J Bowler for O Fleming, B O'Connor for O O'Neill (both 54), A Cronin for P O'Donoghue (56).

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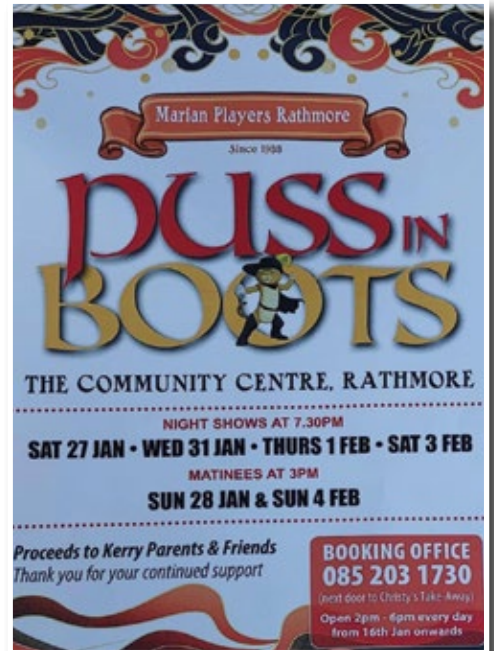
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In total, 134 car dealerships from 23 counties participated in the awards, up from 124 dealerships in 2023. Funded by ZEVI, these SEAI-administered awards recognise dealerships working to build consumer understanding and experience of EVs and ultimately their roll-out on Irish roads.

Car dealerships are a vital part of the transition to clean and efficient transport. Increasing the amount of EVs on Irish roads means drivers will pollute less, reduce their motoring costs and benefit from the latest technology. Participating car dealers were assessed through a mystery shopping exercise where they were scored on factors including EV prominence in the showroom, salesperson knowledge of EVs, and overall sales approach. Other evaluation areas included EV training, sales trends, and the dealership's website.



The winners announced today are on the shortlist for the regional awards which will be announced at this year's Society of the Irish Motor Industry (SIMI) Annual Dinner taking place on February 22, 2024. One of the four regional winners will then be announced the overall national winner at the SEAI Energy Show taking place in the RDS, Dublin on March 20 – 21, 2024.

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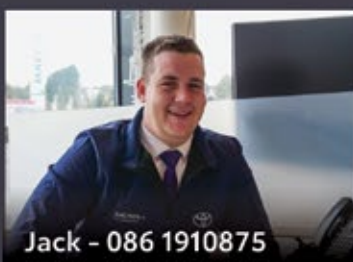


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KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB**FRIENDS OF KILLARNEY RFC DRAW**

Congratulations to Amanda O'Donoghue and Darren Enright who both won 4 tickets to last weekend's sold out Champions Cup Munster V Northampton match at Thomond Park, in our Friends of Killarney RFC members draw. This draw has some wonderful prizes on offer from tickets to URC, Champion Cup and highly coveted 6 Nations tickets as well as cash prizes so why not enter. Simply contact any committee member or any of our social media pages for more and enter the monthly draw for €20 and support the club.

U18 GIRLS INTO MUNSTER LEAGUE FINAL

A huge congratulations to our U18 girls who won their league semi final against Clonakilty in absolutely atrocious conditions last Saturday. A Fia Whelan penalty try was the difference in this hard fought game and now the girls face Ennis in the final to be held on the weekend of the 3/4 of February. The venue and kick off date and time are yet to be finalised, so keep an eye on the clubs social media channels for details. Best of luck to the girls, coaches and team management.

RESULTS:

U18 Girls League Semi final: Clonakilty 3 - 7 Killarney

FIXTURES

U18 Boys V Midleton, Home - Sat @ 12pm

U16 Boys V Midleton, Home - Sat @ 1pm

Seniors V Bruff, Away - Sun @ 2pm

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB**RESULTS****Thursday 18th January**

1st: Eileen Crehan And Maura G Moynihan

2nd: Mary Gleeson And Hanneke Nieman

Best Gross: Finola Spillane And Ger Foley
Fossa Bridge Club Meets every Thursday At 9.45am in Killarney Golf Club.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The National Indoor U20 and U23 Championships was held in Athlone last Saturday. Our U20 4x200 Relay Team of Cian O'Brien, Jason O'Reilly, Oisín O'Regan and Bartek Zglinski received bronze running a time of 1min35sec. Anna O'Shea moved up 3 age groups to the U20 Pole Vault coming 4th with an indoor PB. Bartek Zglinski came 5th and Oisín O'Regan came 7th

in the U20 High Jump. Oisín came 6th in the U20 Pole Vault and 6th in the 60m Hurdles and Jack O'Leary came 13th in the U23 1500m.

KVAC have recently announced Munster's newest 5 mile road race to take place in Killarney on Good Friday (March 29th) 2024 at 6.30pm, through the Streets of Killarney. Sign up today and kick-start your Easter weekend with a fantastic road race in the beautiful town of Killarney. The proceeds of which go back the Killarney Valley Athletics Club Track which benefits over 3000 students and the KVAC community. The link is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB**SUNDAY DRAWS**

Unfortunately, the storm last Sunday put pay to our draws. We will endeavour to try again this Sunday at the usual times of 9am and 10.45am.

COUNTY BOARD AGM

At the County Board AGM on Tuesday January 16th last in Tralee, John McGrath stepped down as Chairman after two years while Jason O'Connor stepped down as Secretary after six years. Jason will remain on the Board as PRO for the year however. We wish new County Chairman Christy O'Mahony well in the role.

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.

Green Fees: Adult €10 and Juvenile €7. Family Rate remains at €25.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies to Ger Guerin of Listowel and his sons Trevin and Jayden Chute on the death of Ger's uncle last week. May he Rest in Peace.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Well done to all participants who played in The Timmy Noonan and John McGrath tournament in Moyvane.

Winners: Kieran Crehan (Killarney) & Jessica Loughlin

Runners up: Jennifer Nash (Killarney) & Chris

**HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR DAMON AND TYLER**

Hard work and determination has paid off for Killarney boys Damon and Tyler Murphy who both competed in the Taekwondo championships last weekend in Tralee winning gold & silver medals.

Both boys train weekly with Kerry Taekwondo academy under the instruction of their coach Jason.

The boys are currently preparing for more upcoming taekwondo competitions and also gymnastics competitions where they train weekly with their mum Hayley Murphy of Legacy Elite cheerleading & gymnastics (former Scorchers cheerleading).



Killarney Badminton Club Winners: Kieran Crehan (Killarney) & Jessica Loughlin

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MIXED LEAGUE RESULTS

Div3

Killarney v Listowel 5-2

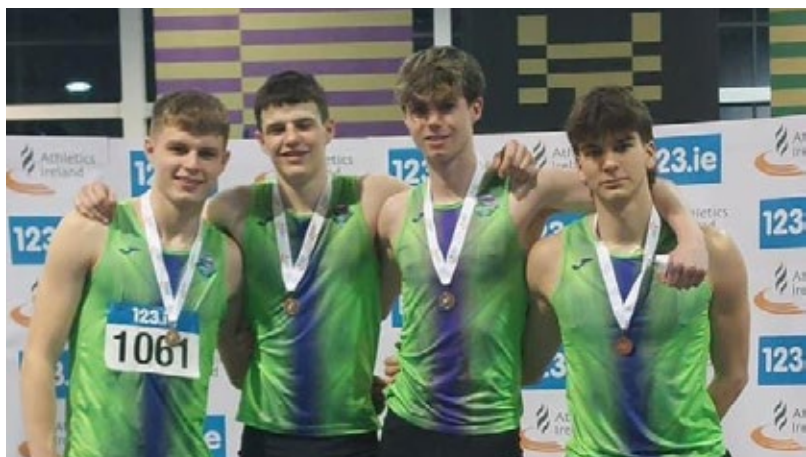
Killarney v Tralee 7-0

Div2

Killarney v Tralee 4-3



Killarney Rugby Club U18 girls semi final win last Saturday.



U20 4x200m relay team came 3rd in the National Indoor U20 and U23 Championships which was held in Athlone last Saturday. Pictured are from left: Cian O'Brien, Oisín O'Regan, Jason O'Reilly and Bartek Zglinski.

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Killarney u18.5 Girls through to Munster League Final

Clonakilty RFC 03-07 Killarney RFC

Action from the Killarney V Clonakilty game on Saturday last.



Killarney u18.5 girls advance to the Munster League Final, after a super result last Saturday in Clonakilty. Played in horrendous weather conditions, this was never going to be a high scoring game.

Killarney won the toss and started with the wind and dominated both territory and possession for the entire half but couldn't convert several good scoring opportunities and after some good play by both Killarney backs and forwards, the Killarney out half Fia Whelan was held up over the line. The Clonakilty defence was excellent throughout the game and both sides tackling, was of the highest standard. The score at half time was 0-0 and advantage to the home team in this evenly contested match.

Right from the kick off the second half, Killarney showed they meant business, and continued to have long periods of possession but any mistakes were severely punished with the strong wind and the kicking tactics of the home side. The first points of the game went to Clonakilty who converted a penalty from just outside the 22, 3-0 to Clonakilty.

Right from restart Killarney attacked and again threw everything they could at the home sides defence but again they withheld the constant Killarney pressure. Then with 15 minutes to go, Killarney gained valuable hard yards through a series of magnificent carries from Ava O'Malley, Lily Morris, Ella Guerin, Annie O'Reilly, Molly Gabbett and Cara Reilly and went through nine phases which was a massive achievement, as the handling conditions deteriorated, then Killarney Co-Captain Fia Whelan saw the opportunity to unlock the home defence and landed a perfect chip ahead over the on-rushing players and was just about to gather to go under the posts but was tackled without the ball and referee had no hesitation to award the penalty try, 03-07 to the visitors. Over the last fifteen minutes both sides played incredible impressive rugby in the conditions and after some heroic tackling by the Kerry girls notably Clodagh Foley, Melissa Mc Carthy, Ali O Donoghue, and Joanne O Keefe the Killarney girls held on for a well-deserved win. Killarney Co-Coach Diarmuid O'Malley added "To come down to West Cork and beat a very

good Clonakilty side was very pleasing. We always ask for 100% commitment and the girls today gave a lot more and needed to, to get the job done. I couldn't single out any one girl today as today was all about the entire squad giving it there all, and that's exactly what they did. We had one girl Mary Ellen Mc Donald who just arrived back from a skiing school tour this morning at 5am, the easiest option was for her to look out the window at the weather and stay in bad but no, she wanted to play this match. Girls' rugby in Munster is in a very strong place with the numbers growing across every club. Clonakilty have nearly 200 girls playing rugby now which is a massive achievement and takes a huge amount of work at grass roots level by clubs and Munster coaches and administrators. Today we had a Listowel girl, Cara Reilly make her starting debut and slotted in seamlessly but that wouldn't have been possible without the hard work that is been done in clubs like Listowel, Killorglin, Iveragh, Tralee and across Kerry and the province with girls starting to play rugby from much earlier ages now".

Next up for the Killarney girls is the Munster League final Vs Ennis on Saturday the 3rd of February.

The team lined out as follows:

1. Annie O'Reilly
2. Ella Guerin-Crowley
3. Molly Gabbett
4. Joanne O'Keefe
5. Melissa Mc Carthy
6. Clodagh Foley
7. Lily Morris (joint captain)
8. Ava O Malley
9. Bronagh Dorian
10. Fia Whelan (joint captain)
11. Holly O'Sullivan
12. Cara Reilly
13. Ali O Donoghue
14. Mary Ellen Mc Donald
15. Marina Eagar
16. Jess O'Sullivan
17. Niamh Enright
18. Sarah Slattery
19. Isabella O'Leary

Coaches: Josh Whelan, Diarmuid O Malley

Manager: Elaine Clifford

Delight for Killarney as they are through to the final.



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SCOTTS LAKERS VS KILLARNEY COUGARS MATCH PREVIEW

InsureMyVan.ie Mens Basketball League
Saturday January 27th 7.30pm
Presentation Gym Killarney

KILLARNEY COUGARS VS SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS

Preview by Enda Walshe

The Presentation Gym will play host to the first Killarney Derby of the 2023/24 InsureMyVan.ie Mens Basketball league when Scott's Lakers make the crosstown trip to face the Killarney Cougars. The second instalment won't be that far away either, the Cougars visit the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday March 3rd and even though the Lakers have a 100% record against their neighbours since they entered the league there has been enough evidence to suggest that if you're not anything near top form it could spell trouble. Last season's meeting in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre is a case in point, the two sides locked together heading into the final ten minutes. But the Lakers finished like a house on fire, inspired by the two Jacks, O Sullivan and Ferguson, to run out winners.

Having got themselves up near the business end of the table pre Christmas the Lakers have lost some momentum losing their last three. The defeats to Moy Tolka Rovers, Drogheda Wolves and the Portlaoise Panthers has seen them slip slightly off the pace in the Southern Conference but the coming weeks provide a chance for redemption. A February 3rd trip to table toppers Limerick Celtics is followed by two home games against Waterford Vikings and Team NorthWest and those outings give Brian Clarkes side a chance to get the engines roaring again. So a win this Saturday evening is imperative.

The recent injury crisis has been offset slightly by the return of last year's skipper Rui Saravia, he hit 10 points and pulled down 8 boards in that Panthers defeat. A couple of weeks integrating with the squad will get him upto game speed and his defensive tenacity will be a big boost to the squad. Braden Bell has hit 37 and 36 points in his last outings and everyone knows what he brings to the party. With Terion Moss making progress with his recovery the Cougars game could provide Lakers fans with their first opportunity to see Leondre Washington in the flesh. He netted 45 points on his debut and will have spent the time since getting to know the teams different schemes. Jamie O Sullivan, team captain Paul Clarke and Eoin Carroll are now



Coach Brian Clarke pictured with Braden Bell.

combining for games averages of 25 points and this input from the local lads is pivotal to any success. Behind them Mark Sheehan and Oisin Spring are garnering more experience and their minutes on court are escalating. Chris Healy only needs to look at those around him to see where his path lies thanks to his dedication and commitment.

What's clear from the Cougars line up is that Darius Hopkins and Oleg Drahanchuk will give you plenty of effort and no shortage of points. Hopkins hit 28 points against the Panthers last weekend while the Ukrainian hit six three pointers against what is the division's best defence. Ryan Saunders has been replaced by Marty Hill, who returns to the Cougars for his second spell, and he's not shy of the basket either. Young tyros like Nathan Cox and Jack Lynch are complimented by the experience of Billy Wiseman and the wily Andrew Fitzgerald and the Cougars will be looking to make their home court advantage count.

Tip off in the Presentation Gym is at 7.30pm for what promises to be an exhilarating and hotly contested Derby.

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS SETU CARLOW MATCH PREVIEW Missquote.ie Womens Basketball League Sunday January 28th 3pm Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS V SETU CARLOW

Preview by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls will be expected to keep their charge towards the Southern Conference Title on track when they entertain SETU Carlow in the latest round of the MissQuote.ie Womens Basketball league. The Carlow outfit have only the Marble City Hawks beneath them with their sole victory coming against their Kilkenny neighbours. That win came in mid October and truth be told they've found it hard to come close to a triumph since.

All that being said there has been

glimpses recently that when they get their combinations right they can be a handful. They went toe to toe with Oblate Dynamos for three quarters in mid November while their most recent showing against Swords Thunder was probably even more of a warning shot. It took a final quarter charge from the Dublin outfit to eventually overcome Martin Conroys team. And just a reminder that's the same Swords Thunder that inflicted St Pauls with their only league defeat.

The fixture will be a repeat of the opening day when St Pauls came away from Dolmen County with a comfortable win. Jahnae Gyles made her debut for Carlow but it's fair to say she has grown immeasurably since. She scores regularly in the twenty points bracket but worryingly she withdrew after three minutes of the second quarter in their most recent defeat at the hands of the Phoenix Rockets. Miah Ryan also carries the scoring burden, the point guard being capped at underage International level. Another prospect is Emer Dunne, the Laois native helped Ireland claim glory in the 2023 Four Nations tournament. Edel Ryan, Emma Carroll and Annie Digan can also be relied on for maximum effort.

With the Ladies National Football league commencing Coach James Fleming will be looking to balance the input of Lorraine Scanlon and Niamh Ni Chonchuir with his football counterparts but the winter has seen the squad fully utilised for all eventualities. Rheanne O'Shea will be returning to the fold after missing the mauling of the Lions but the game may again be too early for Lynn Jones. Denise Dunlea is now playing her best basketball, exemplified by her MVP performance last time out while the continuing development in Leah McMahan's game is there for all to see. Sofia Paska has been a colossus defensively recently showing there's more to her game than offensive input. Khiarica Rasheed is now the teams top scorer, having fully integrated herself into her new position. Cliona Coffey and Liadh Tobin have seen their commitment rewarded with recent game time while Meabh Barry and Aisling Counihan have the experience and game nous to match.

The game tips off at 3pm in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Sunday January 28th as the home side look to mind the gap ahead of the trip to Limerick to meet their nearest challengers and National Cup champions, the Celtics. But the name of the game is to play one match at a time and as a wise Kerryman once said about guarding against complacency - "Always walk easy when your jug is full."



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LOTTO

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TEAM OF THE WEEK

Well done to Alex Finn (u14) & John Nelligan (u13) who were selected on recent Kerry schoolboy teams of the week. Congratulations to Lucy Wynne of the club u12 Girls who was on the Kerry u12 girls squad who defeated the North Tipperary league in the u12 girls inter league.

DEFIBRILLATOR USAGE TRAINING

Short defibrillator usage course at club facility, commencing on each night at 7.30pm for 1 hour maximum. Contact Donal on 087 9662498 for place on Friday 26th January or Friday 9th February. Contact Noreen on 087 9227216 for place on Saturday 3rd February or Saturday 10th February.

TEAMS

The u14 premier squad welcomed Killorglin FC on Saturday last when after a game of two halves as the wind was a spoil sport. Killorglin took the points on a 1-3 victory. Ballyhar led 1-0 at half time following an Adam Fleming goal. Ballyhar had several opportunities to extend the lead which were required as Killorglin had the strong breeze with them for the 2nd half. The visitors took their opportunities in the second half. Best for Ballyhar on the day were Gearoid Moynihan, Jack Kelly, Daire Cornally, Ryan Vickers, Ryan Quilter & Jamie Murphy.

The u14 Team two went one better than the A team with 7-1 home win over Castleisland B thanks to goals from Alan Mrotek, Killian O Sullivan, Patrick O Connor, Shane Edwards & Daniel Ryan with Daithi Allen & Alan Mrotek being the players of the match.

Sunday's u16 game away to Listowel Celtic fell victim to Storm Isha.

MEK GALAXY FC NOTES

U13 GIRLS KERRY CUP

MEK Galaxy Orange V Castleisland FC

A great win by our Girls U13 orange team today, some amazing skill on display from all the team

throughout the pitch, Megan, Elise and Emily who all showing great control and passing skills and some great scores from our players up front to ease to a comprehensive win away to Castleisland AFC today, the passing by all the team was a pleasure to watch today, it was one of the hardest games to pick players who stood out so we picked 3, POM Megan, Emily, Grace R.

U13 GIRLS KERRY CUP

Killorglin AFC 5 v MEK Galaxy White 0

The girls came up against a very well organised Killorglin side. While the home team deserved their victory, there were so many positives for our girls who worked hard and created a good few chances. It was a real team effort. Best of luck to Killorglin in the next round of the Cup. And big thanks to the man in the middle. POTM: Lily Fogarty & Callie Cummins. It was a real team effort.

NO LUCK IN THE CUPS

The Boys U12 lost 3-0 to Adare in Round 4 of National Trophy at Lackabane. MEK dominated for long stretches but couldn't find a goal. In fairness to Adare they took 3 of their 4 chances. Great team effort from our lads considering we were missing a few players.

In the Kerry Cup lost 6-0 to Camp B. 1-0 at half time, with Camp pulling away in the last 10 minutes.

BOYS U14 DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic 3 v MEK Galaxy 2

A good game played in difficult conditions MEK came off second to a good Killarney Athletic side. Scorer for MEK was Cade Jameson 2

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3, 11, 12, 18. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €5,000 on Monday January 29th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, club members. The online sales are now available through Clubzap.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A

Killarney Celtic FC 1-1 Castleisland AFC

Trpimir Vrljicak

In a pulsating encounter last Friday night, the points were shared with Castleisland. Celtic were slow to settle and it was Castleisland who broke the deadlock. Celtic played their way back into the game and drew level when Trpimir Vrljicak finished very smartly to leave things level at the break. Celtic opened the 2nd half much the

better and put Castleisland under pressure but were unable to capitalise on their openings. Castleisland grew back into the game and had some chances.

Celtic had a goal disallowed for offside late on. Neither team could find a way to get a winner and so it finished 1-1.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER B

St Brendans Park FC A1 - 2 Killarney Celtic B

Evan Cronin, Mikie Moynihan

Celtic started the game with a great intensity and didn't give the Park an ounce to settle on the pitch with the Falvey brothers solid in the midfield not leaving anything past them. Celtic were passing the ball around with great confidence and Nattagun Ryan gave a lovely ball over the top for Evan Cronin to get onto and he lobbed the keeper 1-0

Celtic Ht

The second half started the same way and Celtic continued to press St Brendan's Park. Celtic went 2-0 up after Mikie Moynihan hit a free kick from halfway right into the top corner. St Brendan's Park responded with a great effort at the end and got one back but Celtic kept their composure and finished the game out very well to take all 3 points.

SFAI U14 NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 4

Lifford AFC 3-5 Killarney Celtic

Kiernan Kelly 3, Nakita Tkachenko, Simon Sirotiak Celtic u14's made the long journey to Ennis for a last 32 fai trophy clash with Lifford AFC. Celtic playing against a strong breeze in the first half seemed to settle into the game pretty quick and were winning all the battles in midfield. However against the run of play they found themselves 1-0 down after 15mins after not dealing with a long ball which allowed a Lifford player to pounce for the lead goal.

Celtic to their credit never dropped their heads and this spurred them into action that saw all players lift their game and after some great passing a superb through ball from Oisín Cryan sent Kiernan Kelly one

on one with the keeper who he rounded for a very composed finish 1-1 after 25 mins. Celtic again grew in confidence and made it 2-1 with a great team effort down the left hand side after which Lachlan Scannell found himself with time and space to pick out the on rushing Kiernan Kelly who again took his goal very efficiently with a neat flick past the keeper. H/t 2-1 Celtic Second half and it was much the same from Celtic maintaining their work rate and pressing



Killarney Celtic U14 squad vs Lifford AFC



Milltown FC U13 5th League match in Cromane.

Scoreline: Milltown FC 4-2 Killarney Celtic B. Scorers: Jack Clifford, Alannah Daly, Darragh Doherty



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and Donnacha Vaughanhe swung a great cross to the back post where Nakita Tkchachenko found himself unmarked and he smashed it to the back of the net to give the Lifford keeper no chance. 3-1 Celtic. Lifford to their credit, pushed hard to get back

into the game but the Celtic midfield and back four stood up when it mattered and all this resilience was rewarded when keeper Luke Clancy made a great save and played a first time long ball which caught the Lifford defence and allowed Kiernan Kelly get his hat-trick and make it 4-1 after 44mins gone. Lifford pulled one back to make it 4-2 which made it a bit nervy but substitute Simon Siriotak made sure there was no way back for Lifford, great work and pressing from Ben O'Sullivan found Simom Sirotiak, who finished very well from 18yards with a great strike, Lifford never gave up and with 30 secs remaining they got a third with a great strike from an acute angle that gave the keeper no chance.

All in all great performance by the lads from 1 to 18. Thanks to Lifford AFC for a fine sporting game and their hospitality after the game and we wish them well for the remainder of the season.

U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP

Killarney Celtic Green 5 - 0 Killarney Athletic AFC A

Conor O'Doherty 2, Cathal O'Donovan, Paul McGrath, Cillian Scannell

It was Celtic playing a high tempo game that took the game to Athletic

from kick off Cathal O'Donovan broke the deadlock early and it was his fast throw that set up Conor O'Doherty for a fine solo run and great finish to put Celtic 2 up. The third came by a lovely cross by JJ Landers that found Paul McGrath at the back post and he finished with a great shot in mid air. Celtic went in at half time 3-0 up. The second half was very much the same as the first and Celtic added further goals through Conor O'Doherty and Cillian Scannell to leave Celtic clear winners on the day..

Thanks to Athletic for a sporting game and thanks to the Referee Cian Ring for handling the game very well.

U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP

Killarney Celtic White 5 - 1 LB Rovers A

Rowan Murphy, David Ajibare 2, Hugh Fleming, Mark Van Der Merwe

Celtic B played their first game since early December when they had a good win over LB Rovers. Rowan Murphy opened the scoring with a super goal. Second half Celtic kept a good grip on the game. David Ajibare put a super ball across for Mark iVan Der Merwe to make it 2-0. David Ajibare then made it 3-0 followed by Hugh Fleming and David Ajibare then got his 2nd to finish off the Celtic scoring. LB got one back at the end. Very well done to the players and coaches on a fine win.

GIRLS

DOMINOS PIZZA CUP U17 GIRLS SEMI-FINAL

LB Rovers 0 - 2 Killarney Celtic

Ali Bowler, Michelle O'Connor

On a wet afternoon in Tralee, the U17 girls ran out deserved winners in a tough and physical encounter against LB Rovers. A strong defence

The snow didn't stop members of Milltown FC training during the recent cold weather.



led by Clodagh Moriarty and an equally strong midfield led by Abbie Finnan gave Killarney the platform for some lovely passages of play. Sarah Cooper was to the fore in this regard with intelligent passes all through the first half. Casey Mulry held the ball up well in attack and was unlucky not to score with a header from a corner at the end of the first half. Amelia Carroll Kelly and Hannah Casey kept LB on the back foot down the wings with Hannah Casey having a decent shot saved again towards the end of the first half. Celtic started the second half quickly and were soon in front when Michelle O'Connor passed two opponents to give Ali Bowler a tap in goal. Ali Bowler hit the crossbar soon after when her pace took her clear of the LB defence. Michelle O'Connor was fouled in the box in the closing minutes and put the penalty away with confidence to seal a place in the final.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 5 - 1 Inter Kenmare

Emma Daly 5

A clear cut win for Celtic on Monday night puts them back near the top of the table. Fantastic effort by all the squad topped off by the scoring of Emma Daly.

U12 GIRLS PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 4 - 2 Tralee Dynamos

Leah Mannix 3, Mia Cox

The Celtic girls played well against a strong Tralee side. Leah Mannix was a constant thorn in the Tralee defence finishing with aplomb on three occasions. Mia Cox played well down the right and got a lovely second goal. Well done to the girls and coaches on a fine win.

CONGRATS to Kiernan Kelly U14 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

FRIENDLY

Last week the club hosted a friendly between Kerry Fc and Galway Utd. Many thanks to all our volunteers who gave of their time on the night to ensure the smooth running of the event.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

RESULTS SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH AND WEEK PREVIOUS

U14 Interleague

Mayo 2 - 1 Kerry

U12 Girls Premier (South)

Killarney Celtic 4 - 2 Tralee Dynamos

U13 Girls Cup / Sheild

Killarney Athletic 2 - 0 Camp Juniors

Castleisland AFC 2 - 6 MEK Galaxy

Tralee Dynamos 1 - 6 Inter Kenmare

Killorglin AFC 0 - 6 MEK Galaxy B

Mastergeeha FC 1 - 6 St Brendans Park

Iveragh UTD 7 - 1 Fenit Samphires

Listowel Celtic 7 - 1 LB Rovers

Killarney Athletic B BYE INTO SHEILD

U15 Premier Girls

Killarney Athletic 2 - 2 Camp Juniors

St Brendans Park 3 - 0 Castleisland AFC

U12 Boy's National Trophy Round 4

Killorglin AFC 5 - 0 Tralee Dynamos

Bunratty Cratloe 3 - 1 Castleisland AFC

MEK Galaxy (2) 3 - 0 Adare

U14 Boy's National Trophy Round 4

Lifford AFC 3 - 5 Killarney Celtic

Inter Kenmare 5 - 0 St. Brendan's Park (2)

U16 Boy's National Trophy Round 4

Mastergeeha AFC 4 - 3 Lattin Cullen

Lisnagry 1 - 4 Killorglin AFC

Moneygall 2 - 4 Inter Kenmare

U12 Boy's John Murphy Cup /Sheild (Winners Progress to Cup/Losers Sheild)

Milltown FC 1 - 2 Fenit Samphires

Listowel Celtic 7 - 1 Inter Kenmare

Killarney Celtic 5 - 0 Killarney Athletic

Ballyheigue AFC 0 - 6 St Brendans Park B

Camp Juniors 1 - 4 Dingle Bay Rovers

Mastergeeha FC 0 - 6 St Brendans Park

Killarney Celtic B 5 - 1 LB Rovers A

U12 Boy's John Murphy Sheild / Plate (Winners Progress to Sheild/Losers Plate)

Fenit Samphires B 0 - 6 Castleisland AFC B

Listowel Celtic C 2 - 6 Killorglin FC B

Tralee Dynamos B 2 - 0 Castleisland AFC C

St Brendans Park D 3 - 2 St Brendans Park C

Iveragh Utd B 3 - 2 LB Rovers B

Camp Juniors B 6 - 0 MEK B

Inter Kenmare B 6 - 0 Dingle Bay Rovers B

Killorglin AFC C 4 - 3 Mastergeeha FC B

U12 Division 2 (South) Boys

Dingle Bay Rovers B 6 - 1 Camp Juniors C 1

U14 Boy's Premier

Ballyhar Dynamos 1 - 3 Killorglin AFC

Castleisland AFC 0 - 2 St Brendans Park

U14 Boy's Division 1

Killarney Athletic B 3 - 2 MEK Galaxy

Listowel Celtic A 8 - 2 Camp Juniors

Ballyheigue AFC 3 - 0 Fenit Samphires

LB Rovers A BYE

U14 Boy's Division 2

Top 4:

Ballyhar Dynamos B 7 - 1 Castleisland AFC B

U16 Boy's Premier

Killarney Athletic 3 - 4 Tralee Dynamos

U16 Boy's Division 1

Mastergeeha FC B 2 - 4 St Brendans Park

U16 Boy's Division 2

Tralee Dynamos B 4 - 1 Castleisland AFC B

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRLS - TEAM OF THE WEEK

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2. Alistair O Sullivan (Inter Kenmare U12)

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6. David Mullins Tralee Dynamos U16)
7. Kiernan Kelly (Killarney Celtic U14)
8. Mark Corkery (Killarney Athletic U12)
9. James Tansley St Brendans Park U12)
10. Adam Griffin (Castleisland AFC U14)
11. Adam Fleming (Ballyhar Dynamos U14)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR

1. Emma Coffee (MEK Galaxy)
2. Ella Clifford (Iveragh UTD U12)
3. Laura Heaphy (St Brendans park U13)
4. Niamh Healy (Inter Kenmare U13)
5. Elisa Mosca (killarney Celtic U12)
6. Emily Allen (MEK Galaxy U13)
7. Lily Fogarty(Mek Galaxy U13)
8. Brittney Bevan(Inter Kenmare U13)

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

U16 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 3 - 4 Tralee Dynamos

Finan Blackwell, Brian Macarthy, Evan Doona

Not our day in horrendous conditions in Woodlawn we fell behind to an early goal but equalised through a great finish from finan, we conceded from the kick off and conceded another before the break.

After the break we threw everything at dynamos and scored well worked goal started and finished by beano.

We conceded another from a shot that hit a divet, the boys kept fighting and brought it to



Killarney Athletic Under 14 B team.

4/3 through Evan but dynamos held out. Our first loss of the season but still in a great position in the league.

U14 RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 3 - 2 MEK A

Our boys came out the right side of a 5 goal thriller in tough conditions at home against a good sporting MEK side this morning. Two cracking free kicks from our Captain Mark Corkery either side of a Robert Murphy goal were enough to see us over the line.

A great squad performance where grit, determination and some lovely football was enough to seal the win.

U15 GIRLS PREMIER

Killarney Athletic (2)...Fantastic Team performance today by our Girls with Kelsey Cummins getting the Brace

U12 CUP RESULT

Killarney Celtic 5 - 0 Killarney Athletic

Tough day at the office for our boys U12 A team away to Celtic in the Kerry Cup. They were the stronger team on the day in every aspect of the game. The boys lost but gave it their all and did the best they could on the day. The boys will learn from this defeat and come back better and stronger. Man of match for Athletic was Jack Doyle.

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KERRY WIN THE BATTLE OF THE CHAMPIONS

Kerry 1-8 Dublin 0-6

By DAIRE WALSH

Emma Dineen struck 1-3 at Parnell Park on Saturday evening as Kerry won the battle of the champions in the opening round of the new Lidl National Football League Division 1.

Whereas Kerry got the better of Galway to claim NFL top-tier honours at Croke Park last April, Dublin recorded a 0-18 to 1-10 win at the Kingdom's expense a little under four months later to reclaim the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship crown. Although it doesn't necessarily make amends for their defeat in the latter game, Kerry will undoubtedly take great confidence from this victory as they look to defend their Division 1 title.

In their first clash since that All-Ireland SFC decider, Kerry squeezed in front with a point from Jadyne Lucey after just 27 seconds. The Jackies were welcoming Olwen Carey back following a two-season absence, but even though they created a number of scoring chances early on, Katie Brosnan ultimately doubled the Kingdom's lead on seven minutes. Dineen also found the range just shy of the first-quarter mark to offer her side further breathing room and while Dublin finally opened their account with a point from centre half-back Martha Byrne a little over 21 minutes into the play, this was immediately cancelled out at the opposite end by Lucey's second of the half. Kerry did receive a let-off when Dublin full-forward Niamh Hetherton subsequently fired wide off a goalscoring opportunity, but a second point from her opposite number Dineen ultimately ensured the Kingdom brought a 0-5 to 0-1 cushion into the interval.



Niamh Hetherton of Dublin in action against Kerry players, from left, Niamh Ní Chonchúir, Aishling O'Connell and Deirdre Kearney during the 2024 Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 1 fixture between Dublin and Kerry at Parnell Park in Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile

In a bid to eat into their deficit, Dublin (who had eight starters from the 2023 Brendan Martin Cup showpiece, as opposed to five from Kerry) introduced team captain Carla Rowe and Kate Murray on the resumption. However, after Dineen and Hetherton swapped points in an initially cagey third-quarter, the Kingdom's own substitute Hannah O'Donoghue released Dineen for a palmed goal off a quick break in the 41st minute.

This was followed by a brace of points from new skipper Niamh Carmody to leave Kerry nine points to the good with just 13 minutes remaining, before Dublin finally developed a purple patch that yielded scores from Hetherton, Rowe (free) and Murray.

This left Mick Bohan's charges with a fighting chance of getting something out of the game, but even though Murray added a second point, Kerry had already done enough to claim the three points on offer.

Scorers - Kerry: E Dineen 1-3, N Carmody, J Lucey 0-2 each, K Brosnan 0-1. Dublin: N Hetherton, K Murray 0-2 each, C Rowe 0-1 (f), M Byrne 0-1. KERRY: M.E. Bolger; C O'Brien, D Kearney, A Dillane; C McCarthy, K Cronin, A O'Connell; A Harrington, A Galvin, N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, K.A. Hanrahan; K Brosnan, E Dineen, J Lucey.

Subs: L Scanlon for Hanrahan (24), H O'Donoghue for Lucey (36), E O'Connor for McCarthy (40), C Lynch for Cronin, S Burns for Galvin (50), E McGlynn for Ní Chonchúir (54), B O'Connor for O'Connell (58), R Rahilly for Brosnan (59).

Referee: Jonathan Murphy (Carlow).



Emma Dineen of Kerry receives the Player of the Match award from Eimear O'Sullivan, Corporate Affairs Director at Lidl Ireland, after the 2024 Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 1 fixture between Dublin and Kerry at Parnell Park, Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Laura Grendon of Dublin in action against Aoife Dillane of Kerry during the 2024 Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 1 fixture between Dublin and Kerry at Parnell Park in Dublin. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



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MCGRATH CUP FINAL

Cork 1-14 Kerry 1-14
(Cork win 4-3 on penalties)

First silverware of the year to Cork. What's more, they had to battle for it and they did – you'll measure no team's ability for the crunch games so early in the year, but hunger is a mark laid down at any time. Of course I wouldn't read too much into this defeat, especially on the basic coin toss of a penalty shootout. I wouldn't be reading much into any victory either if it had fallen our way. But I do think that John Cleary will be the happier of the two managers after this one, and not because the McGrath Cup is such a coveted prize. Kerry have won nine of the last ten Munster Finals – for that matter, the one we lost was won by Tipperary – but Cork have been edging closer all the time and this one will give them another layer of confidence. Remember the group game last year after the Munster Final? Cork had us on the ropes in the last twenty minutes but just couldn't take enough of their chances.

Kerry actually started well and I thought they were looking slightly the sharper side, although admittedly the scoreboard will tell a different story and we had the wind advantage. But I thought we were pressing Cork's kick-outs well and were winning a lot of key duels. Killian Spillane, who looked absolutely razor sharp from the off, clipped over a great score to open our account.

Ruairí Deane and David Buckley slotted a free each in reply. Nothing too much to worry about as yet, but Buckley in particular was showing absolutely no fear of going at Kerry. Dylan Geaney picked off a point in reply – for me, Dylan has been the main one of the relative newcomers to stake a claim to a championship jersey – but Eoghan McSweeney cancelled that out in fine style. Killian brought Kerry level. I felt that Kerry would have profited by sending the ball in early to Killian and Seán O'Shea, with Dylan operating like a false ten in soccer behind them. It looked to me like we could have played a high risk/high reward game with the players

that we had rather than the opposite. For me, the McGrath Cup is exactly when you test that sort of theory and it might have been an opportunity missed.

Cork weren't playing the better football, but they were giving their forwards more to work with, and Buckley won and converted another free while Chris Óg Jones clipped over a real beauty. These, along with the outstanding Matty Taylor and Patrick Doyle (not sure about those forays forward and he does need to work a bit on kick-outs, but that's a commanding presence) are players to watch out for when the ground hardens.

Killian slotted his third point with aplomb but David Buckley won and nailed another free. Kerry were playing decent football but it wasn't showing on the scoreboard; Buckley was playing superbly and it was showing.

Sean O'Shea trimmed the gap and Cillian Burke levelled matters. I'm not looking for Cillian to be imposing himself on a game like this already, but these are the games where you will find out a lot about yourself at this level. Burke cemented himself as an option but isn't in pole position for a championship jersey just yet. On the right road, though.

Kerry struck for a goal on the half hour mark. Patrick Doyle was called for time-wasting on the kick-out after the ball blew off the tee. I thought it was a harsh call, but that will happen in games. Calls will go for or against you; it's how you react that matters. And Cork....well, to me they fell asleep a little. Joe O'Connor rose high to punch the ball forward – Joe put in a colossal shift in terms of work, even if Ian Maguire was the most efficient midfielder on the day. On this occasion, Cork should at least have been aware of the possibility. Instead, they had left Dylan Geaney, of all players, plenty of space to pick up the breaking ball and neatly drill it home. Well executed from Kerry's perspective, but Cork's defending....that's exactly the kind of mistake that separates real contenders from the chasing pack. Ye'll be seeing that one on video plenty of times in yere training sessions, lads.

Ronan Buckley, another with a solid rather than spectacular outing, pointed before the break but David Buckley kicked his fourth point to leave that goal between them at the break.

Half-time Kerry 1-7 Cork 0-7

Both sides rang the changes at half-time. Kerry made six changes, and no harm in that. Minutes on the field in a real game is better than hours on a training ground at this time of year; January training is enough of a slog anyway. Brian O'Driscoll opened the second half scoring, but two points by Seán O'Shea had Kerry looking good at 1-9 to 0-8. Then came a bit of a disaster. If I'm going to criticise the Cork defence for being far too loose for Kerry's goal, I have to play fair and say the exact same about Chris Óg Jones' goal. A superb ball by

Ian Maguire and a brilliant finish by Jones, but there was far too much space available for that pinpoint pass. Has to go in the error column.

Eoghan McSweeney with another good point to square things up. Kerry's subs were looking lively, though. Micheál Burns brought a sense of ambition to the half forward line, a bit more cut and thrust, and he was only denied a goal by a good save from Patrick Doyle.

Luke Fahy fisted over from a tight angle and Cork were in front. Dara Moynihan had been consigned to the vital but too often undervalued spadework for a lot of the hour levelled, for Kerry. Cork were growing in confidence, though – I felt and I suspect that they felt that Kerry were vulnerable. David Buckley once again split the posts from a free and Mark Cronin put Cork two in front.

Conor Geaney picked off a point and Darragh Roche slotted two close range frees. Blake Murphy levelled – I rate Murphy highly ever since that famous U20 final and I'd have liked from a Cork perspective to have seen more of him here. Micheál Burns nudged Kerry back in front but Darragh Cashman came up with a superb equaliser and I don't think any Kerry supporter could be so curmudgeonly as to begrudge it to Cork. Actually, I probably could, but I'm not going to.

A draw was a fair result, but that crowded modern schedule doesn't allow for replays. Hardly allows for breathing space. I repeat and will repeat ad nauseum, the split season is not the problem; it's the rush to cram as many games into the season that's causing the problems.

On to penalties. I'm not reporting on those. I accept that I don't have a fairer or better way to decide a game (I'd prefer to simply share the title for a year – we did it for a National League and nobody ever fought over a McGrath Cup medal yet). Cork won on penalties and fair play to them. They'll take a lot from this game and Kerry will have to take deeper lessons than from last year's defeat at the same stage. This was a much stronger Kerry – granted, the Cliffords, Tadhg Morley, Tom O'Sullivan, the eldest Geaney (Paul is going to absolutely hate that description!).....Kerry have plenty to come back. Mind you, Seán Powter, Brian Hurley, Stephen Sherlock...it's not like that Cork team is set in stone either.

But right now – and I do stress that no team should ever be judged in January – Cork look like being up among the contenders.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Graham O'Sullivan, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Brian Ó Beaglaoich, Paul Murphy, Armin Heinrich, Joe O'Connor, Seán O'Brien, Ronan Buckley (0-1), Dylan Geaney (1-1), Cillian Burke (0-1), Killian Spillane (0-3), Seán O'Shea (0-3, 2m, 1f), Dara Moynihan. Subs: Barry Dan O'Sullivan (for Seán O'Brien, half-time), Keith Evans (for Cillian Burke, half-time),

Tom O'Sullivan (for Paul Murphy, half-time), Micheál Burns 0-1 (for Dylan Geaney half-time), Seán O'Brien (for Ronan Buckley, half-time), Gavin White 0-1 (for Armin Heinrich, half-time), Conor Geaney 0-1 (for Killian Spillane, 53 mins), Adrian Spillane (for Dara Moynihan, 57 mins), Damien Bourke (for Dylan Casey, 57 mins), Darragh Roche 0-2, 2f (for Sean O'Shea, 57 mins), Diarmuid O'Connor (for Joe O'Connor, 57 mins).

Cork: Patrick Doyle, Maurice Shanley, Tommy Walsh, Kevin Flahive, Luke Fahy (0-1), Seán Meehan, Matty Taylor, Ian Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan, Eoghan McSweeney (0-2), David Buckley (0-5, 4f), Brian O'Driscoll (0-1), Ruairí Deane (0-1, 1f), Conor Corbett, Chris Óg Jones (1-1). Subs: Mark Cronin 0-1 (for Ruairí Deane, half-time) Rory Maguire (for Tommy Walsh, half-time), Cathal Maguire (for Eoghan McSweeney, 53 mins), Daniel O'Mahony (for Seán Meehan, 57 mins), Fionn Herlihy (for David Buckley, 57 mins), Blake Murphy 0-1 (for Conor Corbett, 61), Darragh Cashman 0-1 (for Luke Fahy, 62). Referee: Donncha O'Callaghan (Limerick).

PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

Yeah, none of them are headliners. I wouldn't even say they are a decent measure of a team's potential for later on. Bit for the little that it's worth, here's how the other pre-season tournaments panned out.

CONNAUGHT FBD LEAGUE

Roscommon 2-25 Galway 0-13

You might be thinking that Galway pushed Kerry right to the brink in an absolutely gripping All Ireland Final two years ago. Have they gone back so far already? Nope. Pádraig Joyce had an experimental team out, very experimental, and Roscommon, even without the St. Bridgets players, had their big guns on show. I suspect that Roscommon will be hitting the National League running and hunting points, while Galway might be playing a longer game. Again, I might be reading Shakespearean sonnets into a monkey's typewriter tapings. The interesting thing about the Connaught FBD League this year was London's first ever win over Mayo in the quarter-final, with vice-captain and full back Matt Moynihan playing a leader's role as they won by 0-12 to 1-8. That was no bad Mayo side, either, with the likes of Rob Hennelly, Eoghan McLaughlin, Jordan Flynn, and Cillian O'Connor in action. Add it to New York's exploits last year, and maybe this crowded schedule is encouraging minnows to nibble at giants, never a bad thing in any sport. Which brings us neatly to the O'Byrne Cup. Let's be completely honest, the Delaney Cup can only be considered a mere trinket for players from one particular county. I can vaguely remember the game back in July of 2010 when Meath ended Dublin's five in a row of Leinster titles, putting five goals past them. The general consensus was that Dublin had it too easy in Leinster and were coming into the latter stages untested and vulnerable, whereas Meath were a team with a bit of real bite about them. You couldn't fault Dublin's seasoned goalkeeper for any of the goals – he was already eight years

waiting for a Celtic cross and you'd say time was running out for the Cluxton lad. I wasn't gone on the corner back either. Fitzsimons could play but, ironically enough, I wasn't sure he had the stamina or staying power for the hard games. Longford claimed their second O'Byrne Cup in a row over Dublin. A big lift for Longford, who will compete in Division Four and almost certainly the Taillteann Cup. For Dublin? Meh. Business as usual. It literally means nothing in terms of going forward.

MCKENNA CUP

Ulster is most definitely the best provincial championship. There are suspicions that it may decline as counties realise that the back door can actually be an easier route nowadays once you secure your Sam Maguire berth with league status, but for now you'll never see a casual Ulster game. With Mickey Harte and Jimmy McGuinness both in a hurry to lay down firm markers as they take or re-take the tillers in Derry and Donegal respectively, it seemed almost inevitable from the get-go that they would meet in the McKenna Cup Final. And for once, Ulster didn't throw up any major shock or casualty as both sides duly reached the final. That final I am paying attention to and I think there are real markers for the forthcoming year laid down in that game. There were fears expressed in some corners of social media that Mickey Harte would regress Derry from their open, attacking style. To which I could only reply at the time "Exactly what open, attacking football are you seeing? Because I'm seeing a packed defence that breaks forward at pace. McGuigan was often the lone Derry player in the opposition half. When did we start calling that attacking football?" Seriously, stop peddling that myth about Derry – or Kerry either, for that matter. It simply isn't true. Derry won the McKenna cup Final, and won it fair and square. But – and how much responsibility Mickey Harte bears for it remains open to question – their top scorer from play had the sum total of 0-1. Mind you, no Donegal player managed to beat that from open play, or ever looked likely to do so. The most exciting thing about the football on view was the three red cards, one for two yellows. This is most definitely not the kind of football I want to see winning All Irelands. In fact, this is not the kind of football I want to see, period.

ALL IRELAND CLUB FINALS

Watty Grahams The Glen 2-10

St. Bridgets 1-12

Most neutrals were rooting for the Glen after last year, when Kilmacud Crokes finished with sixteen players on the field. I thought it was much overblown at the time – to be blunt, papers don't refuse ink at this time of year. Mind you, I think that managements have the responsibility to know the rules and a failure to apply them should attract sanction – managers will always try to push that envelope a small bit (as I would myself in their position) so the line has to be firm. I'd have awarded the Glen a replay last year – the extra man made no material difference in that game but the

message should go out loud and clear. Get it right or pay the price.

I thought St. Bridgets actually played much the better football for most of this game. To be fair, the Glen kicked a fair few wides, but St. Bridgets were much more fluid and adventurous. The Glen were punting the ball in more often than not and were very lucky to still be level at half-time, having trailed by four early on and the gap should have been wider. Shooters on both sides looked a bit nervous early on. The Glen were still four behind as the game entered the closing stages and frankly, St. Bridgets looked completely in control. Enter Conor Glass. I'm sure a lot of people reading this will remember the Hogan Cup Final that featured two of the best young footballers in the country (actually three of them, but a lot of people underestimated Shane McGuigan at that time), David Clifford for the Sem scored 2-5 but a hotly disputed red card for Conor Glass was the big talking point for St. Pats Maghera.

Glass has always and ever shown that touch of something extra that the great ones have. Brendan Rogers got the All Star and was in the conversation for Footballer of the Year last year. Shane McGuigan also won an All Star and deserved it, he was point, post, and fulcrum for Derry's attack. Rogers was great at driving forward and kicking scores himself, much like Seán Cavanagh or Ciarán Whelan used to do, but I think that he got a lot of that freedom because of Glass' unselfish excellence at doing the hard work behind.

This was Conor Glass' finest hour. Should St. Bridgets have closed it out? That great Kerryman Jerome Stack won't need me to tell him that they let this one slip from their hands. That doesn't take away from Glass and his Glen team-mates, who won it more on character than ability. I'd expect the likes of Glass and McGuigan to be taking a well-earned break after their win. I certainly hope so; I don't want to see them in action against Kerry next weekend!

St. Thomas (Galway) 0-18 O'Loughlin Gaels (Kilkenny) 0-17

This wasn't a game for the hurling purists – I don't care what anyone says, hurling is as much about physicality as skill at the top level nowadays, and that's not denying that there is plenty of skill on view. This was extremely physical but plenty entertaining – and thank God for that, because I wasn't leaving the house with the weather last Sunday. The referee showed one player a red card to a St. Thomas player at the start of the second half and both managers disagreed with that decision. Well, I disagree with the pair of them, admittedly based on TV cameras rather than my own view. That contact was so late and so reckless he had plenty of time to adjust if he wanted to do so. Frankly, I thought the referee could and should have dished out a lot more cards throughout the game.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TERMS OF REVIEW AND COMMITTEE

The format of the County Championship

has been a huge talking point last year. Understandably so – Austin Stacks, Kerins O’Rahillys, Killarney Legion.....these are not Intermediate standard teams in any other county. Meanwhile, you have a dominant team compiled of an amalgamation of eleven clubs, five of them with genuine ambitions of winning an Intermediate title in their own right. Meanwhile, their closest challengers over the last number of years have lost Milltown/Castlemaine, who have deservedly gone senior in their own right. Last year I confidently predicted the winners of the Bishop Moynihan Cup before the start of that competition. It’s a less impressive trick than it sounds – because so did everybody else. It wasn’t exactly hard to predict the favourites. Anybody doubt me? Because I’m pretty sure I can repeat the feat this year as well. And predictability is stagnation for any competition.

It’s not just the participating teams that need a serious look. The scheduling is a problem in its own right. The GAA have absolutely packed the inter-county side of the calendar to a fairly ridiculous degree – I still loathe and despise the Super 8s, no matter what token name change they put on them. Which all means that for a county with both a county and a senior club championship, things definitely get run off very hard and fast. Look, I agreed with the previous review board that divisional teams are an important part of Kerry’s structure and serve a vital purpose (especially with the effective elimination of junior inter-county football). But I strongly disagreed that the structure of those divisional teams was kept out of that discussion, that was always going to store up a problem for the future. Right now players are going straight after an All Ireland into a club championship (the main ambition for virtually every club) and straight from there into a county championship. Teams were out ten and eleven weeks in a row. I’m not remotely begrudging Cill na Martra when I say that fatigue played a big role in Milltown/Castlemaine’s loss. The County Championship dropped in revenue by almost €200,000 this year. Why? I believe that the deserved success of clubber played a role, but the biggest factor was simply too many games coming too thick and fast and too many of them fairly meaningless. Surely going back to one simple back door option would be simpler and bring more of a do-or-die element? But look, all of that needs to be on the table and this committee will have a broad remit as below. They have the right people looking at the right questions. Unfortunately, it looks like it comes too late to implement any changes for this year. I think it’s more ‘festina lente’ (‘hasten slowly’, i.e. take your time and do it right) than kicking the can down the road.

The committee will be chaired by Dara Ó Cinnéide and will include Fergus Clifford from Laune Rangers, Beale’s Fergus Stack, St Senans’ Eamon Whelan, Barry O’Shea from Kerins O’Rahillys, Rathmore’s Dónal Murphy, Mary Jo Curran from Beaufort, and County Board representative, Terence Houlihan, CCC chair. I don’t think anyone in Kerry GAA needs to be told who any of those people are, let alone examine their credentials. Their stated remit is

as follows:

- “(1.) To view the option of increasing the number of senior clubs in the championship and how best it can be achieved.
- (2.) To decrease the number of divisional teams and how best this can be achieved.
- (3.) The timing format of both club and county championship considering the window available in the fixtures calendar to the CCC to finish these competitions in time for the provincial championships.
- (4.) To examine the load on inter-county players and club players during this period and how best it can be managed.
- (5.) The impact on the championships other competitions have such as the SHC and district boards.”

ATHLETICS

Adeleke Smashes More Irish Records

When it comes to Irish records, Rhadiset Adeleke is the proverbial bull in a china shop. She smashes a few of them practically every time she sets foot on a competitive track. In her first open meet of the year in Albuquerque, she smashed another two records. She finished the Indoor 60m in 7.15 seconds, beating her own previous record, and then finished the Indoor 200m in 22.49. Of course, being an Olympic year means that the spotlight and pressure will be on her non-stop, but there’s no question that the raw talent and personal discipline are there in abundance. She certainly won’t have it all her own way, though, and there are plenty of athletes in Ireland that can push her on to greater heights. One of them is our own Sarah Leahy, reigning Irish 60m champion, who opened her own season with a time of 7.38.



Rhadiset Adeleke

SOCCKER

Pre-Season Friendly

Kerry FC 0 Galway United 3

It was just a pre-season friendly, but one from which Conor McCarthy and his team can take an awful lot of positives. Contrast this display with the 9-1 thrashing that Kerry received in their first game against Galway last year, and

there is simply a gulf in class in between. On this occasion Galway were coming down as a Premier outfit, and one that will have serious ambitions of tagging on to a European place. Leo Gaxha, probably Kerry’s best player last season overall, was well shadowed by a Kerry side that started four new signings, including Galway loanees Daire McCarthy and Stephen Healy, as well as incoming captain Andy Spain (signed from Treaty United) and Jack Kavanagh (signed from Athlone Town). All four played well and, most importantly, were in synch with their team-mates. I know it’s early to be judging such things but we know from last year how little chance you get to actually settle a team and I don’t think any Kerry supporter can argue that we weren’t vulnerable to giving away bad goals. Awful goals, in some cases.

Galway had to work for everything they got here – which, of course, is exactly what they will have wanted from a challenge game as well. Both defence were on top for the opening half hour – given Galway’s pace, that’s actually a great sign for Kerry. The visitors did take the lead at that stage, Stephen Walsh volleying home a good cross. 1-0 at half-time, and I’d be very happy with that scoreline.

Mind you, it was 2-0 just six minutes into the second half, and if Karl O’Sullivan can repeat that kind of shot in the league, then Galway are definitely going places. That was an absolute stunner, and new keeper Antonio Tuta (signed from Finn Harps) could do absolutely nothing about it. The third goal arrived soon enough after that, a speculative enough effort taking a wicked deflection.

Significantly, Kerry didn’t drop their heads. In fact, Kennedy Amechi was only denied a goal by a good double save by the Galway keeper. Overall, a 3-0 loss. Challenge games are a curious entity of their own. The last thing any manager wants is his team winning easily. You are actually better off with a close and hard-fought loss so that you can show your players how a small improvement can bring big improvements. Losing 3-0 to a premier Division team? Look, the real measure is close enough but things certainly look positive so far.

Kerry FC Team: Lee Axworthy, Kevin Williams, Sam Aladesanusi, Andy Spain (capt.), Jack Kavanagh, Steven Healy, Daire McCarthy, Ronan Teahan, Nathan Gleeson, Ryan Kelliher, Daniel Okwute. Subs: Antonio Tuta, Seán O’Connell, Ethan Kos, Kennedy Amechi, Graham O’Reilly, Oisín Breen, Cian Brosnan.

Leo Gaxha, probably Kerry’s best player last season overall, was well shadowed by a Kerry side that started four new signings.
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DR. CROKES

DR. CROKES CUBS continues on Saturday 27th January from 9:30-10:30 in the Aura Leisure Centre. This is an introduction to gaelic football and hurling for boys and girls aged 3-6 years.

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 begin on Tuesday 23rd of January 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 January 22nd. Numbers drawn were 6, 9, 12, 13. Jackpot of €5,900 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €60 each. Jackpot for draw on January 29th will be €6,200. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=734#Anchor

DR. CROKES SHOP

You can shop worldwide on our online shop. Follow the link <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/dr-crokres-gaa.html>

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.

CONDOLENCES to academy coach Rachel Leech, and family on the recent passing of her mother Vanessa Leech in Wexford. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

NOTES

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

KILLARNEY LEGION

COACHING OFFICER

At a recent Club Executive meeting Fergal Moynihan was ratified as the Clubs new Coaching Officer. His remit will be to coordinate a coaching plan for all the Clubs juvenile teams and also to bring coach education to the various management teams. An able dealer, we wish Fergal well in his role.

SARAH LEAHY

Sarah Leahy has started 2024 the same way she finished 2023, in blistering form. The Killarney Valley AC athlete is the reigning National Women's Indoor 60m champion and at the league meeting in Athlone she ran a time of 7.38 seconds. With trips to Slovakia and Barcelona upcoming perhaps the ultimate goal might be helping the Irish women's 4 x 100m team reach the Paris Olympics.

KERRY LADIES

Well done to Keri Ann Hanrahan who started for the Kerry Ladies in last Saturday's defeat of All Ireland Champions Dublin in Parnell Park.

The reigning league champions are at home this Sunday in Round 2, where they will meet Waterford in Fitzgerald Stadium with a 2pm throw in.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

One of the big success stories in the club in recent years has been our Mothers and Others group. Not only do they coach within the club but they have set up Social walking groups, gym nights for Ladies and are known to play a little football too. To that end they have represented the club on a Munster and a National stage but now they are going international, to Paris. They have been invited to an International competition which takes place in April. The Club will be backing them as they go and a number of fundraising events will also be held in the coming weeks, in which we urge the club members and supporters to get behind. More details anon.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Christine Galbraith (nee O'Brien) who passed away recently. Christine's husband Douglas is a keen club supporter, attending many games and an avid participant in the Club Lotto. Grandson Dougie also lined out for the club in his younger years. May She Rest in Peace.

LOTTO

Lotto Results Monday January 15th. Numbers were 3, 5, 11, 26. Bonus 13. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Patrick Mannix online 2. Breda Kelleher online 3. Breda O'Connor 4. Johnny Culloty 5. Deirdre Doona

EAST KERRY NEWS

KERRY CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Paudie Clifford on being named as Kerry Captain for 2024.

EAST KERRY GAA BOARD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Annual General Meeting of Coiste Chiarraí Thoir will be held in the Killarney Heights Hotel on Tuesday 30th January at 8 p.m.

The AGM will be preceded by mass for deceased members at 7-30pm

EAST KERRY ALL STARS GALA NIGHT 2023

Friday 2nd February 2024. Tickets €35 available from Clubs & Board Officers. Sponsored by the Kerry Mills & Aquila Club Gleneagle Hotel Group & East Kerry GAA. Presentation to the All Star Player's; Senior, Intermediate and U21 Player of the year 2023. Hall Of Fame 2023. Person Of Year 2023

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROUND 1

Best of luck to the Kerry Team in Saturday's opening round National League game against Derry at Austin Stack's Park @ 5.30.

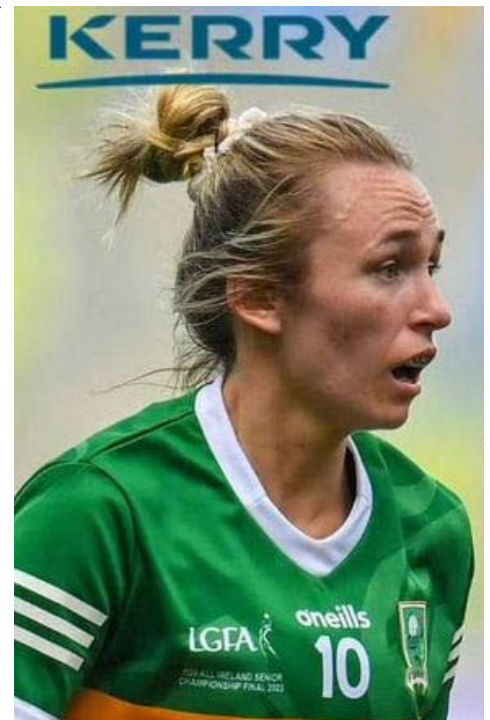
LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE

Well done to the Kerry Ladies, who had a great win over Dublin in the National League Saturday.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, January 22nd at the



Keri Ann Hanrahan (Killarney Legion) who started for the Kerry Ladies in last Saturday's defeat of All Ireland Champions Dublin in Parnell Park.

club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 9, 10, 25 and the bonus ball was 11. Lucky Dip Winners were as follows: €50: Mary B Lenihan, Castlemaine. €50: John Hegarty, Castlemaine. €25: Pa Daly T.D. €25: Breeda Pierce, Ballyfinnane. €25: Elorena Lesha, Beaufort. €25: Susan Sheehan, Castlemaine

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 5th 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. Mile búiochas do gach duine for playing Milltown/Castlemaine Clubs Fortnightly Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

KERRY REPRESENTATION: MCGRATH CUP FINAL - CILLIAN BURKE

Well done to Milltown/Castlemaine's Cillian Burke who started wing-forward for the Kerry Senior Football Team last weekend as they travelled to Pairc Uí Rinn to take on Cork in the McGrath Cup Final. This was Cillian's second start this season for Jack O'Connor's men and he chipped in with a well taken first point in the opening half. Whilst the Kerry side lost out on penalties in the end following the full time scores being level at 1-14 apiece, eyes will quickly turn to the more important fixture this coming weekend as the Allianz National Football League Division 1 season gets underway when Kerry host Derry at Austin Stack Park on Saturday, January 27th at 5:30pm. We wish Cillian along with the team and management the very best of luck.

Tickets priced at €20 for the match are available to purchase online at the following link:

<https://www.ticketmaster.ie/allianz-football-league-roinn-1-kerry-tralee-27-01-2024/event/1800602AA2A71A3C>



Alternatively, tickets can be purchased in most Supervalu stores across the county in advance of the weekend. Please note there will be no tickets for sale at the gate on the night.

CELEBRATION DINNER AND MEDAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA club had a very successful year in 2023. To mark this, we are having a celebration night in the Ballygarry Estate, Hotel and Spa, Tralee on the 10th February 2024 at 7:00pm. This will be a night to acknowledge our Intermediate Club Champions, Mid Kerry Minor Champions and McElligott Shield Winners from last season. The night will consist of a sit-down 3 course meal plus tea/coffee followed by medal presentations, a band and DJ. Tickets are priced at €50 for adults and €40 for minor players. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Club Secretary Susan on 087-9426553 or Club Treasurer Ann on 087-9801450 to order your tickets.

Alternatively tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<https://milltowncastlestore.sumupstore.com/product/celebration-dinner-and-medal-presentation?fbclid=IwAR3hiQMa6KSIfCr19KfOSt5ErBRyLEwnvZikAv2Ks8Qi6DlStTgBGZMxe4>

Please note that all tickets must be ordered by Sunday, 4th February and the 2023 minor panel must be accompanied by a parent/guardian on the night

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 #playyourpart #aclubforall #leadbyexample.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: NOTICE

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA wishes to advise all club members that our Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) will be held on Friday, 2nd February 2024 at 7:00pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown (Clubhouse).

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

We wish to invite all members to our inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) for our Ladies Club on Wednesday, 24th January (tomorrow) at 7.30pm upstairs in Milltown/Castlemaine Clubrooms. All are welcome to attend.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: LGFA SENIOR PLAYERS

With the huge success of our U12 Girls competing in LGFA action for the first time in our clubs history in 2023, and with this continuation into U14 for the coming season, we have had many enquiries regarding fielding a competitive

Paudie Clifford (Fossa) has been announced as Kerry Captain for 2024.

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adult team to participate at junior level. With this we are delighted to announce we are taking an expression of interest for the upcoming season. If this is something that would interest you, improving fitness & skills, aged over 16 want to be part of one of the most progressive clubs in Kerry, please contact Shauna on 087 1227234 or private message the club's social media pages for more information!

MILLTOWN BOWLING CLUB: NEW YEAR, NEW HOBBY

Want to try something new and fun then come along to Milltown Nagle Rice community centre and have a go at short mat bowls.

All you need is just a pair of comfortable shoes for two hours of gently rolling bowls along a 1.8 meter wide x 12 meter long mat.

A timber block is placed midway along the mat and the aim of the game is to roll a bowl along the mat, avoiding the block and touching a yellow ball called the "Jack" at the opposite end. A wooden fender is placed at both ends to keep the bowls from rolling off the mat end.

Nearest bowl to the Jack after 9 ends scores, the more of your bowls closer than your opponent the more you score.

All training and guidance will be provided along with the use of club bowls to get you started.

Once you get going then we have league and cup competitions, friendly individual and group matches along with the opportunity to play other clubs within Kerry.

Sounds simple!!!

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First night is free and it's only a fiver then per night for two hours of fun and learning to play one of the fastest growing indoor sports for all age groups in Ireland.

Milltown bowls club looks forward to seeing you on Tuesday and Friday nights at 8pm.

MILLTOWN TIDY TOWNS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join Milltown Tidy Towns - We need your help. Meeting every Thursday at 6.30pm at The Old Milltown Community Hall. This is an opportunity for local businesses, families and anyone with an interest in creating "a sense of place" in Milltown. All welcome, no experience required. Please call Therese on 089-4767279 for further information

or log onto Milltown Tidy Towns Facebook page.

MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA CLOTHES RECYCLING COLLECTION

Our clothing recycling collection is still happening so we urge you to clean out your wardrobes of all unwanted clothes, sheets, blankets, towels, curtains, shoes etc and drop them to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown.

This is a wonderful way of doing your bit for the environment and raising much needed funds for our club at the same time.

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!

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

TEAM ENQUIRIES

If you want to join your local club, one of the fastest growing clubs in the county, please contact one of our members below:

For GAA-4-All 4 players; contact Gillian Twiss on 0877678108

For MC Mini players (U6); contact Colin McKenna on 087 068 7653.

For U7 to U11 players; contact Liam Doherty on 086 041 3593

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

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GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For any other queries, please send an email to our Secretary or Chairperson at the following addresses:

secretary.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie

or

chairperson.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie

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

Sem Book their Place in the Corn Uí Mhuirí Semi-Finals



Corn Uí Mhuirí Quarter-Finals

The weather played havoc with fixtures – that’s unfortunately becoming an annual issue with the colleges games. Mercy Mounthawk played their semi-final against St. Francis Rochestown on the astroturf in Pairc Uí Chaoimh last week and recorded a very impressive victory. Tralee CBS played Abbey CBS in the astroturf in UL and likewise booked their last four berth in fine style. That left holders St. Brendans and Clonakilty to play their match last Tuesday in Banteer, with the astroturf there accommodating a double header of the Coláiste an Sceilge v Patrician Academy Mallow.

Unfortunately there was no joy for Coláiste an Sceilge, who lost out on a 2-11 to 1-10 scoreline. They had a lot of factors against them, not least the absence through injury of full forward Ian O’Sullivan, definitely one of the top forwards in the whole competition this year. Playing in a Cork venue within comfortable reach for Mallow while travelling for two hours themselves doesn’t help any team either, and most of the na Sceilge team had never played on a 4G pitch before. I strongly suspect that latter fact played a part in goalkeeper David Murphy being beaten to the punch for a soft enough goal in the first half after mis-timing his leap. Mallow’s superb free-taker Ben O’Shea had five points to his name by half-time as they led by 1-8 to 1-5 at the break, with their half back line of Eoin Walsh, playmaker Gearóid Daly, and the outstanding Pádraig Britton dominating the play. Emmet Daly was Coláiste an Sceilge’s top performer, with Shane Goggin and Tadhg O’Sullivan also impressive, but their full back line looked in real trouble any time the ball came in.

Emmet Daly’s intercept and pass to Ben O’Donoghue with a goal on was well intercepted – Coláiste na Sceilge had no luck at all in this game – and Mallow gradually opened up a 1-11 to 1-7 gap, two of their points coming from very carelessly conceded frees. That was a bit of a killer blow, but na Sceilge showed tremendous heart and courage to cut the gap back to a single point. However, Mallow were very good at slowing the play down – they were and are a crafty team and very impressive to watch in their own right and a late goal from

Dylan O’Connell sealed a 2-11 to 1-10 victory for them.

St. Brendans 2-18 Clonakilty CC 1-11

For me, this was the Sem’s most convincing display so far in this campaign. The impressive performers so far in the likes of Dara Stack, Keelan O’Shea, Jamie Moynihan, Callum Cronin, and Alex Hennigan all lived up to their billing. But Maidhcí Lynch brought a real attacking dimension as well as assured defence on his return from injury. Luke O’Neill and Luke Daly grew into the game and were imperious by the finish. Oran O’Neill stepped up in the absence of Jack O’Sullivan and battled superbly throughout. He didn’t win everything he contested, but he certainly contested everything. Fellow midfielder Jamie Moynihan was easily man of the match – any midfielder who scores 1-6 from play without neglecting his primary duties is an automatic selection, but I’ve seen few players dominate a Corn Uí Mhuirí like this one. 1-6, and almost all of them scores out of the top drawer? You won’t see it often. Alex Hennigan had 1-5 himself and, arguably most encouraging of all, Pádraig O’Donoghue clipped over three good scores from play.

It was point for point early on, Alex Hennigan (2) and Oisín Fleming exchanging scores with Darragh Gough and Olan O’Donovan (2). Jamie Moynihan cut loose with 1-3 on the trot at this stage, the goal coming after great work by Luke O’Neill. That had the Sem in a commanding position. Dylan Harington and Callum Cronin (f) exchanged scores, as did Darragh Gough (no cribbing, but it did look more like a free out to the Sem for me) and Robbie Harnett. Alex Hennigan and Maidhcí Lynch on the burst had the Sem ahead by eight points before Darragh Gough reduced the gap with the final score of the first half.

Half-time St. Brendans 1-11 Clonakilty CC 0-7

An Alex Hennigan brace and another Jamie Moynihan score after he won the kick-out left ten points between the teams. Olan O’Donovan kicked Clon’s first point of the second half but Pádraig O’Donoghue quickly cancelled that. In fairness to Clon, there is no give in them and they made a contest of it by scoring a really well

worked goal, Olan O’Donovan with a neat finish from close range. They added two more points from Gough and O’Donovan and suddenly it was looking more like a manageable five point gap. They could be grateful to goalkeeper Donnacha Walsh, who denied Alex Hennigan with a great save.

Jamie Moynihan and Darragh Gough exchanged scores, but time was on the Sem’s side now. Pádraig O’Donoghue extended the lead and just before the finish, Alex Hennigan iced the cake with a well-taken goal.

The Sem will of course go in as underdogs their O’Sullivan Cup Final conquerers Mercy Mounthawk, but I’d expect a real fifty/fifty game with nothing between the sides in the finish. Tralee CBS will play Patrician Academy Mallow in the other semi-final. Those games are most likely to be played next Wednesday, but of course like most things, they are subject to the vagaries of the current inclement weather.

St. Brendans: Shay O’Meara, Adam Byrne, Dara Stack, Maidhcí Lynch 0-1, Luke O’Neill, Keelan O’Shea, Luke Daly, Jamie Moynihan 1-6, Oran O’Neill, Jimmy Kelleher, Callum Cronin 0-1, 1f, Oisín Fleming 0-1, Pádraig O’Donoghue 0-3, Alex Hennigan 1-5, 2f, Robbie Harnett 0-1. Subs: Ted O’Gorman (for Jimmy Kelleher, 43 mins), Joey McCarthy (for Robbie Harnett, 50 mins), Brian O’Connor (for Oran O’Neill, 55 mins), Josh Bowler (for Oisín Fleming, 55 mins), Aidan Cronin (for O’Donoghue, 57 mins).



Jamie Moynihan scored 1-6 for St. Brendans.
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In studying little children, we see they aren't puffed up in their own ability – they know they need support and help to survive, and, when they get rebellious it is their parent's job to correct and discipline them, so they learn right from wrong to live a successful life of purpose. Jesus taught to be successful in the Kingdom of God, one needs to lay aside the fleshly desires to be 'top dog' – and instead, serve God and others in humility. Some believe that to please God you must be penniless and wretched – but God never said that. It's 'the love of money' that is the root of all evil – not money itself – it's only a tool that can be used to do good or bad (1 Timothy 6:10). Poverty stinks, causing untold suffering. Therefore, humility as God teaches is not humiliation. Meekness does not mean weak or helpless. In demonstrating humility as He washed the disciples' feet, Jesus showed that the true character and nature of a Kingdom believer is to serve others in love because of our love of God – desiring to honour Him in how we live (Colossians 3:17). The humble will not lord it over, or wrong others, because that is unkind – the opposite of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22; 1 Corinthians 13:3-7). The godly will treat others as they themselves wish to be treated – the golden rule in God's Word "do to others whatever you would like them to do to you" (Matthew 7:12).

However, this doesn't mean that in an abusive relationship you sit and smile and take it. Again, humility is not weakness, God's Word is quite clear. "If it is possible, as much as depends on you live peaceably with all men" (Romans 12:18). If it's not possible to live in peace you need wisdom from God – and help or advice from professional services. God is our Deliverer and when we lean upon Him and His Word, calling upon Him in trouble, He will deliver (Psalm 91:15). The Lord Jesus said, "apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5) so it's important to get God's perspective from His Word for every situation you face. Paul said it like this "we are confident... because of our great trust in God through Christ... not that we are sufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God" (2 Corinthians 3:4-5 NKJV).

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