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Aisling Crosbie.

FROM THE EDITOR

The first of the Christmas In Killarney parades was a truly magical experience with thousands of people lining the streets of Killarney as they glittered and sparkled. The arrival of the main man.... Santa Clause was met with huge excitement and everyone young and old enjoyed the spectacular switching on of the lights in a town that pulls out all the stops year after year to ensure that there is no where like Christmas In Killarney.

The work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the parades run smoothly is a mammoth task and volunteers from all across communities in Killarney must be commended as they don their red high vis jackets and Santa hats to ensure that the parade is a fun and safe event for everyone.

With three more parades set to take place over the next three weekends, December 3rd, 10th and 17th there will plenty of time for everyone to come along and see the wonderful floats and get a wave from the man himself - Santa Clause!

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5 YEAR PLAN FOR KILLARNEY LAUNCHED



The Killarney Destination and Experience Development Plan (DEDP) kicked off 2023 planning on Tuesday morning at Fáilte Ireland's Killarney Office. From left, Conor Hennigan, Garret Power, Laura Tangney, Marcus Treacy, Pat O'Leary, Josephine O'Driscoll, Fáilte Ireland, Niamh O'Shea, Fáilte Ireland, Paul Sherry. members of the Killarney DEDP Implementation Group, absent from photo - Angela McAllen, Eamon Meskill and Mike Buckley. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Planning for a new five year strategy to promote and maintain tourism in Killarney, which was launched earlier this year by Fáilte Ireland began this week. The Killarney Destination and Experience Development Plan (DEDP) will look at extending the tourist season and spreading business throughout the entire region, the plan seeks to develop a tourist destination that is sustainable. At the meeting, representatives from Fáilte Ireland, key stakeholders, tourism industry members and the local community, discussed plans to help bring local experiences to life, including Muckross House and Killarney House along with festivals and events for 2023, as well as plans for welcoming domestic and international visitors to Killarney. This Killarney Destination and Experience Development Plan (KDEDP) is designed to enhance the way in which visitors experience the town while maximising its role as an exploration base for the wider Kerry tourism economy. The overarching objective is to encourage visitors to extend the season, and grow the capacity of Killarney to become a year round exploration base for the Wild Atlantic Way and the wider Kerry tourism economy. The development approach within the plan will ensure the Killarney

Town experience will match the quality of its surrounding natural environment. The ambition throughout all elements of the plan is to deliver a world class sustainable tourism destination. It will combine best in class outdoor experiences with an enhanced town experience and a new approach to experience development.

Among the key objectives of the plan include:

- Deliver the vision for Killarney to become a world class destination strongly differentiated through the integration of its natural environment with a quality urban visitor experience.
- Provide a short, medium to long term focus for the macro environment challenges (Brexit, post COVID-19, Russia / Ukraine conflict) while building resilience in the long term through a new strategic destination development approach.
- Develop a coherent destination brand approach for Killarney as an international tourism destination.
- Maximise the Wild Atlantic Way opportunity for Killarney and the positioning of the town as a key exploration base for the wider Kerry visitor experience.
- Grow the year round economic value of tourism activity through season extension.

through season extension.

- Leverage the visitor potential of Killarney National Park and the uniqueness of the urban and outdoor experience proposition as a key USP for domestic and international visitors.
- Contribute to sustainable destination development through the adoption of the VICE model as the basis for international best practice proactively embraced by all stakeholders.

The tourism offering in Killarney is largely based on its natural and built heritage located adjacent to the National Park. The new vision for Killarney is to create an awe inspiring destination delivered by a world renowned tourism industry in a stunning natural environment.

It will create the conditions for Killarney to become a destination of the future demonstrating tourism leadership in meeting new and evolving visitor expectations. Killarney will deliver a world class visitor experience differentiated through the warmth of its people, rich culture and heritage within a natural environment admired globally for its beauty.

Disney style parades to dazzle the town

Asprinkling of delightful Disney dust will fall on the streets of Killarney in the run-up to Christmas with three more spectacular festive season parades set to bring an explosion of colour, excitement and sheer joy to the streets of the town.

Santa and his helpers have been working so hard in recent weeks to ensure all the elements are in place to make it a Christmas to remember in Ireland's most popular festive season town.

Spectacular Christmas floats, Disney characters, amazing snow horses, dancers, performers and famous US characters will hit the town with a vengeance and, of course, Santa Claus himself, on his stunning reindeer sleigh, will be the VIP guest at each of the parades.

The first Magic Parade of the season of goodwill culminated with the official switching on of the truly magnificent street lights display and the stunning festive decorations.

Each Saturday night the parade will leave from the Fitzgerald Stadium, heading along Lewis Road, turning on to College Street, Plunkett Street, Main Street and High Street before heading back up to the stadium via St Anne's Road.

There will be parades on Saturday, December 3, Saturday, December 10 and Saturday 17 so there will be plenty of opportunities for all the boys and girls – and the young at heart – to turn out to meet and greet Santa.



Santa arrives in Killarney on Saturday night for the first of the Magic Parades. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan.

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KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TAKE TOP PRIZE FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

Sixth Year Students at Killarney Community College are celebrating this week after they were named SciFest STEM Champions 2022, for their Group Theoretic Approach to Pythagoras' Theorem.

Liam Waldron, Rachel Griffin and Luke O'Sullivan will go on to represent Ireland at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair in Dallas, Texas next year.

Supported by Intel Ireland and Boston Scientific, SciFest is the largest, most inclusive all-island STEM fair programme for second-level students in Ireland. SciFest is free to enter and open to everyone across the island of Ireland, no matter their background or circumstances. The most important thing for SciFest is the participation of students and encouraging their interest in STEM in a fun and engaging way.

The National Final, held in the Marino Conference Centre in Dublin today, was attended by student finalists from all over Ireland. Liam Waldron, Rachel Griffin and Luke O'Sullivan were presented with the SciFest STEM Champion 2022 Award by Sheila Porter, SciFest Founder and CEO. The students secured their place at the National Final after their victory at



Rachel Griffin, Liam Waldron & Luke O'Sullivan - SciFest STEM Champions 2022

the SciFest regional final at MTU Kerry.

Pythagoras' Theorem is a foundational theorem in geometry, with many far-reaching implications in other fields. There are many proofs of Pythagoras' theorem, from geometry, trigonometry and even using the exponentiation properties of complex numbers. Their project, approached the Pythagorean Theorem through the framework of group theory, exploring the algebraic structures which can be defined within coordinate systems.

"Congratulations to Liam, Rachel and Luke on their success here today and to all of those who are participating in SciFest – you should be very proud of what you have achieved. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to all the school staff, mentors, parents and all those who supported you in getting this far", Norma Foley TD, Minister for Education said.

Wine & Art Kickstarts Christmas

Kickstarting the Christmas celebrations, the Killarney Rotary Wine and Art Night was a fabulous occasion enjoyed by hundreds at The Great Southern Hotel on Wednesday evening.

Artists from the area displayed their masterpieces as attendees mingled and enjoyed wine and cheese from Daly's Supervalu and beer from Killarney Brewing Company.

The Rotary Club were delighted with the turnout and thanked everyone for their support on the night.



Fancy a pint....Ann Elizabeth Rohan, Micheal Bank, Liam Fleming, Susan Ashe Clifford and Sadhbh McAuliffe.



At you service at the wine bar....Nicole Williams, Maeve Fitzmartin and Hannah Van-erb



Artist Aoife O'Toole pictured with her art.



Kitty and Sean O'Grady pictured at the Wine and Art night



Charlotte Rebers, Artist Martin Carey and Peggy Daly at the Wine and Art Night



Artist Julianne Guinee pictured with her art.

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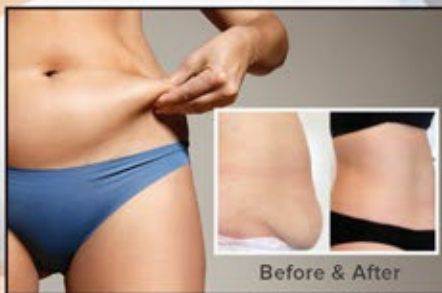
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Pictured at the opening of the MoD Suites at The Gleneagle Hotel were, Brian Miley, left, Group Business Development Manager, Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO The Gleneagle Group and Margaret O'Donoghue. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



The MoD Suites at The Gleneagle Hotel. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

An Invitation to All as...

The Memory Tree Lights Up

For the tenth year in a row, Killarney Memory Tree will be lit again for the Christmas season.

The lights on Killarney's Memory Tree will be lit during the Christmas season. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for those being commemorated.

The official "Switch On" of the Memory Tree will take place next Monday, December 5th at 7pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

The gathering will be led in prayer by Fr. Seán Jones with festive carols by candlelight.

Mass will be offered for all those being commemorated at 12 noon on Thursday December 15th at 1pm in St. Mary's Cathedral and everyone is welcome to join in person or online via

the Killarney Parish Webcam on www.killarneyparish.com

"The Memory Tree will be lit nightly during the the Christmas season until January 6th, the feast of The Epiphany and lights are available to buy online from our school website

www.mercyholycross.com or from the School Office at Holy Cross Mercy School on New Road", Rhonda Daly, one of the organisers of the Memory Tree told Killarney Outlook.

"We want to thank everyone for their ongoing support and would like to invite everyone in the community to join us on Monday for the switch on and also they are all welcome to join us for the mass in the cathedral or online at www.killarneyparish.com", Rhonda added.



WOMAN KILLED IN SINGLE CAR COLLISION



The Rock Road in Killarney was the scene of a single car collision on Wednesday evening in which a woman lost her life. The woman was the only occupant of the car which crashed into the stone wall between the entrance to St. Columbanus Home and the Reeks Gateway, opposite the Killarney Court Hotel. Emergency Services,

including An Garda Síochána, the fire service and ambulance crew were called to the scene after 6.30p.m. and the area was closed off between the turn-off to St. Margaret Road and the Cleeney Roundabout. It is believed that the woman, who was pronounced dead at the scene fell ill before the crash.

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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

PROVENCE HAS NEVER BEEN NEARER



The Santons are the little clay hand-painted figures that crowd the Christmas cribs in Provence

Peter Mayle may have spent a year in Provence and drew on it successfully to become a novelist. I occasionally spend three days there and it is a transfusion of light and colour. Especially this time of the year when the country is coming down in dismal grey. Who knows what a year would do for me. I may never find out. But there is no law against dreaming. Yet!

Associated with the summer and lavender fields, one of the great Provencal seasons is actually Advent and Christmas. The blue skies and cold are perfect for parades, spiced wine and galettes on the amber and pink suffused streets. The first weekend of Advent is when the lights are switched on in Aix, a most beautiful and enchanting city.

There is a grand parade after Mass in Provencale, the old language, when young and old turn out in costume with drums and flutes up and down the main street, the Cours Mirabeau. It is then the grand fair of the Santons is blessed and opened.

The Santons are the little clay hand-painted figures that crowd the Christmas cribs in this part of the world.

They were given an injection of life during the French Revolution when Christmas cribs were banned. The haymaker, the wine grower and the lavender picker, not to mention the boule player all took the place of the holy family. And they didn't leave when the wisemen crept back. In fact, each year there are new figurines, still in 18th/19th century costume. In among the cackling geese (we spotted one biting the behind of a farmer), this year's "new" Santons,



The grand parade after Mass when young and old turn out in costume with drums and flutes up and down the main street, the Cours Mirabeau.

include a woman boule player and a woman reading a newspaper paper. I saw the horsemen of the Camargue and there seemed to be more black bulls, probably as bullfighting is being threatened. There too was a painter meant to resemble the great Cezanne out in the lavender fields working en plein air. This must be in deference to the huge Cezanne exhibition in London at the moment.

Public displays of the Christian crib are still meant to be banned in the French Republic but no one takes too much notice of the rule. There is a huge "crib" right smack in the centre of Aix with the holy family among the hundreds of figurines.

It is easy to get to Aix-Marseille now - at long last. For years there was a trek to Paris or Lyon and a train down as no direct flights operated from Ireland in the winter. Now the two hour journey is from Shannon direct, followed by a short bus ride to Aix. Heaven!

AIR AND RAIL



The under-24s are greatly in favour of banning internal flights a new survey has concluded.

The article in the Irish Times stated the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) found a majority of those questioned are in favour of banning non-essential domestic flights (57 per cent).

I was asked to canvass the opinion in Kerry where the regional flight to Dublin is hard won. Diarmaid Griffin of the Killarney Greens is all for external flight connections, and the more the better direct to Farranfore. However he makes the valid point rail has been in Killarney since before the visit of Queen Victoria. But it has been neglected. The current 20 per cent cut in rail fares is not enough for Killarney and he is approaching Transport Minister Eamon Ryan, a Green, for further cuts for the regions.

The trick is to "deincintise" air travel, Diarmaid believes. Short-term, air travel may seem cheaper, but long-term there is an environmental cost.

But it still takes three hours by rail to get to Dublin, Kathleen O'Regan-Sheppard, director of Kerry Airport points out. And people in business and tourism and with health needs don't want to spend so much time coming and going.

The big question I have is how can three airports - Cork, Kerry, Shannon within more or less an hour of each other all survive? Unless Dublin shares out some of their phenomenal gains, I can't see it. The solution to me is a mix of fast rail in and out of Kerry, which can only be realised with new track, and airports with specific connections the way Shannon was

once the only "port" to the USA.

With high speed rail we could return to dividing airports per global region, so that all can survive and all of us can benefit.

Meanwhile, new statistics from Kerry Airport reveal numbers on the regional Kerry to Dublin route have hugely increased.

Some 71,211 have used the regional Kerry Dublin route, now run by Ryanair, to the end of October. This compares with the same period in 2019, pre-Covid, when 49,660 passengers travelled on what was then the subsidised PSO flight operated by Stobart Air.

Overall, Some 302,239 have used Kerry airport between January and October compared to 318,948 for the same period in 2019.

BUSKING LAWS - TELLING THE TUNES APART

The public is invited to comment on the long awaited Killarney busking laws which are to be implemented in March in time for the tourist season.

While the laws are an attempt to bring harmony and reduce street noise especially late at night, one wonders how they will in fact be policed.

Gardai as well as council enforcement officers will be able to monitor the performances and impose fixed charge notice fines of 75 euro for those in breach, it is proposed.

Offending performers ending up in the District Court can be fined up to 1,500 euro.

Offensive language and singing the same song over and over look set to be outlawed.

Under the new laws, "a Street Performer must not use lewd, offensive, or racist language or conduct (including song lyrics) as part of his/her act".

But while it is easy to pick out offensive language (almost any word spoken these days can be subject to offending someone, I am tempted to say), monotony is still difficult.

"A street performer who plays music and sings songs must have a sufficient repertoire to avoid constant repetition," according to the laws.

Who can prove if the song or tune is exactly the same as the one previously? I would have great difficulty in telling most traditional Irish tunes apart. I thought Pat Shortt captured the thing exactly in one of his shows where the same traditional tune was played over and over going around a roundabout only given a different name. I say good luck to the gardai and the council in trying to parse the Killarney street music.



New busking laws in Killarney will be implemented in March.

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UKRAINIANS INVITE EVERYONE TO THEIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

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Everyone is welcome to the free charity concert which will feature both Ukrainian and Irish music.

The concert will include traditional Ukrainian carols - Christmas songs that are performed during many winter holidays in Ukraine. In addition to solo songs, all guests will hear the performance of young violinists, the 5 Yershovy's sisters and the performance of Ksenia Rusnak, who masterfully plays the ancient Ukrainian instrument - the bandura.

Bandura is a relative of the medieval lute, known in Ukraine since the 12th century as kobza. Folk songs and Cossack poems are usually performed on the bandura. Residents of Killarney will have a unique opportunity to hear virtuoso playing on this instrument and be transported back to the 16th century. It was during this period that playing the bandura became very popular in Ukraine.

At the invitation of Ukrainians there will be surprise performances from some Irish musicians who will take part in the concert.

"It is very important for Ukrainians to share our Christmas traditions with the local community, and at the same time learn how Christmas is celebrated in Ireland; Natalia Krasnenkova, one of organizers told Killarney Outlook.

"Despite seemingly different cultures, we have many points in common. So, for example, the famous Christmas song Carol of the Bells, which is performed all over the world, was written by the Ukrainian composer Mykola Leontovych and is known in Ukraine as "Shchedryk", she added. With this concert, Ukrainians also want to thank the entire local community for their warm welcome and hospitality, they also want to collect funds for a shelter in the city of Khotyn in Ukraine. In this house, priests receive

women and children who lost their homes and suffered violence during the war. The house is in dire need of electricity to keep the little refugees and their mothers warm.

"Every year we with our children sing carol songs from home to home home, in the churches, spreading the good news about the birth of the Jesus. So I am happy that we have the opportunity to experience this holiday as it is at home. We saw the Christmas parade on the streets of Killarney, and our local friends will see the Christmas concert," one of the choir's soloists, Olga Pryriz-Lukavska said. Safe the date: St. Mary's Church on December 11 at 3pm for a charity Christmas concert.



*Let's celebrate
Ukrainian-Irish Christmas together!*

CHILDREN PREPARE GRATITUDE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hard at work, Ukrainian children in Killarney preparing Christmas Cards for the local community. Photos by Oleksandr Khomenko



Ukrainian children in Killarney are hard at work as they prepare Gratitude Christmas cards for the local community. Weekly master classes are held in various hotels where Ukrainians are currently staying. Here, little Ukrainians create their masterpieces, and their mothers sign them with their own hands.

To date, more than 40 children have joined the creative process. Each postcard is unique and still keeps the warmth from children's palms. More than 100 cards will soon be sent to many Killarney residents.

"With this gesture, we want to

welcome the local community of Killarney, and also express our own gratitude for the warm welcome, good attitude and help we receive," says Nataliya Krasnenkova, one of the organizers of the master classes. "The children happily joined in making Christmas cards. Children are very creative and put their whole soul into their work. We hope that everyone who receives postcards will appreciate our efforts," added Nataliya Eismont, co-organizer of the master classes.

The KASI organization helped to purchase all the necessary materials for making postcards.

A smile for the camera.... Photos by Oleksandr Khomenko



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History repeating itself...

A special evening of nostalgia and history was held at Muckross Rowing Club on Friday night last, 25th November.

The club welcomed the winning Muckross crew of the Killarney Regatta Senior Four Oar race of 1972, to mark the 50th year anniversary of their historic win. The reunion was made possible by the return visit of Donie Cronin, who resides in Australia and was visiting his native Kerry last week. Joining Donie were his crewmates of old, John Lyne, Pat Casey and Denis Horan. The crew was welcomed by Club Chairman, Sean Daly and John Beazley spoke of the historic race day in 1972. The club had not won a Mens race at the annual regatta in 11 years nor a Senior race in 20 years and the Four oar victory was a momentous occasion for the club. The photograph taken of the winning crew in 1972 was recreated, with the late coxswain Jack O'Shea represented by his niece and Club Vice President, Kathleen Murphy. The



Members, families and friends of Muckross Rowing Club pictured at A special evening of nostalgia and history at the club Killarney on Friday night. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

crew were once again pictured with the perpetual race trophy, which itself dates back to 1886 and is inscribed with the names of winning crews since. Along with family and friends, the reunion adjourned to the Lake Hotel and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Our thanks to the four men of the winning crew and their families for celebrating with us and to all involved in the organisation of the event.



The replicated photo.... front row, John Lyne, Kathleen Murphy (standing in for J O'Shea, Cox) Denis Horan, Back row, Donie Cronin and Pat Casey. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



The original photo

Santa to spend weekends in his cosy corner

It's the type of seasonal opportunity that every child dreams of – a chance to meet and greet Santa Claus himself and to let him know what, exactly, is on that festive wish list.

The man in the red suit is planning a few whistle-stop visits to Killarney in the lead-up to Christmas, just to ensure his naughty or nice list is up to date and to check that he hears, first-hand, what everybody is hoping to find under the tree on December 25.

Santa has made a special arrangement with Mrs Claus and all of the elves that he will spend every Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Killarney Outlet Centre in the build-up to the most magical time of the year and shoppers will be able to meet and chat with him and tell him all their news.

And, if they bring their own cameras or smartphones, they can get their own souvenir photographs with the most popular man in the whole world at this time of the year.

Santa will be in his cosy corner at Killarney Outlet Centre from 1pm to 5pm every Saturday and Sunday and there will be gifts galore throughout the stores for that different shopping experience.

Great value special offers will be up for grabs and Killarney Outlet Centre gift vouchers can be used in all of the stores, with 16 outlets to choose from.

"We were thrilled that Santa accepted our invitation to spend every

Saturday and Sunday afternoon with us between now and December 18 because we know just how busy he must be at this time of the year," said centre manager Paul Sherry.

"Luckily, he was very familiar with the Christmas in Killarney festival and just how magical the town is at this time of the year so he was only too delighted to travel down from the North Pole to meet all the boys and girls and their families and friends," he added.





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Past pupil of Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore Aidan O Mahony pictured with students at the stand with An Garda Síochána.

Students in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore took part in a number of activities to mark College Awareness Week which was held in schools and other education settings nationwide from November 21st to 27th. The focus for students throughout the week in Rathmore was to highlight the wide range of options open to them when they leave school and to realise that there are pathways to suit all types of learners. Students from first to sixth year took part in activities to get them thinking about their future plans. First and second year

students completed a module on 'My Pathways' and third year students had an introductory talk on options after school. Transition Year students worked on a display on all the options and pathways available after school which will remain up permanently. Senior Cycle Students attended the Careers Fair in Munster Technological University where they got a chance to meet universities, colleges of Further Education, agricultural colleges, apprenticeship and more education and training providers from around the country including past pupil Aidan O Mahony at the stand with An Garda Síochána. Leaving Cert and LCA students had a really informative talk in school on Further Education and Apprenticeships from Ella O Donoghue, Admissions Officer of Kerry College. The week finished with a talk for Senior Cycle Students on Business and Law options in UCC by Ian Wallace. "A highlight of the week was the involvement of past pupils, who sent us video clips on their career stories so far and shared tips with students", said Niamh Dwyer, Guidance Counsellor. "It was fabulous to see how well our former students have done and it was really important for our current students to see the diversity of pathways they have taken including apprenticeships, Further Education courses, university, travel, setting up businesses and returning to education as mature students." The video clips have been posted on the school social media platforms and with all of the school community. "We are really grateful to the past pupils who reconnected with us for this week, their input was inspiring and invaluable." said Niamh.

VICTORIOUS KERRY TEAM RECEIVE THEIR MEDALS AT GALA DINNER

Members of the victorious Kerry Senior Football Team celebrated their great achievement in winning this year's All-Ireland Senior Football Championship, at a Gala Dinner in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney last Friday night. On the night, the members of the successful team were presented with their All-Ireland Medals under the watchful eye

of M/C for the night is Daithí Ó Sé. Among those to be honoured on the night was Kerry GAA PRO Leona Twiss who retired from her position after five years. "The last five years were amazing, my family and I have memories to last a lifetime", Leona told Killarney Outlook. The new Kerry GAA Flag was also unveiled on the night.



Kerry's Joe O'Connor, Seanie O'Shea receiving All-Ireland SFC Winner's medals - Also pictured were Manager Jack O'Connor and Patrick O'Sullivan, County Chairman at a gala presentation ceremony in Killarney on Friday night holding up the new Kerry Flag. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.



Kerry's Joe O'Connor and Seanie O'Shea mark the stepping down of Kerry PRO Leona Twiss at a gala presentation ceremony in Killarney on Friday night. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Kerry's 2023 Captain David Clifford receiving his All-Ireland SFC Winner's medal from Munster GAA Chairman Ger Ryan at a gala presentation ceremony in Killarney on Friday night. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.

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And so this is Christmas and what have we done.....?

Niall Kelleher, President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Voluntary Chairperson, Christmas in Killarney Festival takes a look at the vast amount of work that goes into the smooth running of Christmas In Killarney

Well, quite an amount, as it happens, to ensure that Christmas in Killarney 2022 will be another truly magical, spectacular, fun-filled festive season carnival the likes of which has already elevated the town to the pedestal of being the premier Christmastime destination in the country.

Once again Chamber of Tourism and Commerce volunteers have been working tirelessly behind the scenes this year to ensure there is so much for people of every age to look forward to. Each Saturday night in the run-up to the big

day, the fabulous Christmas in Killarney Magic Parades will wind their way through the streets with colourful and imaginative floats, delightful Disney characters, music, carols, colour and, of course, Santa Claus himself who has officially confirmed that he will be in attendance at all of this year's parades.

The Magic Parades will take place at 6.00pm on December 3rd, 10th and 17th, with thousands of people expected to line the streets to enjoy the excitement and the magnificent festive street lighting and decorations.

The Dine in Killarney promotion was another huge success this year with so many top restaurants anxious to give something back to the customers that were so loyal to them throughout the year and we thank them for that.

The spectacular Tree of Light in the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral will, of course, once again form the magnificent focal point for the Christmas celebrations in the town with close on 3,000 bulbs twinkling to life on the 100ft Californian Redwood.

And, of course, all the children and the young at heart will get an opportunity to meet with Santa and his helpers at the Anam Cultural Centre right up to December 23.

The Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce fully recognises the enormous goodwill that exists and the huge work put in by the business community in the town and its surrounds in the lead-up to the most magical time of the year and we thank them for their great commitment and dedication to the festival.



Niall Kelleher President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and voluntary Chairperson of Christmas In Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle - macmonagle.com

We encourage the people of Killarney to shop local this Christmas and to roll out the seasonal red carpet to all visitors who will be arriving to get a first-hand experience of the best and most exciting Christmas town in Ireland.

It wouldn't be even a slight exaggeration to suggest that there is no place quite like Killarney at any time of the year but, in the month of December, the leading tourist town in the country is simply in a league of its own.

Happy Christmas to everybody and Chamber wishes all our members and friends a very successful 2023.

Christmas in Killarney is just wonderful

Christmas in Killarney, in association with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, will host a very exciting virtual Christmas treasure trail in Killarney this year and it will greatly enhance the fun of the season of goodwill.

Wanderful Christmas is a digital orienteering experience for families who are invited to follow the map and scan the special markers placed around the town and in the national park to meet hidden virtual Christmas characters.



Unlock all the characters to receive a sought-after Wanderful Certificate and the aim is to use technology to get children outdoors and more active.

This is Wanderful's second collaboration with the national parks. Earlier this year they launched Ciar's Quest in Ross Island, enticing almost 1,000 families to meet and learn about the hidden wildlife of the park. Wanderful are once again delighted to partner with the NPWS and Christmas in Killarney to encourage families to get active and enjoy Killarney town and the 26,000-acre national park during the festive season.

To download the app, view the map and for more information visit <https://wanderful.ie/christmas/>

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Liam Carberry, President of Brokers Ireland who delivered the opening address at the event said: "The role of Insurance and Financial Brokers is constantly evolving. In an era of digitalisation and automation there is a growing need for the professional services offered by brokers. Good service, good product knowledge, and a professional approach to customer care are the bedrock of successful client relationships and what distinguishes the broker."



Pictured at the event were (l-r) Steven Looney, Gallivan Murphy Insurance Brokers; David McKnight, Applied Systems and Kevin O'Callaghan of Gallivan Murphy.

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A fantastic read....

THE 20TH SLIABH LUACHRA JOURNAL LAUNCHED

The growth of facilities for visitors to Killarney, in the 19th century, is recalled in the latest issue (the 20th) of the Sliabh Luachra Journal which is written by journalist and historian Donal Hickey has just been launched.

An article features the experiences of the authors of two guide books who were among the early tourists who travelled from Cork to Killarney, via Millstreet and Rathmore.

In 1822, George Newenham Wright, an Anglican clergyman, told of finding two principal streets in Killarney, Old and New Streets, and three "tolerable" inns.

However, when William Balch, an American Christian minister and campaigner, came in 1850 tourism had developed further and Killarney had at least seven hotels, including the Royal Victoria (now the Castlerosse) and the Muckcross Hotel (now Muckcross Park Hotel). Balch was enraptured by the scenery of Killarney. "It seemed to me there could not be found a more beautiful place on earth. I certainly do not recollect the sight of one in all my travels," he wrote.

Two veterans of the showband era, Neilly O'Sullivan, of The Radiant, and Jim McAuliffe, of The Specialists, are interviewed for an article which recalls the halcyon days of the 1950's and '60's when ballrooms like the Gleneagle, in Killarney, attracted thousands of dancers, week after week.

The Radiant was based in Scartaglin and the Specialists, in Rathmore.

Neilly O'Sullivan, who has lived for many years in Killarney, drove his band's VW minibus to venues all over Munster. On the roof of the

minibus was an illuminated sign with the band's name.

"As the electric sign on the roof 'radiated' for miles, dancers could see us coming over the hills of Kerry and the excitement began," Neilly said.

Jim McAuliffe recounted how The Specialists played in many top ballrooms of the era, including the Television Club, Dublin, the Gleneagle, and the Brandon, in Tralee, where they once shared a stage with world heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Frazier.

"I enjoyed every minute of my time playing with The Specialists," he said.

However, signs of the demise of the showband era were apparent from the early 1970s as discos and more pop-orientated bands began to take over. "By 1975, changes in the entertainment scene were clear for all to see," Jim said.

As might be expected, traditional music features strongly in the journal, published by Cumann Luachra, with articles by well-known trad musicians Michelle O'Sullivan and Emma O'Leary.



Kathleen and Donal Hickey, Editor, pictured at the launch of the Sliabh Luachra 2022 Biennial Journal of History at the weekend. Photo: Don MacMonagle



The Specialists. From left: Jim McAuliffe, Pat McAuliffe, Seamus O'Sullivan, Dan Joe Casey, Tony Barrett, Con Casey, Raymond O'Sullivan

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The iconic stage will be used three times this year – a first for any Killarney rally.

The entire stage from start to finish will close to public traffic at 6:45 am. Any cars still in transit at that time will be escorted to the end of the stage.

Starting stage one on schedule is paramount to getting all three runs completed during the day.

Fans are advised to get into the stage well before the 6:45 am deadline. If traffic gets too busy on the approach to the stage from the Muckross House entrance or the Kenmare side exit, Gardai may decide to close the road early on safety grounds.

Once on the stage spectators are advised to park well off the road. Cars parked too close to the edge of the stage may be towed away.

"Think before you park is the message," said clerk of the course Anthony

O'Connor.

"Last year we came very close to losing the opening stage as there was too much

spectator traffic on the stage at the appointed road closed time – this cannot happen this year. We are appealing to spectators to work with us – don't be the one to cause the stage to be cancelled."

Additionally, there will be no parking allowed at the small car park at Derrycunihy Church, on either side of the road at Ladies' View and some laybys on the ascent to the summit.

"Often is the case that fans go in early, park in a dangerous place and walk away from the car to watch further into the stage, and we cannot find the driver, they may be in for a surprise when they see their car on the back of a tow truck," added the clerk of the course

Club officials will patrol the stage throughout Friday night and vehicles will be towed if deemed necessary.



STREET CLOSURES FOR RENTOKIL INITIAL KILLARNEY HISTORIC RALLY



There will be a number of street and car park closures in Killarney town centre on the weekend of December 2 and 3 to facilitate the Killarney Historic Rally.

As a result, the Lewis Road Car Park will be used for 'Parc Ferme' purposes and will be unavailable for parking from 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 1 until 11:00 am on Saturday.

Additionally, Main Street, Killarney from the Plaza Hotel to the junction of Main Street and New Street will be closed from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Friday, December 2 for the holding of the rally's

ceremonial start On Saturday (December 3), there will be road closures in the Moll's Gap, Beallaghbeama and the Shanera/Kilgobnet areas of Beaufort.

Traffic diversions will be in place for all closures Scrutiny for the event will take place at Killarney Fire Station all day Friday.

Please note that this event is not open to the public and gate security will turn back unauthorised persons.

Car parking is not allowed on any section of the Killarney By-pass and Gardai will be monitoring the area and issuing tickets.

JOHNNY HONoured FOR HIS SERVICE TO BADMINTON

Johnny Brosnan has retired from his position at Kerry Badminton and this week he was honoured for his service to the sport.

Johnny is a member of the Kingdom Castleisland badminton club and an honorary life member of the Kerry Badminton Association. He has been a member of the Kerry county badminton board since 1994 when he was elected as Vice President. He was elected President on 10/5/2007 and held that position for 15 years until he stepped away this year. Johnny was chairman of the committee that produced the fabulous 192 page book to celebrate 75 years of Kerry badminton in 2011. He was to the fore when he managed the Class 2 Kerry team to All Ireland victory in 2003, and in 2019 was awarded the chairman's special merit award. Johnny is also steeped in the GAA, making history in 2018 when he became the first member of the Currow GAA club to be elected to the highly prestigious position

of chairman of the East Kerry GAA board. He is highly renowned in his homeland of Currow and a keen follower of all sports. He serves as a founding member of many clubs back his own way including the Currow badminton team, Currow/Currans Community games and St. Bridget's Basketball Club

As said by our Chairperson, Tom Burke last year in his chairperson address at the AGM:

"A true gentleman, Johnny has always been honest and fair, and his experience, calming influence and rational outlook has been of massive benefit to our sport. We wish him and Catherine well." Eileen Roche of the Moyvane badminton club will take up the role as President.

All of us here at Kerry Badminton would like to wish Johnny and fond farewell and to wish him good luck in his next ventures as we know there will be no stopping him any time soon!



Kerry Badminton Chairperson, Tom Burke pictured with Johnny Brosnan



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KERRY'S JUNIOR CYCLE CANDIDATES DELIVER SUPERB EXAM RESULTS



By Billy Ryle

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

After an interminable five-month delay, Junior Cycle exam results were finally issued by the State Examinations Commission (SEC) on Wednesday, 23rd November to 67,130 candidates nationwide, including 1,955 (964 female/991 male) from Kerry. Results were available in schools from early morning and candidates also had access to their results online from 4pm

on the 23rd, November. Junior Cycle exam results in Kerry were superb and well up to the high standard of previous years.

DESCRIPTORS

Six new grade descriptors - Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved, Partially Achieved, Not Graded - are now used in the reformed Junior Cycle programme, replacing the old A, B, C, D, E, F and NG grades. The Junior Cycle exams were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 and replaced with a system of school assessments. In 2020 and 2021, Junior Cycle exams were held in November for a very small cohort of early school-leavers and adult learners. In the 2022 exam all subjects were examined under the new Junior Cycle grade descriptors. English, Irish and Mathematics were examined at both higher and ordinary levels while all other subjects were examined at common level. 2022 also saw Irish examined at two strands with T1 aimed at native speakers and T2 aimed at non-native speakers.

COMMENT

While the Junior Cycle exam results were exceptionally late this year, the SEC must be commended for providing a Junior Cycle exam for the first time since 2019. The SEC had very significant examiner shortages which delayed marking at both Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle. The SEC also provided a deferred sitting of the Leaving Cert exam in July for students unable to sit exams in June due to serious accident, injury or illness, close family bereavement or Covid-19.

NUMBERS

Consequently, the Leaving Cert results were

published much later than normal, on 2nd September, and the Leaving Cert subject appeal results came out five weeks later on Friday, 7th October, in time for the CAO offers. The number of candidates who sat for the Junior Cycle exam this year was also about 3,080 or 4.4% up on the 2019 figure, when the exams were last held for all candidates.

CREDIT

Credit where credit is due to Minister for Education, Norma Foley and the SEC for running the State exams in a fair and efficient manner despite very difficult circumstances. The quality and integrity of the exams was as good as ever and hopefully, the 2023 state exam results will be published much earlier for the convenience of Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle students.

CERTIFICATION

The reporting process at Junior Cycle culminates in the award of the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) to students. The JCPA replaces the Junior Cert and consequently the SEC no longer issues these certificates. The JCPA confirms the level of achievement across all areas of learning including Classroom-Based Assessments (CBA), Short Courses, Priority Learning Units and other areas of learning, as well as the SEC exam results.

IMPORTANT

The Junior Cycle exam is often overshadowed by the more public Leaving Cert exam but it's a very important exam in its own right. It's a prestigious exam of the SEC and it's the first opportunity for second level students to engage with a public exam of this nature. With very few students now leaving school after this exam, the Junior Cycle is a passport to Senior Cycle education, which is a further two years - three years if the optional Transition Year is included. During the final two years of Senior Cycle, students take the traditional Leaving Certificate (LC), the Leaving Certificate Vocational Program (LCVP) or the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA).

FINALISE

Normally, after the publication of Junior Cycle results, schools give Fifth Year students a few days to firm up their subject grouping for Senior Cycle. Unfortunately, the passage of time has overtaken that option this year as the first term is almost at an end. Hopefully, students have settled into Fifth Year and are happy with the Leaving Cert subjects they selected back in September. They should now start to think about their college course options and the related careers. This time next year, it will be their turn to apply for college. Congratulations to all candidates, who received Junior Cycle exam results.

CHECKLIST

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- Junior Cycle exam results in Kerry were superb
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- The Junior Cycle exams were cancelled in 2020 and 2021
- English, Irish and Mathematics were examined at both higher and ordinary levels
- All other subjects were examined at common level
- Junior Cycle students are awarded the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)
- Junior Cycle is a passport to Senior Cycle education- LC, LCVP or LCA
- Congratulations to all candidates, who received Junior Cycle exam results.

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Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore past pupil Shane Ryan pictured with principal, Denis Kerins with the staff and students in the background when Sam paid a visit to the school this week.



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MARY DRIVES OFF IN STYLE WITH A 1982 TOYOTA STARLET

Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club hosted the raffle for their Toyota Starlet raffle on Thursday November 24th at Kelliher's Toyota Tralee and the lucky winner was Mary Terry.

The 40 year old car which was lovingly restored by the members of Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, have sold tickets over the past six months to support four local charities which included Irish kidney Association Kerry Branch, Killarney Valley Athletic Club, Recovery Haven and Cuan Mhuire.

On the evening we were entertained thanks to Killarney School Of Music and refreshments from Kathleen, Mags and Sylvia of Ross Cafe Killarney. "Huge thanks go to Brendan Fuller as our master of ceremony and we were also honoured to have Paralympian Jordan Lee help us draw out

the winning tickets on the night", Tom Leslie told Killarney Outlook. "A huge thank you again to our many sponsors and supporters who made the restoration possible", he added.

The lucky winners on the night were,

1st prize - 1982 Toyota Starlet: Mary Terry

2nd prize - €1,000 cash: Lauren McGilloway

3rd prize - €500 voucher O Callaghan Coaches: Ken Manley

4th prize - €250 voucher Castleisland Tyre Centre: Brendan O Reilly

5th prize - €150 voucher Garret's Restaurant Killarney: Mary O Shea

6th prize - 30 bags of turf: Tommy Drumm



Members of Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club pictured at the raffle for their Toyota Starlet on Thursday November 24th at Kelliher's Toyota Tralee

DATE ANNOUNCED FOR NINTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The ninth annual Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul, in association with Garvey's Super Valu will take place on Friday, December 16th 2022. Over the past eight years the generosity of individuals, school communities and businesses across the county has led to almost €150,000 being raised, every cent of which goes to assist the work of St Vincent de Paul in Kerry.

The 2022 event will once again be kindly supported by Garvey's Super Valu, Tralee, Listowel, Castleisland and Dingle where collection points will be available in each store for anyone wishing to donate with by cash or by scanning the QR code on the box or poster to donate directly securely via Payzone.

Christmas Jumper Day is designed to encourage and enable everyone of all ages to take part in their own local environment simply by wearing a Christmas Jumper and making a donation. Then all you need to do is share a photo or video via social media, email, text and WhatsApp and make a donation to St Vincent De Paul. Private individuals, families, school and university students, teachers, lecturers and administration teams, colleagues in small, medium and large enterprises – whether working from the office or home can all participate.



Register to let us know you are taking part in Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day 2022

Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day 2021 raised almost €25,000. We are so grateful to everyone who participated and donated. Once again we appeal to you to get involved on December 16th and help us to help fellow Kerry people who are facing a very difficult Christmas.

Donations may be made directly to the St Vincent de Paul Kerry bank account, their shops around the county or to Radio Kerry. Online donations can be made via Radio Kerry Jumper Day on line www.radiokerry.ie/jumperday and a dedicated phone line for donations (066) 712 8021 (Extension 1) with 100% of the money going to St Vincent de Paul Kerry.

The money raised via Christmas Jumper Day is used to fund a number of St Vincent de Paul projects right across Kerry including Christmas food hampers, Santa gifts for children who are homeless and in direct provision, Christmas Day Meals on Wheels and the Kerry Education Fund.

St Vincent de Paul operate a donation centre in Tralee and eight stores across their Conference areas in Tralee, Castleisland, Listowel, Killorglin, Killarney, Dingle, Kenmare and Abbeyfeale and can be contacted on (066) 712 8021.



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Santa Claus arrives in Killarney for the annual Christmas in Killarney switching on of the Christmas lights and Christmas magic parade on Saturday night.



Grace O'Hare with her Dad Conor, has the best position in the town to watch Santa Claus arriving to Killarney



Santa's on his way....The magic begins for the Patterson Family, Alex, Irene, Catherine and Robert, in Killarney for the annual Christmas in the town with the switching on of the Christmas lights and Christmas magic parade on Saturday night.



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You better watch out Santa Claus is arriving in Killarney for the annual Christmas in Killarney switching on of the Christmas lights and Christmas magic parade on Saturday night.



Santa's on his way.... Parade safety steward, Marie Brosnan-Leahy getting into the atmosphere in Killarney





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STUDENTS ENJOY UK CAPITAL TRIP

Following an action packed four day trip to the UK Capital, 87 Leaving Certificate students from St. Brigid's returned home Saturday night from London.

The girls took a tour of London on their first day in the city after landing. They visited some of the famous locations on the journey, such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and Trafalgar Square. They enjoyed a night at the Lyceum Theatre in the West End watching The Lion King.

The girls went to The Natural History Museum on Day 2, which has one of the world's greatest collections of historical artifacts. They took their time looking around the massive cathedral-like structure's sculptures and frescoes. Four coloured zones that focus on topics including the environment, evolution, the planet, and wildlife make up the museum's divisions. They then took pleasure in a trip to the fascinating Science Museum. It was the ideal location for someone with an inquisitive mind, full of amazing things to do and explore. The Victoria and Albert Museum was the next

stop on the itinerary. The V&A's collection of art spans 5,000 years, from prehistoric periods to the modern era. The Mouse Trap, an Agatha Christie play, was the entertainment for this evening at the St. Martin's Lane Theatre. The play's 70th anniversary was this week.

On day three, the girls boarded a capsule for a 30-minute spin of the London Eye and marvelled at the breath-taking sights of London. After that, they went to the Royal Observatory Greenwich's Planetarium and Astronomy Center, where they experienced an amazing adventure through space. They went to the Prime Meridian in Greenwich, planting one foot on the eastern and the other on the western hemisphere of our planet. The girls ended their evening at what was a highlight for many at Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park.

On the final day before flying home, the girls went to Oxford Street to do a spot of shopping. "A great trip was had by all where many memories were made" said Sheree Murphy one of the teachers who travelled with them on the trip.



The group in front of Big Ben and West Minister



Rebecca Flynn & Carlise Caffrey in the Natural History Museum on the St. Brigid's school trip to London.



Melissa Ahern, Alicia Cummins, Abigail O'Sullivan & Andrea Rennie with one foot on the eastern hemisphere and the other on the western hemisphere of the earth at the Prime Meridian Line in Greenwich.

LADIES HEALTH NIGHT – A great Success

The HeartBeat Special Ladies Health Night turned out to be a winner, with the largest attendance ever in place the B.P. Clinic beforehand kept the two nurses busy.

Obstetrician & Gynaecologist Dr Mary McCaffrey was at her brilliant best and covered all health sources of concern clearly and effectively. There was a question and answer spot and then Mary and the two nurses Anna & Triona had one-to-one chats with people afterwards. "It was a night where people who had worries or concerns about personal health issues got help and clarity and support," said HeartBeat treasurer Lucy Clifford. "We were delighted with the numbers that came along, especially those who travelled from as far as a county

Limerick to be with us", Billy DF O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook.



SLIMMING WORLD GROUP RAISES MONEY at the Big Pink Breakfast

Losing weight and living well, members of Slimming World in Killarney and Killorglin held an Irish Cancer Society Big Pink Breakfast recently and have raised almost €1,300 for the society.

"My members and I decided to have this a fundraising event in our Slimming World groups and not only was it a really enjoyable experience, we managed to raise funds for such a fantastic charity", Group Leader Hayley Carter, Slimming World Consultant told Killarney Outlook.

"Our group not only promoted the charity but is also showing that we help those in the community to lose weight and live well", she added.

"We also want to give a huge thank you to all the local businesses who supported us with raffle prizes", Hayley added.



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The big draw will take place on December 23rd and the winners will be informed by email with the prizes will be awarded in January.

PINK NIGHT

The Kilcummin charity fundraiser returns again since pre-covid on January 6th at The Klub in Kilcummin. Please put it in your diary and support the ladies of the club in their worthy cause. Raffles games and music are part of a great occasion on "Ladies Christmas" Proceeds go to "Comfort for Chemo"

SANTA IS COMING TO SPA

Spa GAA Club are thrilled to be welcoming Mr & Mrs Santa Claus back to Spa GAA again this year. After hearing how wonderful all the children at Spa were this year they couldn't resist the invitation to visit us again. For your chance to meet Mr & Mrs Claus please join us in the clubhouse at Spa on Sunday 4th December between 4- 6.30pm. Photos will be taken by Anne Holland at a charge of €5 per photo. We would like to say a massive thank you to all our club volunteers who give their time to organizing and running these events at the club, without their support and continuous commitment none of these events are possible.

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2nd Prize €250: Maureen Collier, Ballydribbeen

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Winners of €75 each are as follows;

Seanie O'Leary, O'Kelly's Villas. Cillian & Lorcan Rogers Davidson, Ross Rd. Andy O'Sullivan, Ballaugh Cross. Noreen & John Doolan, Gortagullane. Sean Kiely, Upper Lewis Road. Tony Trant, Laverna, Park Road. Paul O'Sullivan, Minish. Bríd Fitzpatrick, Incheile, Mill Road

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office

This week's prize money is sponsored by: Castlerosse Hotel, CRL Oil, O'Callaghan Coaches, Ashville Guesthouse, The International Hotel

FOR THE BIRDS...With Sam Bayley



Sam Bayley National Park and Wildlife Conservation Ranger in Killarney National Park, will be providing information and regular video features on his work as a Conservation Ranger. One of the main role of the Ranger is the monitor the wildlife within the Killarney National Park. Sam's particular focus is birds. Some of this is through observation and other methods such as bird ringing, which requires lots of training and licencing in the use of nets to catch the birds and ensuring their welfare. Speaking about his work "Bird Ringing helps us to study

particular individuals within the population, so we can learn about their movements, habitats and how long they live for. A series of measurements such as wing length, weight, ageing and sexing are key factors for us to record."

Also included in the photos is Orla Van Der Noll, from Tralee, an Ecologist with passion for ornithology and chiropterology and the conservation of our biodiversity. www.facebook.com/killarneynationalpark for updates.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/FREE PICS on behalf of NPWS



COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS SUPPORT THE TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

The Christmas season begins in Castleisland Community College with the Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. The Shoe Box Appeal celebrates the spirit of Christmas with the students donating shoe boxes to children in need. It is a reminder to all of us to help those less fortunate as the children who receive these shoe boxes receive no other present for Christmas. Doreen Killington, a teacher in the school, co-ordinates the project in the school every

year. Having worked for Irish Aid in Central America and Africa she states 'It is a project I love to do every year as I have witnessed and lived in the communities where the shoe boxes go. The shoe box appeal is a wonderful means of relaying to students that they have the power to make a difference and bring tremendous joy to another child. There was a fantastic response from students with 141 boxes received along with cash donations as well! Santa is on his way!



Pictured from left Bridget Herlihy (Team Hope), Christopher Devane, Keava Aherne, Mikaela Buckley, Ella Killington, Kalem Egan, Caitriona Murphy, Natasha Knightly, Shauna Mc Carthy, Tara Kerin, Mollie Mahony, Michael Brosnan, Cathal White, Seán Mc Carthy and Doreen Killington (Teacher).



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The week in pictures



Paddy and Mary O'Donoghue Shronaboy Glenflesk celebrating their Golden anniversary with their family last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy



Congratulations to Peggy O'Shea-Watson who was surprised by family and friends for her 70th Birthday at the Arbutus Hotel at the weekend,



Mary O'Doherty, pictured with her daughter Mardia on the occasion of Mary's graduation in Ard-Diplóma sa Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach at National University of Galway on Wednesday 23rd November.



The Finer Detail... Conservator Sven Habermann, cleaning the historical Meissen Porcelain Vase, in the research and archival rooms in Muckross House Killarney. It has been a mammoth and delicate task cleaning this iconic German Meissen porcelain from the most famous porcelain manufacturer known throughout the world, which will again have pride of place in the great hall of Muckross House, Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Sam Maguire takes pride of place and centre stage in Killarney for the annual Christmas in the town with the switching on of the Christmas lights and Christmas magic parade on Saturday night. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Laura Fleming, Emma Fleming, Dearbhla Brosnan and Emma Kelly with a statue of Charles Darwin in the Natural History Museum



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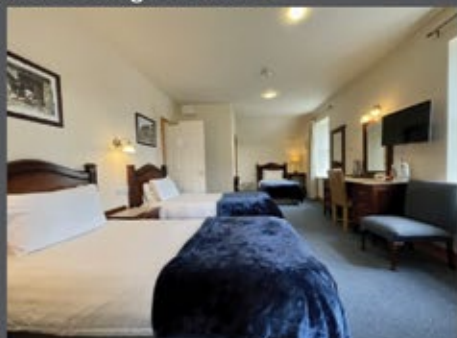
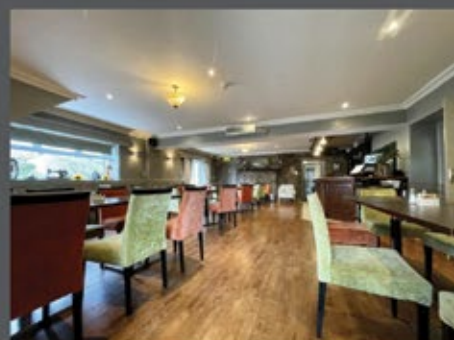
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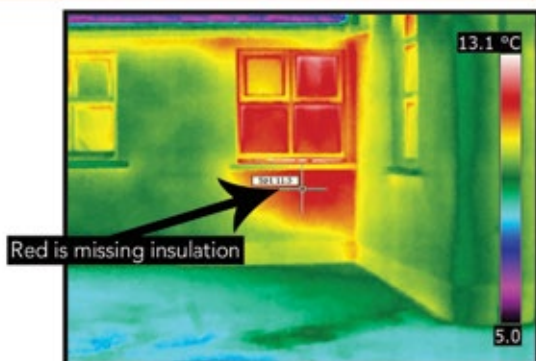
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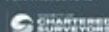


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KILLARNEY RFC NEWS**WINTER SOCIAL**

Killarney Rugby winter Social returns after being cancelled because of Covid! Our Winter Social takes place on Saturday the 10th of December at the Killarney Avenue hotel, starting at 6:30pm. Dress code is formal and all are very welcome, partners included. Tickets cost €45 per head which includes a 3 Course meal with 2 glasses of Wine, and finish the night on the dance floor. This will be a truly enjoyable night and should not be missed. Tickets can be booked via the Clubzap app.

MINIS

This Saturday our Minis host our friends from Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne at Aghadoe and the action kicks off at 10am. Can all parents please bring some goodies for the blitz if possible. This promises to be a great morning of rugby so be sure to get along to Aghadoe to support our next generation.

RESULTS

U18 Girls: Tralee 14 - 34 Killarney
U16 Girls: Killarney 10 - 30 Listowel
U14 Girls: Tralee 25 - 35
U14 Boys: Killarney 26 - 14 Tralee
Senior: Castleisland 6 - 3 Killarney

FIXTURES

U16 Girls: Skinbreen v Killarney, Sat @ 12
Seniors: Killarney V Bantry, Aghadoe, Sun @ 2:20pm

U14 GIRLS

Tralee v Killarney - Match report by Fiona Landers

Congratulations to our Killarney U14 Girls team who put in a terrific performance beating a spirited Tralee team on Sunday morning in O'Dowd Park. Despite missing a number of players the 13 Killarney girls won beating Tralee 35 - 25.

Killarney started quickly with Emma Looney scoring the first try. Every girl was committed in their tackling and passing, scrums and rucking and all their hard work was rewarded with Ellen O'Leary, scrum half Lily Mae Donnelly, Nessa O'Donoghue, Ciara Eager and captain Orla Murphy scoring tries. Well done to Holly Burke who even with a strong wind still managed to kick some lovely conversions. At the end of the game the coaches were faced with a tough decision for player of the match but in the end it went to both Captain Orla Murphy and scrum half Lily Mae Donnelly.

Many thanks to Tralee RFC for their hospitality and to the supporters, coaches and management and both teams for giving an entertaining game.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB**LOTTO:**

No winner of our lotto draw 25/11/2022, numbers drawn were 9, 21, 25 & 26. Sellers prize winner Mike O' Donoghue Shop, €50 y/t prize winner J.P. Lucey Mastergeeha, €50 to Aiden & Ryan O' Connor Knockanes, €40 each to Edel Keating Lisrobin, Tess Crowley c/o Centra Rathmore & Patricia Cronin Kilcummin. Bonus not won numbers drawn were 1, 9, 13 & 29. Next weeks jackpot €9,300 plus €1,000 bonus.

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Killarney Rugby Club U14 Girls team who put in a terrific performance beating a spirited Tralee team on Sunday morning in O'Dowd Park

Hamper of 2022. Make sure you have your ticket to be in with a chance to win.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The 123.ie National Athletics awards were held in Dublin last Wednesday. Killarney Valley AC were honoured to have been selected as The Development Club of the year. Also our sprinter, Sarah Leahy was a nominee for Irish University Athlete of the year. Well done to all our athletes, coaches and committee.

Congrats and well done to Jason O'Reilly and his team mates on the Irish Team in taking the team bronze medal in the SSAA International Pentathlon held in Glasgow last weekend.

Finally, the 1982 Toyota Starlet Raffle took place last Thursday 24th November in Kelliher's, Tralee. Congratulations to Mary Terry from Fossa who was the winner of the car. All the prize winners are on our Facebook page. We would like to thank everyone sincerely for buying tickets for the raffle and helping us sell tickets during the last few months.

Please email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com for any queries.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB**REUNION**

It was a special evening of nostalgia and history at the club's boathouse on Friday night last, 25th November. We were delighted to welcome the winning Muckross crew of the Killarney Regatta Senior Four Oar race of 1972, to mark the 50th year anniversary of their historic win. The reunion was made possible by the return visit of Donie Cronin, who resides in Australia and was visiting his native Kerry last week. Joining Donie were his crewmates of old, John Lyne, Pat Casey and Denis Horan. The crew was welcomed by Club Chairman, Sean Daly and John Beazley spoke of the historic race day in 1972. The club had not won a Senior race at the annual regatta in 11 years and the Four oar victory was a momentous occasion for the club. The photograph taken of the winning crew in 1972 was recreated, with the late coxswain Jack O'Shea represented by his niece and Club Vice President, Kathleen Murphy. The crew were once again pictured with the perpetual race trophy, which itself dates back to 1886 and is inscribed with the names of winning crews since. Along with family and friends,

the reunion adjourned to the Lake Hotel and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Our thanks to the four men of the winning crew and their families for celebrating with us and to all involved in the organisation of the event.

MUCKROSS HOR

After a four year hiatus due to weather related cancellation and the pandemic, the forecast may just be in our favour this year for the return of our own time trial event, the Muckross Head Of the River scheduled for this Saturday, 3rd December at the National Rowing Centre in Cork. The club will play host to over 500 crews from 21 rowing clubs and we are eagerly looking forward to a great day of rowing.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BC**JUVENILE NEWS****KERRY AIRPORT LEAGUES****U16 Boys****Killarney Cougars 58 Rathmore Ravens 31**

The Cougars welcomed the Ravens to the Sem Gym on Thursday Evening last and the Cougars took the points after finally overcoming the Rathmore challenge with a big final quarter. The home side led by 5 points at the end of the quarter and by 7pts at halftime 25-18, Cougars Andí Cathasaigh and Dylan Bowler impressing for the Cougars. Cian Fitzgerald Rathmore's best performers were in fine form with some excellent baskets.

Cougars increased their advantage by the end of the third to lead 40-25 with Bowler and Mark Kennelly despite Paul Togher working hard for the visitors against the big Cougars defenders under the boards. The Cougars dominated the last quarter with a great spread of scores with Evan Cox impressing with two big three pointers to leave no way back for Rathmore as Cougars finished strongly.

Best for Cougars were Andí Cathasaigh, AC Pádrillian and Mark Kennelly. Rathmore's best performers were Alex Thomson, Cian Fitzgerald and Paul Togher.

U18 Boys**St Bridget's Currow 54 Killarney Cougars 55**

An exciting finish saw the Cougars scoring two free throws in the closing seconds to take the lead but the Currow failed to convert two free throws in the final second to secure the points or any opportunity to take the game to overtime as Cougars survived. The home side led through the first half in quarter 1 14-7 and at



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halftime 27-23 against an improving Cougars. Cathal Sheehan was impressive for the Currow side with Cougars Nathan Cox ensuring the visitors stayed in touch on the scoreboard. The third quarter saw Cougars take the lead with Jack O'Driscoll and Finn Kennelly adding good baskets to leave Cougars ahead at the end of the third quarter 39-33.

The final quarter was end to end basketball with both teams quickly into foul trouble and the lead changing through out, it looked set for a home win as the Currow boys lead by four points in the final minute with Luke Twomey and Mark O'Connor baskets, the Cougars had to press up and they reduced the arrears with quick baskets before Nathan Cox scoring two of four free throws in the final minute gave Cougars the lead with Currow missing their opportunity from the line in the last second in a thrilling finish with neither side deserving to lose this exciting contest it was Cougars that held out for the win.

U12 Boys

St Mary's Castleisland 12 Killarney Cougars 24

The Cougars travelled to the Castleisland Community Center early on Sunday morning and a strong second quarter by the Cougars set them on the way to victory.

A competitive first quarter had Cougars ahead by a point with Ryan Lynch and David Kennelly on target, with Donncha Roberts impressing with baskets for the Castleisland boys.

A dominant Cougars increased the lead in the second quarter with baskets by Joshua Birdthistle, Sean Doyle and Noah Crawley leaving the visitors ahead by 7 at half-time.

Cougars Rory Moynihan added a great basket early in the third quarter as Cougars increased their lead to 13 points by the end of the third quarter.

St Mary's had a strong final quarter with good baskets by Liam Reidy, Emmet OGrady and Ruairi O'Connor reducing the lead with time running out as Cougars held on for a deserved win. Cougars David Kennelly 6pts, Joshua Birdthistle 5pts, Sean Doyle 4pts and Ryan Lynch all impressed.

U12 Girls

Killarney Cougars 33 St Anne's 10

Cougars made home advantage count with a strong first quarter against visitors St Annes Farranfore leading by 8pts with Ava Harty in top form with some great baskets they continued to dominate through the second quarter to lead with a fourteen point advantage at half-time with Elise Brunner impressing.

Farrenfore produced a strong second half with Isabelle O'Connor, Lily O'Connell, Anna Fitzgerald and Grace Barry all working hard, but Cougars maintained their advantage to secure



Pictured at the 23.ie National Athletics awards were held in Dublin last Wednesday where Killarney Valley AC were honoured to have been selected as The Development Club of the year are from left: Tomas Griffin, Jean Courtney, Jordan Lee, Madie Wilson-Walker, Con Lynch, Brid Stack, Jeremiah Griffin, Karen Smith.

the points.

Best for Cougars Jessica Leane, Emma O'Connor 7pts, Elise Brunner 8pts, Ava Harty 12pts.

U18 Girls

Killarney Cougars 45 Rathmore Ravens 37

The Cougars played a very competitive game with the Ravens at the Sem Gym and were made to work hard to the finish with a very determined performance by the visitors keeping Cougars under pressure throughout. Best for Cougars on this occasion were Mia Griffin, Olivia Gaffey and Alison Butler.

Academy

Our U10 Girls played At Anne's on Saturday morning at the Pres Gym, a good turnout of players were well supported and enjoyed a good high scoring game.

Our Academy training continues on Friday evenings at the Parish Hall. Doors Open from 4.30pm. Schedule: 4.45 pm U8 Girls & Boys, 5.30pm U10 Girls, 6.30pm U10 Boys

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Waterford Vikings 87 Killarney Cougars 65

The Cougars travelled to Waterford on Saturday evening for the second meeting of the season and the Vikings completed the double over the Cougars with a deserved victory leading throughout with Cougars slow to settle into the game. Vikings made the better start leading the first quarter 25-12 with Gytis opening the scoring with a good three to warm up the good home support. Further three pointers by

Vikings Jay and Dale Kavanagh ensured a good lead with Andrew Fitzgerald good start to the game with 8pts for Cougars. The Cougars were much improved in the second quarter with Darren Townes getting better possession as he scored 6pts and Mark O'Shea adding 7pts and a big three to finish the quarter 45-33 with Vikings maintaining their first quarter lead.

The third quarter saw Cougars continue their good run of scores to reduce the arrears to four points 54-50 thanks to a good spread of scores by Esebjo Strijdhafitg, 6pts, Darren Townes 5pts, Tommy Bowler 5pts the visitors looked to well in contention, but the Vikings regrouped with Gytis hitting 8pts late in the quarter including two big three pointers to lift the home side into a big finish to the quarter to lead 68-53. The final quarter belonged to the Vikings as they finished the stronger as both sides emptied the bench late on with good scores by Peadar Cronin and Nathan Cox consolation scores as the Vikings continued to dominate to ensure no further Cougars comeback on this occasion. Next up for the Cougars is a home game with high flying League Leaders the Eagles with star performers Jason Killeen and Many Peyton leading the way for the Limerick side, the game will be at the Pres Gym on Saturday evening.

Top scorers

Killarney Cougars: Andrew Fitzgerald 15, Darren Townes 14, Mark O'Shea 13.

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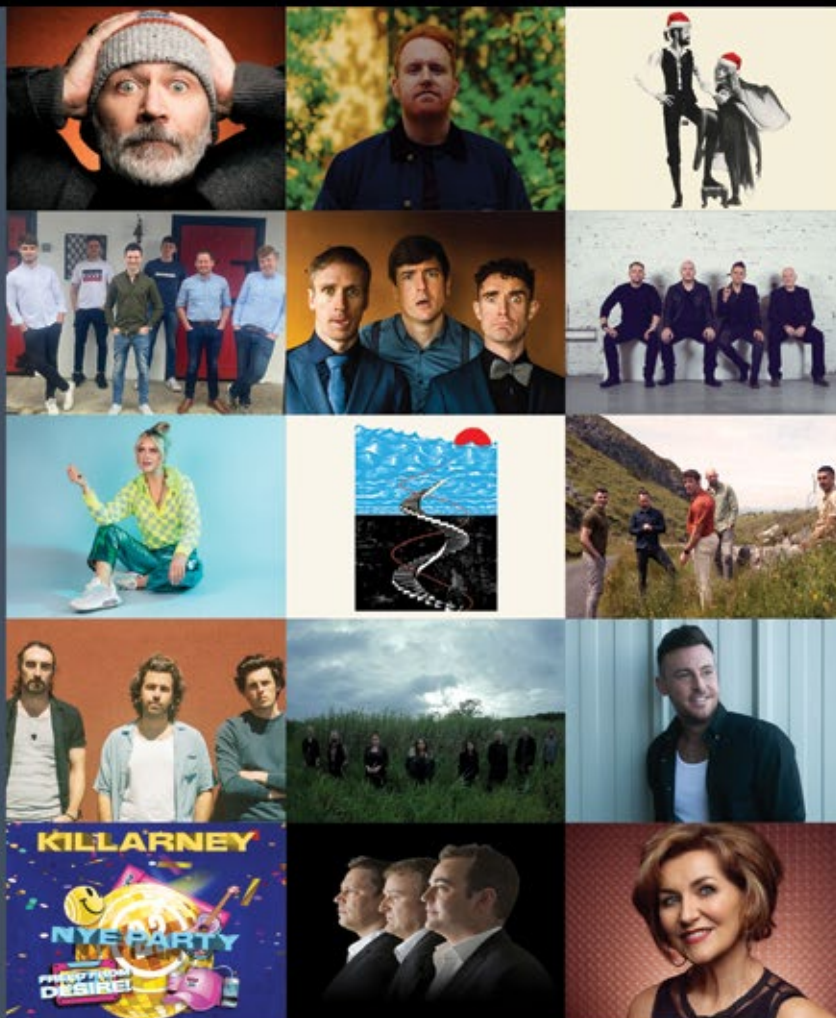
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WEAR PRESCRIBED GLASSES
Many eye and vision problems develop or increase as we get older. Contrary to the myth, wearing will not make your eyesight worse – they help your eyes work more efficiently.

TAKE REGULAR BREAKS
When you work on something close up, such as a computer, tablet or smartphone, your eye muscles are active. This may cause tiredness and headaches, even in those with normal sight. Follow the 20/20/20 rule – every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away, for 20 seconds.

WEAR SUNGLASSES
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Mernie Lenihan, Jack Lenihan & John Lenihan pictured at Trinity College, Dublin where Jack graduated as Professional Master of Education (Primary) on Saturday 26th November 2022.

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NEW GEAR FOR KILCUMMIN LADIES

Kilcummin Ladies Football were delighted to receive sponsored tops for all its officers and coaches from sponsors Kieran Counihan Concrete Supplies; John Paul Lyne Gas Supplies; and Marie and John Devane. Connie Counihan John Paul Lyne and Marie Devane are pictured presenting the jerseys to u12 mentor Geraldine Pigott and club officers Colm Brosnan and Ger Healy.

Pictured are from left: Connie Counihan, Geraldine Pigott (U12 Coach), Ger Healy (Chair), Marie Devane, Jamie Lyne, John Paul Lyne and Colm Brosnan (Chair)



KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>KILCUMMIN GAA

Looking for Kilcummin merchandise for Christmas? – all sizes available for juveniles. Contact Marie Lehan (087 9181973). Thank you for your continued support.

>KILCUMMIN ICA

Craft Classes continue every Wednesday night @ 8pm in the Rural Development Office. New members always welcome.

>O SHEAS OF KERRY

There will be a coach to Knock shrine on Wednesday 7th December for a night vigil to celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. For more information contact O'Shea's @ 066-7180123.

>PINK NIGHT

This charity fundraiser returns again since pre-covid on January 6th. Please put it in your diary and support the ladies of the club in their

worthy cause. Raffles games and music are part of a great occasion on "Ladies Christmas" Proceeds go to "Comfort for Chemo"

>KILCUMMIN CLUB AGM (Incorporating Juvenile club) will take place this Friday at 8pm in Clubhouse. Everyone welcome.

>COUNTY BOARD ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Paudie Healy who was elected to Assistant Treasurer of Kerry County Board. Commiserations to Tim Ryan who despite a great campaign just came up short in the Munster Delegate contest.

>MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 25th November 2022 of the Jackpot for €6,000. Numbers drawn were 9,15,21,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Neilus McCarthy, Kilbrean, Aisling Moynihan, Corner Bar, Paul Cahill, Knocklebede, Brian & Micheal Kelly, Gullane. Next Draw is Friday 2nd December 2022, for a Jackpot of €6,200.

GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

>CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences to the Moynihan family Shronedraugh on the death of Nuala. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Condolences also to Johnny Roche and the Roche family Lisbaby on the death of Johnny's sister Lynda, may she rest in peace.

>LOTTO

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 28/11/2022 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €10,100. The numbers drawn were 10, 19, 25, 27. There was no winner. Consolation prizes of €50. 1. Cliona Moynihan, Headford. 2. O' Donoghue's Shop, (Sellers' Prize) 3. Katie Crowley, Knockanes. 4. Eileen Dennehy, Lisbaby. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 12/12/2022, Jackpot will be €10,200, Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers. Lotto tickets including annual tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs, in O'Briens and O'Donoghues shops, in Frankies or online at: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Ancho

>ALL IRELAND MEDAL PRESENTATION

Congratulations to Darragh Roche who was presented with his All Ireland senior medal last Friday night. Well done Darragh.

>O DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

Gneeveguilla 1 – 13 Glenflesk 1 – 09

Glenflesk failed to build on a strong start to the second half, eventually losing out to Gneeveguilla, in this O Donoghue Cup Quarter final.

Glenflesk opened the scoring when Mark Kelliher took a quick 45 to Killian O Sullivan, who fired over from wide on the right. Jack Cremin and Pdraig O Connor, replied for the hosts with well worked points, before Glenflesk were awarded a penalty, after Ian Roche strong run forward was impeded. Darragh Roche clinically finished the penalty to the net. Pa Warren responded with a great point for Gneeveguilla, and when Darragh Roche and Sean O Keffe swapped frees, Glenflesk went in at half time a point ahead, with all to play for in the second half. It was the visitors who started the second half stronger, with Chris O

Donoghue and John Kelliher coming forward to kick fine scores. Connie O Connor answered back for Gneeveguilla, with the first of two great points he would kick. The second penalty of the day then arrived, and as with the earlier penalty, O Keffe's low finish found the net, bringing the sides level. O Connor and Damien O Sullivan points pushed them two clear, before Darragh Roche pointed a crucial free for Glenflesk. Gneeveguilla were on top all over the field by now though, and two more O Keffe points from frees, plus a classy score from play with his left foot, secured the victory for his side. Report by Michael Healy.

>GLENFLESK CCE

Massive congratulations to our members who competed in the group competitions yesterday to great acclaim!

Nóirín Healy & Colleen Angland took home 1st place in the under 14 duets Olivia & Seán Angland were awarded 1st place in the under 11 duets!

Nóirín, Olivia, Seán & Colleen came together to take 1st place in the quartets. Take a bow Olivia Angland who had great success at Ceol an Gheimhridh yesterday, being awarded second place in both under 11 singing and strings. Massive well done to Nóirín Healy who was awarded 2nd place in Ceol an Gheimhridh in the singing Under 14 category!

Huge congrats to Seán Angland who was awarded 2nd place in the under 11 reed competition yesterday at Ceol an Gheimhridh. Huge congrats to Rian Gleeson who was awarded 1st place in both the storytelling and recitation competitions, under 11. Rian was also awarded 3rd place in the reed competitions! under 11 wind competition

Take a bow multi-talented Colleen Angland who was awarded 1st place in both the strings and wind competitions in the under 14 age group.

What a weekend for this young man, Eoghan O' Doherty who competed in his very first competition this week end and took home 1st place in the under 11 wind competition.

>SOCIAL DANCING

Social dancing with The PJ Murrhy Band in Glenflesk Hall on Sunday 4th December, 3pm to 5.30pm. Eircode V93PR28.



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SPA

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

>O'DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL SPA V LISTRY

Spa hosted Listry in the quarter finals of the O'Donoghue Cup Championship on Sunday afternoon and although the sides were level at half time, a Spa goal in the third quarter helped us drive forward for the win. The game began with a point from Ruairi Murphy before Ciaran Spillane, Cian Tobin and Evan Cronin replied for Spa. Joe Clifford and Ruairi Murphy scores soon levelled the game at 0-3 apiece before the first Spa goal in the 22nd minute - Evan and Mike Foley linking up to work the ball in to Niall McCarthy who finished it to the back of the net. Listry had the better third quarter, Joe Clifford's goal shot was knocked away by James Devane who at this stage was contending with a strong sun. Points from Aaron O'Shea (2) and Ruairi Murphy had it level pegging at half time at 1-3 to 0-6.

The heavens opened as the second half was about to throw in and on top of the driving rain, thunder and lightning soon followed, with the game eventually finishing under lights. Evan pointed to edge Spa in front before Dara Moynihan set him up for the second Spa goal in the 38th minute. He kicked over another from a free to move Spa in front at 2-5 to 0-6 as the final quarter began. A lovely curling shot from Danny Wrenn pulled one back for Listry before Mike Foley and Ruairi Murphy swapped scores. Evan added another free before Shane Cronin with a brilliant '45 made it 2-8 to 0-8. In the final minutes there were a couple of scrambles in the Spa goalmouth but our defence were able to keep Listry out and a final point from John Foley ended the game at 2-8 to 0-9. Well done to our team & management.

The draw for the semi-finals was made shortly after the game with Spa down to play Gneeveguilla and Dr Crokes drawn against Legion.

The semi-finals are scheduled for next Saturday December 3rd - Spa v Gneeveguilla (12.30pm in Dr Crokes pitch) and Crokes v Legion (2pm in Fitzgerald Drive)

>31 CARD DRIVE CHAMPIONSHIP OF KERRY

The postponed 2020 finals of the Spa GAA 31 Card Drive Championship of Kerry took place at the Torc Hotel on Friday night. This competition began two years ago with 64 tables and concluded on Friday when Patrick Cahill and Dan Morris were crowned the overall winners and were presented with the John Kelly Memorial Shield. On the night there were 16 tables competing in the knock out competition, with the finals played out between four teams. Runners up teams on the night were Mossie Cronin & Peter Cahill, Eileen & Jacqueline Reen and Jamsie O'Sullivan & Denis O'Shea. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in the annual event, which has been running in Spa GAA Club since 1972. Special congratulations to the wonderful volunteers that organise the competition each year - Dave Herlihy, Paddy O'Keeffe and Paddy B Lynch. The next 31 Card Drive will begin again in the spring.

>DONIE O SULLIVAN BOOK LAUNCH

Spa and Kerry footballing legend Donie O'Sullivan is launching his autobiography - Donie O'Sullivan: A Footballer, Once - this Friday December 2nd and everyone is welcome to come and join us on the night. The launch will take place at the Spa GAA Clubhouse at 7.30pm with special guests on

the night and refreshments will be served. The autobiography, by Donie O'Sullivan with Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy and published by Hero Books, will be on sale in Spa on the night but, as it is so close to Christmas, it will not be available in local bookstores for now. After the launch, it will be on sale only on Amazon, where it is available as an ebook, paperback and hardback. We hope to see you there!

>SANTA IS COMING TO SPA

We are thrilled to be welcoming Mr & Mrs Santa Claus back to Spa GAA again this year. After hearing how wonderful all the children at Spa were this year they couldn't resist the invitation to visit us again. For your chance to meet Mr & Mrs Claus please join us in the clubhouse at Spa on Sunday 4th December between 4- 6.30pm. Photos will be taken by Anne Holland at a charge of €5 per photo. We would like to say a massive thank you to all our club volunteers who give their time to organizing and running these events at the club, without their support and continuous commitment none of these events are possible.

>CAIRDE SPA DRAW - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We are calling on everyone to support our Cairde Spa fundraising draw that's running at the moment. This is a once-off draw to raise funds towards the development of our grounds and facilities. There are 10 great prizes up for grabs, including over €20,000 in cash prizes, and the draw will take place this December. Tickets are on sale through our website spagaa.com or from club members and officers. Thank you as always for your ongoing support. Any queries pls contact Andy on 0872236754 or Deirdre on 0851216359.

>MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to Fossa, Rathmore and Kerins O'Rahillys who won their respective Munster Club Championship semi-finals over the weekend. The Munster finals are scheduled as follows: Senior Final Kerins O'Rahillys v Newcastlewest on December 10th; Intermediate Final Rathmore v Na Piarasigh (Limerick) on December 11th; Junior Final Fossa v Kilmurry (Cork) on December 11th. Fixture details to be confirmed.

>KERRY GAA CONVENTION

Kerry GAA convention took place last week and a number of new officer positions were filled - Tommy Cronin is the incoming Assistant Secretary, Tomás O hAiníen is the incoming Scór & Culture Officer, Paudie Healy is the incoming Assistant Treasurer and Paudie Dineen & Terence Houlihan are the new Munster Council delegates. Emma Sweeney is the incoming Kerry PRO and Liam Ross is the new Kerry Hurling Officer, while David Clifford has been named as Captain for 2023. Special mention to our own Spa member John O'Leary who has completed his 5-year term as Munster Council Delegate

>SPA GAA LOTTO

Lotto Results 22/11/22: Numbers Drawn: 6, 11, 15, 25. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Paudie Horgan, Dara & Lucy O'Mahony, Kathleen Hobbins and Sinead Garnett. The jackpot on Monday December 5th is €9,800. Play online on spagaa.com or tickets on sale in usual outlets.

Any items for the Spa notes please contact the club PRO on 085 1216359 or pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie before 8pm on Sundays.

BEAUFORT

By Cliona Coffey

>RESULTS

Congratulations to Beaufort senior men and management who have retained the Mid Kerry senior championship title with a win over Milltown/Castlemaine on a score line of Beaufort 1.11 Milltown/Castlemaine 0.09. The game was also doubled up as the Mid Kerry senior League. This was the last game of the season. Thank you to the players of all teams, managements, supporters and anybody who helped in any way during the year.

>LOTTO

There was no jackpot winner on Sunday, 27th November. Numbers: 1, 5, 18, 27. Consolation Prizes: €80 Jimmy Lucey, Ballymakeera. €50 Mary Anne Leane, Coolroe, Kayleen Curtin, Kilgobnet Close, Conor and Tadhg Lucey c/o Danny. The next draw for a jackpot of €10,800 will be on Sunday, 11th December. This is also the Christmas draw with extra prizes of hampers and bottles. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you to everybody who supports the lotto.

>EXERCISE CLASSES continue in the Clubrooms. Spring timetable will be available shortly. Please contact Club at 087 9975737 for further details.

>CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Beaufort G.A.A. Club are embarking in a Club Development in the form of an All-Weather Playing pitch and are holding a fundraising draw.

Prizes will be a Ford Focus car and cash prizes. Tickets are €25 each, 3 for €60 and are available from local sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

>ONLINE CLOTHES ORDERS

A reminder that clothes needed for Christmas presents to be ordered now to ensure delivery on time. The link for the O'Neill's online shop is on right of

Home page of www.beaufortgaa.com. Club gear is also available in the Club shop. Please contact Mary at 086 0640065 or Maurice at 087 8234319.



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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

➤**SYMPATHIES** to Eilish & Mike Finnegan, Niamh, Paraic, Sean and the extended Crowe family on the sad passing of Eilish's mother Mary Crowe, Ballytigue, Ruan, Co Clare. Mary was laid to rest on 17th November in Ruan Co Clare. May Mary rest in peace.

➤**RATHMORE ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION before all Masses SATURDAY 10th & SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER. SHRONE – Sat. 10th Dec. 6pm. KNOCKNAGREE – Sat. 10th December 7.30pm. GNEEVEGUILLA – Sunday 11th December 9.30am. RATHMORE – Sun. 11th Dec. 11.30am. BALLYDESMOND – Sunday 11th December 11.00am. You can also donate to our Credit Union and Bank accounts details as follows: Rathmore Credit Union account (IBAN: IE02RDRN99106300120299 (BIC:RDRNIE21) Millstreet AIB Bank account (IBAN: IE69AIBK93615406950116 BIC:AIBKIE2D)

This year also volunteers from the Vincent DePaul group will fundraise outside Kearney's Centra, Ballydesmond on Friday 9th December from 10am to 2pm and outside Kelly's Londis, Hickeys Centra and O'Keeffe's Circle K forecourt, Rathmore on Saturday 10th December from 10am to 2pm. YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR AREA

Your donations will make a difference way beyond the Christmas period when we receive requests for help which range from food vouchers to help with fuel, health, daily living expenses and school. We would be very appreciative of your support

➤**RATHMORE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL FOOD APPEAL**

All our local schools will be involved in our annual food appeal which has been very successful in the past. Items will be collected from schools on Fri. 9th December. These donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries help to fill hampers at Christmas for needy families in our area. We thank you for your continued support

➤**SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCE**

GAA Hall Glenflesk. Dancing from 3.00pm -5.30pm. Sunday 4th December 2022 PJ Murrihy Band. Sunday 11th December Teddy & Cathal Barry Band Sunday 18th December Dermot Lyons Band. Sunday 1st January 2023 New years Day Mike Condon Band. Admission €10. Free Draw with Door Ticket

➤**SLIABH LUACHRA JOURNAL NO 20**

The Sliabh Luachra Journal is now on sale in all local shops For the Gneeveguilla area it is available from Mrs. Eileen Fleming, Gneeveguilla Village. Price is €12. This edition makes for beautiful reading of stories from the past steeped in the culture, tradition and history of the Sliabh Luachra area. An ideal Christmas gift for family and friends at home and abroad.

➤**KNOCKNAGREE COMMUNITY**

Development Group CLG would like to thank everyone who came and supported our Fashion Show on October 27th in Rathmore. We would

like to thank all our volunteers who helped out on the night and all our sponsors for their kind gifts.

➤**USED CLOTHING COLLECTION RATHMORE RAVENS BC**

LOCATION:RATHMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE. DROP OFF TIMES: Saturday 3rd December: 4.30pm_ 6.00pm Monday 5th December 8.30AM-10.00AM Please Support Thank You

➤**TUREENCAHILL ACTIVE RETIREMENT SINGING GROUP**

will Hold A Christmas Singing Concert on Sunday 4th December @ 3pm. Raffle On The Day Towards Cancer Link Bus. All Very Welcome

➤**MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL SEMI FINAL**

Full time: Rathmore: 1-17(20) Kanturk: 2-6(12)

Congratulations to players & management. Final on Sunday December 11th venue & time TBC Rathmore v Na Piarasigh (Limerick)

➤**GNEEVEGUILLA GAA**

East Kerry Senior Championship O'Donoghue Cup Quarter Final Gneeveguilla 1-13 Glenflesk 1-9

➤**FIXTURES**

East Kerry senior championship O'Donoghue Cup semi final Spa v Gneeveguilla Saturday 3rd December 12.30pm, Dr Crokes GAA grounds

➤**NOTES**

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



"The West Enders (Rathmore Supporters)" in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Saturday at the Munster Intermediate Club Semi-Final Rathmore V Kanturk"

In the photo is Ruby O'Riordan, Thomás Fox, Nora O'Connor, Eileen, Denis & Katherine Moynihan, John O'Riordan, Timmy Corbett & Owen O'Riordan.

LISTRY

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

➤**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Listry Gaa would like to send Deepest Sympathy to Mark Keane Cullenymore and family on the recent death of his mother Mai Keane RIP Lyreacrompane.

➤**LISTRY WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS**

Numbers draw: 5, 17, 22, 23. €100 Roman Gallagher, Rockfield. €50 x 2: Colin and Ronnie Miller, Faha. Marion Gallagher, Rockfield. €25 x 2: John Kearins c/o Faha Court. Anthony Kelliher, Faha. Next Sunday Jackpot is €7,800 Register on link below to play our lotto: <https://clubs.clubforce.com/clubs/listry-gaa-club-kerry/>

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➤**THE KERRY CREAMERY EXPERIENCE**

Christmas Market will be held in The Kerry Creamery Experience, this Sunday 4th December, 11-4pm.

➤**EAST KERRY O DONOGHUE CUP FIXTURE**

Preliminary round: Listry v Cordal, Sunday 4th December 12 noon in Listry GAA Grounds.

Please come and support our Listry team and management.



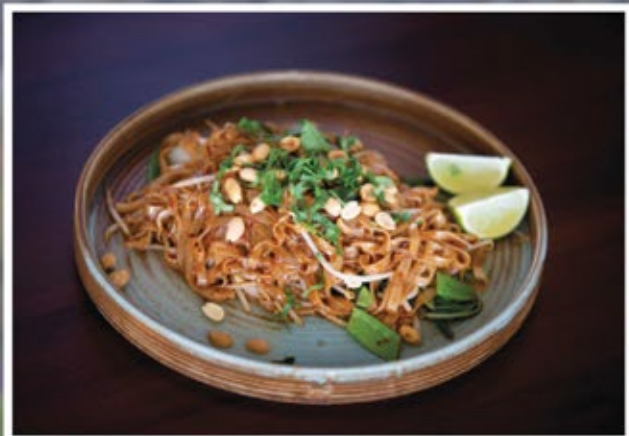
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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club had three home games & one away game on Saturday last with the wind and rain being spoilsport in all four but credit to all eight teams, their mentors & parents for representing their clubs. The U12 girls drew 2-2 at home with Tralee Dynamos FC. First half goals by Emma O Callaghan & Lucy Wynne gave Ballyhar a 2-0 lead with Leanne Collins & Niamh O Sullivan playing well. The second half saw Ballyhar Keeping things tight but Tralee got their goals to tie the result.

Ballyhar's defence of Faye O'Brien, Anna Fitzgerald, Seodin Scanlan & Katie O Connor were excellent in the second half .2-2 was a fair result. The U13 boys in the premier division had a great 5-4 home win over Killarney Athletic. Ballyhar led 3-2 at half time with goals by Diarmuid Casey, Alex Finn & Dylan Fitzgerald. In a rip roaring second half four goals were shared with Ryan Vickers & Alex Finn on target for Ballyhar to secure the three points. All the squad got game time with Jamie O'Brien, Daire Cornally, Ryan Vickers, Callum Templeman, Adam Fleming & Adam O'Meara also putting in good work. Well Done to Ryan Vickers on being selected as part of the Kerry inter league squad. The u15s were the 3rd club team to test the surface at Murt Scott Park and they had a good home win V Inter Kenmare. Killian Slattery got 5 goals with Jim o Dowd & Daniel Gleeson also getting on the score sheet. This group also had excellent performers in Eoin o Mahony, Tom Costelloe, Ross Lally, Conor Regan & Marcus Clifford.

The U17s made the trip to Caherciveen for a Saturday evening game, Ballyhar were controlling the game after twenty minutes however a corner was poorly defended followed by two more goals saw Iveragh lead 3-0 at halftime.

Robert Kelly & Michael O Sullivan went close in the first half. Early in the second half Ballyhar pulled one back from the penalty spot after Jack Dicker was taken down. Rian Brosnan, who played well in goals made no mistake from the spot. Eugene Deniel & Gerard Long tested the Iveragh Keeper before the home side sealed the win with a late strike. Overall a positive performance from these young men with Sean Galvin, Colm O Riordan, Colm O'Sullivan, Micheal Fitzgerald also playing well.

MEK GALAXY

GIRLS UNDER 12 NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

Mungret Regional (Limerick) 0 - 5 MEK Galaxy

In the Game of the weekend an excellent effort from the under 12 girls beating one of the top teams in Limerick County. Such a positive performance from everyone, we cannot pick out one player for Player of the Game! Scorers were Ava Harty 2, Megan Quigg 2 and Emily Allen. Round 4, here we come!

Boys U13 Premier Killorglin 3 -1 MEK Galaxy Despite being very understrength our boys put in a great shift against a well drilled Killorglin side. We went behind after 3 minutes to a well taken free kick. Went 2 down mid-way in the second half but shortly after Harry O'Mahony pulled us back into the game with a well taken goal. Killorglin got a third late in the second half, but we kept fighting to the end. Ryan Van Der Merwe was excellent in defence, but Man of the match goes to Conor McKeon in goal who made some outstanding saves and had the referee and Killorglin coaches singing his praise. Well done, Conor!

BOYS UNDER15

Premier MEK Galaxy 2-3 St Brendan's Park

Goals scored by Feargal Murphy and Jayden Fennell. Man of the Match Dylan O Meara was outstanding at the Back. Strong displays also from David McCarthy, Danny Murphy and Feargal Murphy. We played well from the start, taking the lead from a great finish from Feargal Murphy, match was very even throughout the half with the St Brendan's Park left back scoring from a long range looping shoot just before half time. We went behind from a corner in the 2nd half and later to a near post shot. Jayden pulled a goal back with 10 mins left but we couldn't force an equalizer.

SENIOR RESULT

MEK Galaxy 2 - 3 St Brendan's Park

A late goal gave St Brendan's Park visitors in the Charleville Cheese Premier B Scorers for MEK were Liam Roche and Aaron Coffey. Well done to Aaron who made his first start for the team and played very well with a super goal.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC NOTES

U17 LEAGUE RESULT

Castleisland 1 - 1 Killarney Athletic

Our 17s drew yesterday 1-1 to castleisland. Hugh Dorian scored from a corner with a

powerful header.

UNDER 13S DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 0-2 LB Rovers

Super game of football at Woodlawn this afternoon LB Rovers running out the winners in a very closely run affair. Thanks to LB Rovers for a sporting game.

U12'S GIRLS NC SHIELD

Killarney Athletic 9 - 2 Mastergeeha

Goals: Lillian Ella Reagen Elle Great performance & result again today for our U12 girls. Thanks to Mastergeeha for a sporting game

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DIVISION 3QA

Elton Wanderers 0-4 Killarney Athletic C

Goals: Aaron O Sullivan Murt Shea Gavin Moriarty

Despite the scoreline, this was a very evenly matched game with Athletic very clinical in front of goal. Athletic were 1 up after 3 minutes with a quickly taken corner to the oncoming Aaron o Sullivan who had a fine finish to the top of the net. Murt o Shea got the second and his second in 2 games 3 minutes later before Gavin Moriarty was fouled and stepped up with a deft free kick to the bottom right corner of the goal before Aaron o Sullivan got his second and Athletics fourth before half time, going off on the stroke of half time with an injury. Elton never gave up but with a fine defensive display from the back 4 and midfield 3, Elton were kept at bay. An outstanding performance from 1-14 making it 2 wins from 3 in the division and building great momentum.

UNDER 13 LEAGUE

Killarney Athletic 4 Ballyhar Dynamos 5

Athletic made a trip out to Ballyhar Saturday morning. From the get go Ballyhar put them under pressure.. with big wind Athletic under struggled with the conditions in first 15 mins and found themselves 3 down. Athletic started to deal with the conditions better and fought back with goals from Jayden Hurley and peno from Enna Hennigan to put them into position to win the game with the wind in second half. Unfortunately for Athletic that didn't happen as our keeper was accidentally handed the ball outside the box and got a straight red. Athletic never gave up and pushed hard and got their rewards through a Hurley free kick and another Hennigan goal. Pushing on for the win Athletic got hit in injury time with a counter attack.. unfortunately Athletic rolled the dice but just



The MEK Galaxy Under 12 Girls who Beat Mungret Regional 5-0 in round 3 of the National cup.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 girl's following there 2-2 draw v Tralee Dynamos FC on Saturday last at murt Scott park in the KSBGL.

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came up short.. fair play to Ballyhar and we wish them the best of luck going forward.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 7,14,21,24. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €40. Next jackpot €10,400 on Monday December 5th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegartys Park Rd, club members and online through clubforce.com

FAI JUNIOR CUP RD 4

Killarney Celtic 4, Coachford 2

Stephen McCarthy 2, Lee Downing, og. Killarney Celtic qualified for the last 32 of the FAI Junior Cup thanks to a hard fought win over Cork opposition Coachford.

PREMIER B

Killarney Celtic B 3, AC Athletic 1

Conor McCarthy 3.

Our B team bounced back after last week's defeat when a Conor McCarthy hat trick gave us all 3 points against AC Athletic.

U15 DIV 1

Mastergeeha 7, Killarney Celtic 1

Samuel Scroope

With our team mostly fielding U14s this was a tough tie for them against a good Mastergeeha team.

U15 DIV 2

Mastergeeha B 6, Killarney Celtic B 1

U13 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1 St Brendans Park 6



Killarney Celtic U13B squad vs Listowel Celtic B.

Pa McCarthy

U13 DIV 1

Listowel Celtic 1, Killarney Celtic 4

Tristan Murphy 2, Ben O Sullivan, Simon Sirotiak. Our 13B squad enjoyed their game in Listowel last weekend with a good win over the hosts.

U12 NATIONAL CUP

Killarney Celtic 1, Avenue Utd 2 AET

Noah Brosnan

Our 12A squad exited from the National Cup after a tight contest with Avenue Utd. Cillian Scannell set up Noah Brosnan for Celtic's goal. In extra time Avenue managed to grab the winner in this nail biter of a contest.

GIRLS

U16 NATIONAL TROPHY

Regional Utd B 1, Killarney Celtic 4

Maeve Courtney 2, Abbey Cronin, Aine O Sullivan

Despite being forced to field some younger players Celtic U16s advanced to the next round of the National Trophy. Regional scored early but Celtic came back to dominate the game and advance.

U12 NATIONAL TROPHY

Regional Utd 5, Killarney Celtic 0

A young Celtic team gave their all but Regional were just that little bit stronger on the day.

CONGRATS to Tomas Mackey U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Clodagh Moriarty U16 who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

WELL DONE to Amelia Carroll Kelly, Ali Bowler and Sadbh O Halloran who have made the Gaynor Cup Squad.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u15s following their home victory over Inter Kenmare on Saturday last in Division 1 of the KSBGL.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s who defeated killarney Athletic FC in the Premier Division of the KSBGL at murt Scott park on Saturday last.

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On Sunday Nov 27th we held a 12 hole champagne scramble.

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER

This will be played on Sunday December 11th. More details nearer the time. All Christmas related prizes will be presented this year after the December 18th competition.

U16 CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

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NEW OPEL ASTRA ELECTRIC: CONTINENTAL TYRES IRISH COMPACT CAR OF THE YEAR 2023 GOES FULLY ELECTRIC

Opel is opening the next ground-breaking chapter with the new Astra. Today the German carmaker revealed the first images of the new Opel Astra Electric. The brand is thus presenting the first all-electric serial production Astra in the decades-long success story of the compact class bestseller and newly crowned "Golden Steering Wheel 2022" and Continental Tyres Irish Compact Car of the Year 2023 winner. Alongside the battery-electric five-door, the brand is also presenting the new Opel Astra Sports Tourer Electric, the first all-electric estate from a German manufacturer.

Both the Astra Electric and Astra Sports Tourer Electric feature the same, fully electric powertrain. Powered by a 114kW (156hp) electric motor producing 270Nm of torque, and a 54kWh battery, the All-New Astra Electric achieves a WLTP-certified range of 416km from a single charge and reaches a top speed of 170km/h.

The 54kWh battery is made up of 102 battery cells housed in 17 modules and has been designed with efficiency in mind. The All-New Astra Electric requires just 12.7kWh of electricity to cover 100km, making it ideal for daily use, and drivers can choose between three driving modes; Eco, Normal, and Sport, to suit their needs. As with the rest of the fully electric Opel range, the all-new Astra Electric supports up to 100kW DC rapid charging, with an 80 per cent charge taking just 30 minutes to complete. The battery is housed in the vehicle's underbody, resulting in no compromise in passenger room or luggage space. Indeed, the Astra Sports Tourer Electric comes with 516 litres of luggage space with the rear seats up, increasing to 1,553 litres when folded; identical to Plug-in Hybrid variants of the vehicle. The low position of the battery also gives both body-types a safe and solid position on the road.

The new electric models feature Opel's distinctive bold and pure design, already found on internal combustion and electrified variants of the multi-award-winning Astra.

They both feature Opel's latest interior technologies, driver aids and safety features. The fully digital Pure Panel interior comes with a 10" digital instrument cluster and a 10" central display, displaying all the important functions such as battery charge status, range and safety equipment, while settings such as climate control can still be easily adjusted at the touch of a physical button. The large Intelli-HUD head-up display unit and 'Hey Opel!' natural voice recognition allow drivers to stay focused on the road ahead.

From 2023, Opel Astra customers will thus be able to choose from more drivetrain alternatives than any other model in the "Blitz" range; in addition to highly efficient combustion petrol and diesel engines, the Astra is already available with electrified plug-in hybrid variants, with a new top-of-the-line PHEV model, the Astra GSe, due in 2023. This range of drivetrains will therefore soon be complemented by the battery-electric Astra Electric, which will be available to order from spring 2023.

First deliveries of the all-new Astra Electric are anticipated from early summer. Pricing and specification for the Irish market will be announced closer to arrival and for more information contact Ahern's Castleisland.



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LAKERS LOOK AHEAD FOLLOWING DEFEAT TO CELTICS

**LIMERICK CELTICS 102
SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS 84**

Coach Jarlath Lee will be glad to get a couple of weeks work into his squad ahead of two home games pre Christmas. Those clashes against Moy Tolka Rovers and SETU Waterford Vikings will offer them an opportunity to get their season back on track. After winning two of their first three games they've now lost three on the spin. To be fair it hasn't been an ideal opening to the season with key figures injured or unavailable and there's no doubt that with a fully fit squad available they are a match for anyone in the league. He lamented "We need a full squad to have a big say in this league. Rui, Ronan and David are serious players to be missing so we'll be looking to have some good training sessions in the next two weeks".

Shorn of Ronan Collins and Rui Saravia due to family commitments and with David Gleeson still on the injured list, this visit to the Crescent College to face the high flying Limerick Celtics was always a toughie and falling behind 13-2 in the opening minutes didn't make the task any easier. Miles O'Donnell and Joshua Reynolds were creating carnage in those moments with Aron Walker firing the only response. But Jack Ferguson and Senan O Leary hit some good outside shots and brought the game back to 17-13. The towering Scott Hankin was starting to put his stamp on proceedings and with Reynolds constantly probing the Lakers defence had their hands full. Ferguson, Walker and the returning Marko Bencic all netted but the Celtics led 35-21 at the end of the first quarter.

Jack O Sullivan hit the opening basket of the second quarter and with the other Jack, Ferguson, getting through some good work, the gap was cut to 11, 41-30. A tight rein was being kept on Reynolds at this juncture but Hankin and Danny Mooney kept the pressure on and despite Ferguson, Senan O Leary and Eoin O Carroll baskets the lead was still twelve at half time, 54-42. The Lakers had worked particularly hard in this quarter but couldn't close the gap with some shots just refusing to drop.

The third quarter was all about Joshua Reynolds as he exploded into life at this stage, hitting sixteen points and in truth the Lakers had no answer to his promptings. Hankin and O'Donnell didn't let up either but credit to Ferguson, O Leary, Walker and Jamie O Sullivan they did keep chipping away but at 81-62 to the hosts the fourth quarter was a big mountain to climb. The usual suspects Hankin and Reynolds continued to torment

as the Lakers pushed hard to close the gap. Youngster Eoin O Carroll joined Jack O Sullivan on court and they brought with them an energy combining to score eight points. But there was to be no reeling in of the Celtics and they ran out winners on a 102 to 84 scoreline.

Coach Lee was happy with the contribution of the young players. "Senan really helped out in offence while Eoin O Carroll and Jack O Sullivan gave us some intensity in the last quarter as we needed to get some stops in. Offensively Jack Ferguson is doing a great job but we'll need a greater spread of scorers from here on. Defensively we weren't at our best either, Mark O Shea aside, so we'll be hoping to have everyone for our upcoming home games because with a full squad we'll be much better".

Jack Ferguson hit a season high 35 points with both Aron Walker and Senan O Leary on 13. Marko Bencic and Jack O Sullivan had 8 each, Eoin O Carroll netted 5, Jamie O Sullivan (2). Mark O Shea, Paul Clarke and Oisin Spring all put their shoulders to the wheel but to little avail. For the Celtics Joshua Reynolds had a game high 38, Scott Hankin hit 20 and Miles O'Donnell struck 18. The Lakers are at home to one of the form teams in the League in Tolka Rovers on Saturday December 10th with no league action this weekend coming. SETU Waterford Vikings will also visit the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday December 17th, a game that will be the second part of a double bill with the St Pauls Ladies hosting Portlaoise Panthers beforehand.

TOP FOUR SPOT FOR ST PAULS LADIES

LIMERICK CELTICS 79 - ST PAULS 84

A storming fourth quarter finish by St Pauls Ladies secured the points in this tightly contested Miss Quote.ie National Ladies Basketball League clash played at the Crescent College in Dooradoyle. Trailing by seven at the three quarter stage, 67-60, it was going to take something special to grab the win but James Fleming's side held the Limerick Celtics to just two points in the final six minutes while helping themselves to fifteen in the same period and eventually running out 84-79 winners. A win sees them climb into the top four in the table and with league leaders Portlaoise Panthers next up in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday December 17th they can really put themselves into the title conversation for the New Year.

Starting with Yuleska Tejeda, Sofia Paska, Lorraine Scanlon, Rheanne O'Shea and Lynn Jones they settled quicker into the game with O Shea, Paska and Scanlon opening up a 7-0 lead. The Celtics came roaring back

into it with ten unanswered points of their own through Alexandra Navarette, Sabhbh Murphy and Shonte Hailes. Lucy Devoy was also prominent at this stage and despite a three pointer from Rheanne O'Shea the hosts pushed it out to 20-13. Fouls were starting to creep into the game and both sides exchanged points from the free throw line before Murphy with a three for the Celtics and Paska with two good baskets left the score at 24-21 at the end of the first.

Early points from O Shea and Tejeda put St Pauls ahead 25-24 and this quarter was particularly tight with the lead exchanging hands on numerous occasions and never more than two points between them. Isabella Leahy, Aoife Morrissey and Amy Buckley kept the show on the road for the Celtics while Tejeda was particularly productive and there was nothing between the sides at half time, 43 a piece.

Pauls started the second half brightly with Paska and Tejeda working the score board but Lucy Devoy and Amy Buckley kept the Celtic in touch, 51-48 with six minutes to go in the third. Rheanne O'Shea nailed another three and that prompted a Celtic timeout. Whatever was said worked a treat for the Limerick side as they charged into a 66-60 lead with Buckley, Devoy and Leahy finding gaps in the Pauls rearguard. In a bid to stem the flow Jessica Quirke, Siofra O Shea, Lynn Jones and Cassandra Buckley were all rotated and the reliable duo of Tejeda and Paska made sure that fourth quarter would be competitive.

Celtics looked like a team that were making a run for home and Devoy, Buckley and Navarette helped them to a ten point lead, 74-64 within three minutes of the restart. A big three from St Pauls Siofra O Shea seemed to put the wind behind them as Paska, Scanlon and Jones came with a wet sail to pull them right back into contention with 2.16 remaining. At 79-76 it was anyone's game but the momentum was all with Pauls as Paska and Scanlon scored eight points between them and in the process helped them to an impressive 84-79 win.

Yuleska Tejeda and Sofia Paska kept up their season averages with 25 and 24 points respectively, Rheanne O'Shea had her season high of 17 points while Lorraine Scanlon chipped in with a crucial 13 points. Siofra O Shea hit an all important three while Lynn Jones backed up her usual industrious 29 minutes with two points. Cassandra Buckley, Aisling O Mahony and Jessica Quirke all contributed to help maintain the intensity in this fine performance.

For the Celtics Alexandra Navarette hit 20, Lucy Devoy and Amy Buckley had 32 between them while Sabhbh Murphy netted 12.



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THREE KERRY TEAMS INTO MUNSTER FINALS

Munster Senior Club Semi-Final: Kerins O'Rahillys Éire Óg (Ennis)

Rahillys set out their stall early on, with Jack Savage pointing straight from the throw-in and Tommy Walsh slotting a goal just two minutes later. However, Éire Óg quickly got into the game with points from Gavin Cooney (2) and Mark McNerney. Jack Savage neatly pointed before hitting the post with a free. Poor weather made for scrappy enough football, with referee Seán Lonergan keeping tight control with yellow cards – I don't blame him one bit, you need a firm referee in these conditions. However, David Moran picked up a second yellow in the 21st minute, and to be honest I thought it was very harsh. He had won a free and was trying to take it but the Éire Óg player held onto him. To me, David just pushed him away with one hand – I don't know any player who wouldn't have done the same. It wasn't a reaction to the foul, it was just an attempt to take the free. But look, I wasn't there (clubber are doing a brilliant job of streaming games, the kinks in the matrix from last year have been well ironed out, thankfully). Tommy Walsh kicked the next two points (one mark) before Gavin Cooney slotted a free to leave Rahillys ahead by 1-4 to 0-4 at half-time. Gavin O'Brien slotted two points on the resumption and Rahillys looked in control of proceedings, but that quickly proved illusory as Gavin Cooney fed Éinne O'Connor for a goal. Jack Savage (he roved constantly into space, as did a tireless Barry John Keane, and it proved hugely effective all through) put four points between them again. The loss of David Moran saw Tommy Walsh dropping out around the middle third – as in last year's County Final, it was a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, as the big man was a huge loss inside. Éire Óg were taking control now and four in a row as opposed to one from Gavin O'Brien cut the deficit back to a single score in the dying minutes. This really was all hands on deck, and Rahilly's character shone through – this was more about relentless work-rate than skill at this stage. Éire Óg did work one last chance to take it to extra-time, but the effort dropped short and Rahillys advance. A close run thing, but maybe that's no harm in the long run. Rahillys flew Cormac Coffey and Jack Savage back from Dubai and Gavin O'Brien back from New York for this game, a sign of modern living I suppose. It paid off in spades as they contributed 0-7 between them.

Kerins O'Rahillys: Shane Foley, Darragh McElligott, Ross O'Callaghan, Cormac Coffey (0-1), Con Barrett, Karl Mullins, Padraig Neenan, David Moran, Tom Hoare, Gearoid Savage, Jack Savage (0-4), Gavin O'Brien (0-2) Barry John Keane, Tommy Walsh (1-2, 1m), Conor Hayes. Subs: Ben Hanafin (for Gearoid Savage, 39



The victorious Fossa team.

mins), Ryan Carroll (for Con Barrett, 49 mins) Diarmuid O'Sullivan (for Tom Hoare, 58 mins).

Munster Intermediate Final: Rathmore 1-17 Kanturk 2-6

Rathmore were always going to enter this one as favourites – it's no secret by now that Kerry having divisional teams in our County Championship means that our Intermediate champions would be senior almost anywhere else. But I don't think anyone was expecting them to be this dominant against their Duhallow neighbours. Kanturk were very game and fought for everything, but the simple truth is that Rathmore were always operating at a higher level and had a multiplicity of threats. Chrissy Spiers slotted two frees top put them in front before a quick move by Brendan O'Keeffe and James Darmody sliced Kanturk open for John Moynihan to gather. He still had several defenders to twist past, but Moynihan did what he does best. 1-2 to 0-0. Shane Ryan added a free. Grantas Bucinkas opened Kanturk's account and they did draw a good save out of Kenneth O'Keeffe, but further frees from Chrissy Spiers and Shane Ryan made it 1-5 to 0-1 and Kanturk's hopes of an upset were rapidly fading. Colin Walsh added a second Kanturk score but Spiers, Ryan (3, 1f), and Moynihan simply piled on the misery for them with further scores. At half-time it was 1-10 to 0-2.

Rathmore added another five points in a row on the restart, three frees from Chrissy Spiers and a point apiece for Darragh Rahilly and James Darmody. Kanturk did create some good chances but just couldn't execute them. All semblance of a contest was realistically over, but Kanturk deserve credit for continuing to bally uphill. Grantas Bucinkas added 1-1 and Ian Walsh another goal, but it was more about putting respectability on the scoreboard than generating any real excitement. The Ryan brothers closed out Rathmore's scoring for a very comfortable win. They will face tougher contests ahead.

Rathmore: Kenneth O'Keeffe, James O'Sullivan, Andrew Moynihan, Dan Murphy, Darragh Rahilly (0-1), Paul Murphy, Fionn Holohan, Mark Ryan (0-1), Cathal Ryan, Brendan O'Keeffe, Chrissy Spiers (0-7, 7f), Brian Friel, John Moynihan (1-1), James Darmody (0-1), Shane Ryan (0-6 (2m, 1'45, 1f). Subs: Mark Reen (for Chrissy Spiers 43, mins), Alan Dineen (for Fionn Holohan, 55 mins), Colm Kelly (for James Darmody, 58 mins), Cillian O'Connor (for Shane Ryan, 59 mins), Jimmy Mahony (for Cathal Ryan, 62 mins).

Munster Junior Semi-Final: Fossa 1-22

Feohanagh-Castlemahon 0-5

He is quite literally a phenomenon. The Junior semi-final was sold out long before the senior or intermediate, and a lot of those people came to see one player. They certainly wouldn't be here without him, or his two-time All Star brother. If you were told that a corner forward from Fossa was to score 1-7 to put his team into a Munster Final, one obvious name would come to mind.

You'd be wrong. David is so good that people assume that the whole team revolves around him and that Fossa started to become successful the day he started shaving. You'd be wrong. Fossa have been putting in the work at underage since before David was a garsún, and two of the hardest workers had sons on the field here who contributed a whopping 1-19 here between them. The Cliffords had 0-4 apiece, while the O'Shea's had 1-11. Not a bad day's work!

Feohanagh-Castlemahon opened the scoring, but they were quickly ripped apart after that – with the greatest of respect, anything other than a comfortable win here would have been a massive surprise. Emmett and Tadhg O'Shea kicked 0-3 apiece, David Clifford slotted two, Paudie Clifford had one, and Matt Rennie another as Fossa blazed into a 0-10 to 90-1

Action from the Fossa v Feohangh-Castlemahon game at the weekend.



lead. Feohangh-Castlemahon were dropping deep in a desperate attempt to stem the tide, but Fossa were simply too quick both on and off the ball. Emmett O'Shea scored a simply stunning goal worthy of the maestro himself before Cian O'Shea closed out the first half scoring for a 1-11 to 0-1 lead.

They reeled off seven more points on the trot on the restart. This wasn't a contest; this was really an exhibition. If this was a boxing match, the referee would have thrown in the towel. Feohangh-Castlemahon scored their first point from play with just ten minutes remaining and they did add several more at the finish, but Fossa were already running their bench by then.

Kilmurry are likely to be a much tougher proposition in the Munster Final, but Fossa have the luxury of heading into that game knowing not only that they have the best forward in the modern game (already arguments are growing about any era) but that they are not solely reliant on him.

Fossa: Shane O'Sullivan, Kevin McCarthy, Fintan Coffey, Brian Myers, Dan O'Keeffe, Paudie Clifford (0-4), Dan O'Connell, Eoin Talbot, Paddy Sheehan, Harry Buckley, Matt Rennie (0-2), Cian O'Shea 0-1(), Tadhg O'Shea (0-3), David Clifford (0-4, 2f), Emmet O'Shea (1-7). Subs: Harry Kelly 0-1 (for Tadhg O'Shea, 48 mins), Darren Cronin (for David Clifford, 48 mins), Anthony Wharton (for Kevin McCarthy, 50 mins), Rian Colleran for M Rennie (50), Mark Dennehy (for Paudie Clifford, 56 mins)

KERRY GAA CONVENTION

The big talking points after the Kerry GAA Convention every year tend to be the election of officers, the state of finances (in a very healthy state, thanks to good management, the success of the Kerry GAA Store, and a certain marketing phenomenon from Fossa.

The announcement at Kerry GAA Convention of plans for a €72 million upgrade to the Fitzgerald Stadium raised more than a few eyebrows when Chairman Patrick O'Sullivan raised the matter at Convention. Personally, I am hugely in favour of it. We haven't hesitated to spend money on Currans (including the purchase of an additional seven acres) but Fitzgerald Stadium needs work done – why not go all the way and build a modern multi-functional facility? The rebuild of Croke Park was one of the GAA's biggest ever projects, and that was a massive success. True, Pairc Uí Caoimh's revamp went way over-budget and was plagued with

teething problems all through, but that's not a model that anyone plans on following.

The Fitzgerald Stadium is the jewel in the crown, but that jewel hasn't had a real polish in a long time. Bits of it clearly need some work done, and I feel that we may as well do the job once and do it right besides fixing bits and pieces here and there. We all know that you are going to have to upgrade eventually, and it's not going to get any cheaper – in fact, it will only get more expensive the longer we wait.

Another suggestion that might have seemed to come a bit from left field is the suggestion of Croke Park assisting teams with accommodation in Dublin during the summer months, with the Chairman paying tribute to John Mulhern of Kerry airport for arranging flights home for the Kerry hurling team after the McDonagh Cup Final. The fact is that accommodation in Dublin is prohibitively expensive and counties can't afford to book early before they know who is playing in the big games. But at a macro level, the GAA know that there will be teams playing in those games – it should be possible for them to book accommodation for teams well in advance. It's a simple idea – and a very good one.

The debate regarding the age change at minor grade was also raised, with the Chairman expressing his disappointment at Croke Park's lack of leadership on the issue. I could not agree more. As far as I am concerned, the change to U17 and to 'odd' ages at juvenile level has been a disaster and more and more counties are pushing for a return to U18 and U21.

Kerry GAA is in a good place right now, but this is no time to rest on laurels.

EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Quarter-Final: Spa 2-8 Listry 0-9

The outstanding Ruairí Murphy opened the scoring, but Spa jumped ahead with scores from Ciarán Spillane, Cian Tobin, and Evan Cronin. Joe Clifford and Ruairí Murphy levelled matters, but great work by Mike Foley saw Niall McCarthy find the Listry net. Listry dominated the third quarter with points from Aaron O'Shea (2) and Ruairí Murphy, while Joe Clifford drew a great save out of James Devane. At half-time it was all square, 1-3 to 0-6. A heavy thundershower did no-one any favours in the second half, with the game actually finishing under lights because of the conditions. The introduction of Dara Moynihan lifted Spa, and after Evan Cronin opened the second half

scoring with a point, Moynihan set him up for Spa's second goal. He added a free to move Spa five points clear, 2-5 to 0-6. Danny Wrenn pointed a beauty for Listry but Mike Foley replied. Ruairí Murphy pulled another one back but Shane Cronin lofted over a great '45 in the conditions. Listry pressed hard for a goal but had to settle for a final point from John Foley, and it wasn't enough to stop Spa going through to a semi-final against Gneeveguilla next Saturday.

Quarter-Final:

Gneeveguilla 1-13 Glenflesk 1-9

Killian O'Sullivan opened the scoring for Glenflesk but Jack Cremin and Pádraig O'Connor nudged Gneeveguilla in front. A great run by Ian Roche won a penalty adroitly converted by his brother Darragh. Fellow county player Pa Warren replied with a beauty. Darragh Roche and Seán O'Keeffe swapped frees, to leave Glenflesk ahead by 1-4 to 0-6.

Chris O'Donoghue and John Kelliher extended the lead to a goal on the restart before Connie Cremin pulled one back. Darragh Roche restored the three point gap with a free but Seán O'Keeffe replied in kind. It was Gneeveguilla's turn to win a penalty and Seán O'Keeffe's finish was just as clinical as Darragh Roche's earlier effort. Connie O'Connor and Damien O'Sullivan pointed to push Gneeveguilla two clear. Darragh Roche pointed a crucial free for Glenflesk but the tide was very much turning in Gneeveguilla's favour and two more O'Keeffe points from frees, plus a classy score from play with his left foot, secured the victory for his side.

Fixtures

Spa v Gneeveguilla, Saturday 3rd December, 12.30pm in Lewis Rd.

Dr. Crokes v Killarney Legion, Saturday 3rd December, 2.00pm in Fitzgerald Stadium

LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

The fixtures for the Lidl National League were released earlier this week and overall it's as good as Kerry could have hoped for. Sheer logistics means that it's great to be at home to Donegal – everywhere else is within a reasonable day's travel. At home to Dublin and reigning champions Meath is great – they are two of the top guns (so are we) and those games should draw big support. It will be a very testing year, we all know that, but it's great to have Kerry



competing at the top level once again and I firmly believe that kind of opposition hones a team for championship.

Round 1: Kerry at home to Mayo

Round 2: Kerry away to Waterford

Round 3: Kerry at home to Donegal

Round 4: Kerry at home to Dublin

Round 5: Kerry at home to Meath

Round 6: Kerry away to Cork

Round 7: Kerry away to Galway

MICK MEAGAN RIP

In some ways, he was almost a forgotten part of our soccer history. I don't think he ever really got the credit he deserved for helping to usher in a new era of management. There is an old trope in most sports, especially soccer, of the 'blazers' running the sport from ivory towers without any practical understanding of the necessities of actual management. It actually goes back to the so-called 'golden age of parliamentary democracy' of 19th century England, where the class system was absolutely rigid. 'Gentlemen', essentially feudal landlords governed sports institutions, mere players were not considered remotely capable of it.

Throughout the forties and fifties, Ireland's soccer team was quite literally elected by committee. In many cases they were sincere, but almost always parochial. Soccer was huge in Dublin at the time – it was the 'local' sport, as opposed to more 'culchie' GAA fostered by guards, teachers, and civil servants who had moved to Dublin a generation beforehand for work. Dublin had a thriving underage scene and a lot of Irish players were getting to play professionally in England.

The trouble with the FAI's five man committee was that they had no clue what they were doing. There was no such thing as travelling over to England regularly on scouting missions; a lot of the teams were picked based on newspaper reports, plenty of which had their own agenda too.

The sixties saw the dawn of a new era. Much greater education, improved facilities, and, quite simply, a demand for better standards. It's a bit simplistic but not untrue to say that Irish people were no longer as willing to be subservient. The famous Ireland v Yugoslavia match in 1955 was a real statement of intent.



Action from the Listry v Spa O'Donoghue Cup quarter final at the weekend

Archbishop John Charles McQuaid called for a ban or at least a boycott (McQuaid was not the ogre he is often painted as, his autocratic nature was typical of its time and in this case, he had a point, given Tito's persecution of the Catholic Church). Much to his discomfiture, the ordinary working class of Dublin ignored him and went to the game. No big deal nowadays, but back then it was seismic. The famous 'Bishop and the Nightie' affair seven years later on a young Gay Byrne's Late Late Show was a far more trivial affair in comparison.

The Irish public, and much more importantly the Irish players, were looking at the organisation behind the Irish team and comparing it very unfavourably with their club teams in England and the international players that they were sharing dressing rooms with.

Ireland failed to qualify for the 1968 European Championships, but had shown enough to raise expectations. By 1969 the FAI reluctantly had to bow to public pressure and appoint an actual manager to the Irish team. Mick Meagan was one of the most respected players around. He had played in the Dublin Leagues before signing for Everton, winning the First Division and the FA Charity Shield. He had also played for Huddersfield and Halifax, where he was still playing when the Irish post was offered.

He was somewhat of a surprising choice, with Noel Cantwell the likely favourite in most people's eyes. One of his big champions was one of Ireland's best players, who had been

amazingly dropped by Ireland despite being one of the generals on the Leeds team who won the title in 1969. Johnny Giles' support carried a lot of weight in the room (Eamonn Dunphy was far less influential). Noel Cantwell, the former Man United captain, was the other main candidate. He vies with Denis Irwin as the best left back Ireland has ever produced and was having great success at managing Coventry at the time – he and Meagan had played together with Ireland. I can't help but surmise that the FAI, who were reluctant to cede control, saw Cantwell as less malleable than Meagan, but that may be a bit unfair.

Mick Meagan's tenure as Ireland manager did not go well. He had two 1-1 draws in his first three games, but that was as good as it got for two years. In thirteen games (two of them 'unofficial' friendlies), he only won once, an unofficial game against the German Olympic selection. Ireland just didn't have the players, and the match arrangements by the FAI for away games were woefully inadequate. It is impossible at this remove to gauge his actual managerial ability – he certainly had plenty of success afterwards in the League of Ireland, but that wasn't a high benchmark for international competition. What is certain is that his players both liked and trusted him (the combination is rare enough at a high level of management) and his team selections were honest, itself a big step forward. After a 2-1 defeat to Italy finished off their European qualifying group with

Spectators at the Glenflesk v Gneeveguilla quarter final. Photo: Pdraig Healy



Ireland long out of contention, he tendered his resignation and was replaced by Liam Tuohy (who only lasted a year in the job before being replaced by John Giles).

Mick Meagan played for Bray Wanderers, Shamrock Rovers, and Dundalk and managed the latter two. His contribution to Irish soccer may have been understated, but it was absolutely immense. May he rest in peace.

ATHLETICS

There will be a reunion of Kerry NACA members in December 28th in Daly's Riverside in Currans. The NACA was the governing body of Irish cycling and athletics from 1922 to 2000. Their policy of refusing to recognise partition meant that it wasn't recognised by the International Amateur Athletics Association of the Union Cycliste Internationale. There were

attempts to resolve the political impasse from 1967 onwards and in 2000 it was officially dissolved into the Athletics Association of Ireland. The political stance may be the NACA's most recognised characteristic, but more important is the amount of young people, in Kerry and elsewhere, who got the opportunity to train and compete at a high level under their auspices, and December 28th is an opportunity for members to reminisce about the many great days in Kerry athletics.

Congratulations to Killarney Valley's Jason O'Reilly, who won a bronze medal with the Irish schoolteam in the SSAA International Pentathlon (60m hurdles, 200m sprint, long jump, shot putt, and 800m) in Glasgow's Emirates Arena last weekend.



Killarney Valley's Jason O'Reilly, who won a bronze medal with the Irish schoolteam in the SSAA International Pentathlon

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You must have tax clearance from Revenue and your tax affairs must be in order.

You must have paid your local property tax, if applicable.

You must not have already got funding under the grant.

How much is the grant?

You can get up to €30,000 to renovate a vacant property and an additional top-up grant of up to €20,000 if the property is derelict. The grant includes VAT.

If the renovation costs more than the grant, you will have to pay for the additional costs.

You can apply to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) for other grants to help improve the energy efficiency of your home.

If I have already commenced refurbishing the property, can I get the grant?

The grant must be approved before any work

Grant to refurbish vacant or derelict homes

begins.

What does the grant cover?

The grant covers:

Demolition work and site clearances including the removal of hazardous materials

Work on foundations, rising walls, floor slabs, damp-proofing and underpinning

Work on chimneys, suspended timber floors and structural timbers

Work on internal walls, stairs, landings, doors, windows and applied finishes

External walls and roof completions

Building services such as plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical services and telecommunications

Painting and decoration needed because of the work

Extensions that meet the planning regulations and are part of the wider refurbishment

Necessary external works and site development

Professional services associated with work

Is the grant available everywhere?

Yes, the grant is now available in all areas. You can get it if you are refurbishing a vacant home in a city, rural area, or a town or village. You could initially only get the grant for vacant homes in regional towns and villages. But on 15 November 2022, it was extended to all areas.

How are applications for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant prioritised?

Applications for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant are prioritised in this way:

1. First-time buyers and 'fresh start' applicants.
2. Applicants with particular needs who are selling or have sold their current home and want to refurbish a vacant home to live in. Particular needs includes people with disabilities and older people.
3. Anyone else who is selling or has sold their home and wants to refurbish a vacant home to live in.

You are a first-time buyer if:

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How do I apply?

Send a completed application form, supporting documents and a quote for the renovations to your local authority. The supporting documents must prove that you own the home and that it is vacant or derelict.

For anyone needing information, advice or have an advocacy issue, you can call a member of the local Citizens Information team in Kerry on 0818 07 7860, or email on tralee@citinfo.ie or log on to www.citizensinformation.ie for further information.

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KILLARNEY LEGION

CLUB AGM

The Clubs AGM was held last Friday November 25th in the Clubhouse with a slightly disappointing attendance present. David Randles chaired a comprehensive review of the clubs activities this year and paid tribute to all those who undertook various roles from officers to coaches to all the various sub committee members. He paid particular tribute to Sharon O'Grady for her role as chair of the Social committee as Sharon is stepping down from her role. She will no doubt keep herself busy on the coaching side.

The Club finances were also discussed with particular emphasis on a renewed effort to fundraise. With our facilities upgraded in recent years it comes with an increased maintenance cost. The ever busy Field and Facilities committee were rightly lauded for their efforts in keeping our playing surfaces in top conditions and everyone from grass cutters to pitch liners were suitably praised.

Donal O Leary gave a comprehensive round up of the Club Juvenile activities and with over a dozen teams between boys and girls it certainly is a busy department. The need to recruit new members and retain existing ones is of course of the utmost importance and all club members are being urged to pay their part on that count. A sub committee headed up by Vice Chairperson Liam McGuire will also be established to research and nominate a Club Coaching Officer. This process will commence shortly with the hope of being completed by early 2023.

The following will serve as officers for the year ahead.

President.. Tommy Regan

Vice Presidents... Noel Wade, Donie Fleming, Joan Culloty, Joan Fogarty, Johnny Culloty, Mary Regan, Sean O Grady, Jimmy O Leary.

Chairperson.. David Randles, Secretary Lara O'Brien, Vice Chair Liam McGuire, Treasurer John Foran, Registrar Fiona Ni Chonchubhair, PRO Enda Walshe, East Kerry Board Delegate John Hegarty, County Board Delegate Donal Culloty, Juvenile Committee Chairperson Donal O Leary.

O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINALS

Following Gneeveguilla's win over Glenflesk and Spa getting the better of Listry the stage is now set for the last four of East Kerrys blue riband event. Lewis Road will be the venue for the Spa vs Gneeveguilla clash with a 12.30pm throw in. While across the road in Fitzgerald Stadium at 2pm we will face our neighbours Dr Crokes for a place in the final. All support is welcome and appreciated as always!!

TG4 GOAL OF THE YEAR

Our very own William Shine is up for the prestigious TG4 Goal of the Year Award. His rocket of a strike against Naas CBS in the Hogan Cup Final in Croke Park earlier this year. William is up against such luminaries as Galways Shane Walsh and Armagh's All Star Ladies footballer Aimee Macken so please check our Club social media pages to give him your vote.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Our Christmas party is back this year after a couple of years hiatus due to the Covid

pandemic. The Main Man in Red will of course be in attendance at the Killarney Avenue Hotel this Sunday December 4th from 4.00 - 6.30pm. All our Academy members will also be presented with their treasured end of year medals and all members of the family are encouraged to attend. You might even get to air that Christmas jumper!!

BEST OF LUCK

Rathmore and Fossa have both qualified for their respective Munster Club finals and we wish both of our East Kerry neighbours the best of luck in their games. And not forgetting Kerins O Rahillys who have made it through to the Munster Senior Club Final.

LOTTO

Sunday November 27th. Numbers are 5, 6, 19, 28. Bonus No. 8. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Lucky Dips: 1. Pat Galvin, Ballyferriter 2. Timmy O Leary, 16 O Kelly's Villas 3. Danny Sheahan, Coolgarraive 4. Tina Moriarty 5. John Doona, 19 Bridgefield

KEEL GAA CLUB

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 21st of November. Numbers drawn: 4, 7, 9, 30. There was no winner of our jackpot of €2,450. Lucky dip winner of €50 each were Tommy Flaherty and Kay Fitzgerald. The jackpot will be €2,500 for the draw on Monday the 28th of November. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce or through the local outlets. Thank you for your continued support of our club lotto.

KEEL GAA LAST MAN STANDING

Keel GAA are running a Premier League Last Man Standing competition starting St. Stephen's Day. For anyone not familiar with this competition it's simple - you just pick a team you think will win each week, if you're team wins, you're still in. Entry cost is €10 which must be paid before first kick-off. You can pay via the Clubforce app or via envelopes in the local shops and bars. Anyone who enters will be added to a WhatsApp group to follow their progress. Please support. All funds raised will be used for the further development of the gym.

KEEL GOES COUNTRY

Following on from the success of the 'Keel Goes Country' event at Keel community hall in Castlemaine back in April, Eddie Lee and the Paudie Coffey Band will be back with their unique sounds for another night of country music and dancing on Saturday 3rd December. "After the April event we were inundated with requests to hold another music and dance night" said Keel Community Council chairman Gerard O' Dowd. "We have been fortunate to secure Eddie and the Paudie Coffey band once again. Their busy diary is no surprise, given the reaction to their performance and the atmosphere in the hall last time round. We are also delighted to announce that the lads will be joined for a special guest performance by 'Keels own' Noreen Ashe. Doors open at 8pm on

Saturday the 3rd December, refreshments will be available throughout the evening, together with a prize raffle. Entrance Tickets are €10 each and are available on the door on the night. All proceeds going to further hall renovations and future Keel Community projects.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

EAST KERRY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP O'DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

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Gneeveguilla 1 – 13 Glenflesk 1 – 09

Gneeveguilla followed up last weekends win over by Firies by overcoming Glenflesk in this O Donoghue Cup Quarter Final, that sets up a semi final against Spa next weekend.

Glenflesk opened the scoring when Mark Kelliher took a quick 45 to Killian O Sullivan, who fired over from wide on the right. Jack Cremin and Pdraig O Connor replied for the hosts with well worked points, before Glenflesk were awarded a penalty, after Ian Roche strong run forward was impeded. Darragh Roche clinically finished the penalty to the net. Pa Warren responded with a great point for Gneeveguilla, and when Darragh Roche and Sean O Keeffe swapped frees, Glenflesk went in at half time a point ahead, with all to play for in the second half.

It was the visitors who started the second half stronger, with Chris O Donoghue and John Kelliher coming forward to kick fine scores. Connie O Connor answered back for Gneeveguilla, with the first of two great points he would kick. The second penalty of the day then arrived, and as with the earlier penalty, O Keeffe's low finish found the net, bringing the sides level. O Connor and Damien O Sullivan points pushed them two clear, before Darragh Roche pointed a crucial free for Glenflesk. Gneeveguilla were on top all over the field by now though, and two more O Keeffe points from frees, plus a classy score from play with his left foot, secured the victory for his side.

An entertaining game, that was highly competitive, with Gneeveguilla deserved winners. They will go into the semi final with two back to back home wins, and ready for the challenge Spa will provide.

Presented by Ellen O'Keeffe childrens officer of East Kerry GAA Board to sean O Keeffe was named Man of the Match, and won a years membership at the Aquilla Club.

EAST KERRY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP O'DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

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Spa 2 – 8 Listry 0 – 9

Helped by a blockbuster of a goal from Evan Cronin, Spa continued their drive to win a first O Donoghue Cup since 1989, getting better of Listry in a match that was of decent quality, given the difficult conditions.

The early stages were tight, with Ruairi Murphy for Listry and Evan Cronin for Spa, prominent. It was Spa who got the first goal of the day, with Michael Foley getting free and finding Niall McCarthy, whose low finish found the



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net. Listry came back strong with Murphy and Aaron O Shea getting good points, but they also missed some scorable chances, meaning that the sides went in level at the break.

The second half started with a heavy shower coming down, and it was Spa who adapted better to the horrific conditions. Cronin kicking a great point to put him ahead, before blasting in an unstoppable shot from a severe angle, for a brilliant goal. Murphy and Danny Wrenn kicked a couple of great points for Listry, but they couldn't engineer a goal chance that they needed, and Spa held on for a five point win. They now progress to play Gneeveguilla in next weekends semi finals.

Ruairi Murphy Listry was named Man of the Match, and received a years membership of the Aquilla Club. From chairman of East Kerry Board johnny Brosnan.

EAST KERRY U15 DIVISION 1 FINAL SPONSO

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Dr Crokes 1 – 09 Kenmare Shamrocks 3 – 11.

In a final that was a thrilling end to the Coiste Na Nog year in East Kerry, two late goals helped Kenmare get the better of Dr Crokes in the MD O Shea sponsored U15 Final, despite Kasper Roebak's superb performance in goal.

It was Crokes who started better in the early stages at Fitzgerald's Stadium, taking the early lead with two good points. Once Kenmare settled though, they went on a run of six points in a row, with Dawid Grebowiec highly prominent. It could have been even better for them, with only the crossbar denying Rossa MacGearailt a goal, and Roebak's brilliant diving save, keeping out Grebowiec's well hit penalty. Crokes fought back well though, with Cian Mulcahy's long range point, and Ben Kelleher's accuracy from frees, keeping them within two points at the break.

The second half started evenly enough, with Kelleher and Neal O Shea swapping scores, with Roebak making two more superb saves. Eventually he was beaten though, with MacGearailt blasting low to the net after a great driving run. Crokes came again though with corner back Sean Collins involved in a lot of their better play. Mulcahy fired over another monster point from distance, before Kelleher again split the posts with another free. Kenmares lead was now back to just three. Grewbowiec made the win secure for them though, surviving a high tackle, before firing low into the net. There was still time for two more goals, with Liam Hennigan's clinical penalty for Croke's, followed by Jack Wiggins goal for Kenmare right before the whistle.

Jack Wiggins accepted the cup for Kenmare after the final whistle, from Coiste na Nog Chairman Sean O Keffe. This was a high quality, exciting final, with Kenmare deserved winners. Credit to Crokes for their performance, and congratulations to Kenmare on their great victory.

FIXTURES

Senior Championship Dr O Donoghue Cup semi-final's

Spa v Gneeveguilla, Saturday 3rd December 12.30pm, Dr Crokes GAA grounds

Dr Crokes v Legion, Saturday 3rd December 2pm, Fitzgerald Stadium.

Intermediate Championship Fr Galvin Cup

Preliminary round: Listry v Cordal, Sunday 4th December 12noon, Listry

Semi-final: Fossa v Kilgarvan, Saturday 3rd December 2pm, Fossa

Extra time and winner on the day in all games.

SYMPATHIES to families of Lynda O Connor RIP Tralee, Nuala Moynihan RIP Headford, Margaret Cronin RIP Kilcummin, Doreen O Connor RIP Scartaglen, Philomena Jameson RIP Castleisland, Nora Phil Privett Tralee/Currow May they all rest in peace

CONGRATULATIONS to Kerins O'Rahillys on reaching Munster Senior Club Final & Rathmore on reaching Munster Intermediate Club Final & Fossa reaching Munster Junior Club Final. We wish them all the best luck in their finals.

MEDAL PRESENTATION DINNER to the Co Senior and U21 championship winning teams, Friday 6th January @ Killarney Heights Hotel.

DR. CROKES GAA

U15 EAST KERRY DIV. 1 FINAL

Dr. Crokes 1-09 Kenmare Shamrocks 3-11.

Played in excellent conditions in the Fitzgerald Stadium this keenly contested final was in the balance into injury time when a well-executed Crokes penalty had the margin down to just 4 points. Credit must be given to Kenmare who scored a late goal and point deep in to injury time which earned them a deserving win in a fine sporting contest. The game had everything, some fine scores by both teams and a penalty save from Kerry Minor panellist Kacper Robak but in the end the physically stronger Kenmare team just about edged out a youthful Crokes team in a really good game of football where 5 Crokes U13's played. This was the third final for this fine group of players and while defeated in all three finals the development and progress the team has made all year has been huge. The U14 lads in the group won the super 10 county final county final a few weeks ago. Well done to the player for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

JUVENILE AGM will take place in the clubhouse on Monday 5th of December at 7:30pm. The juvenile section covers all underage players from academy level to U17. All welcome to attend, observe, to volunteer and participate. Christmas Party Our Juvenile Christmas Party will take place in the clubhouse on Wednesday 14th December from 5pm – 6:45pm. Come along and get your photo taken with Santa and the Sam Maguire.

BOOK LAUNCH

Two authors with Dr. Crokes connections are launching their books this Friday, 2nd December. Donie O'Sullivan launches his biography "Donie O'Sullivan, A Footballer, Once" in the Spa Clubhouse at 7:30pm. Earlier in the evening, Patrick O'Sullivan Greene launches his book, "Revolution at the Waldorf", in the Great Southern Hotel at 6pm.

LOTTO TOOK PLACE ON November 28th Numbers drawn were 03, 16, 22, 15 Jackpot not won. 8 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €50 each. Jackpot for draw on December 5th will be €13,400. We are calling on all members

to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp#Anchor

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PROGRESSIVE '31' continues on Wednesday nights at 8pm. Bring a partner and €5. All welcome.

NOTES

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

SYMPATHY to the family of Mary O'Reilly née Willis. Sons William and John donned the Black and Amber. Sympathy also to former Austin Stacks Chairman, Aidan O'Connor on the death of his wife Dolores. Also to the family of Willie Leahy, Tralee Raod, father to former player Kevin and father in law to hurling mentor Sean Browne. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

LOTTO

Numbers drawn were: 8, 11, 17, 28. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: K Roche c/o Roger. Laura Healy, c/o Bridie. Jane O Donoghue, Dromore. Emma Costello, Clounalour, Tralee. Noel McCarthy, Rathbeg. Next weeks jackpot €4200

AGM

Our club AGM will take place in Farranfore tonight Dec 2nd December at 8:00pm sharp.

FOSSA GAA

SENIOR MEN

Congratulations on our senior team in qualifying to the Munster Junior final. A great team performance especially up-front from Matt Rennie, Harry Buckley Emmett O'Shea 1-07, and Tadgh O Shea. Next up Kilmurry of Lissarda in two weeks time.

There will be a supporters bus details to be confirmed.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

LOTTO

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The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, November 29th at the club grounds.



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student. "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your comforts delight me" (Psalms 94:19). Well here we are in the final month of the year! And of course Christmas is coming as they say, and the goose is getting fat. I remember years ago listening to the late Gerry Ryan's radio show when a woman wrote in asking for advice. He was greatly bemused at her dilemma. It was September, the children had just gone back to school, and it suddenly hit her that Christmas was coming - and that meant entertaining the in-laws. And she was in utter distress. Gerry was amazed - because this topic opened the floodgates. Suddenly the phone lines lit up with others all saying the same thing - they hated Christmas for one reason or another (but mostly having to entertain family members who treated them badly). Another theme that caused equal stress was worrying about spouses drinking too much and turning nasty, ruining Christmas for yet another year. People dread this time of year for lots of reasons - perhaps not having enough money to get everything they need; or pretending to keep the bright side out even though they may be grieving a lost loved one; or battling sickness or depression. It's hard to be sparkly when there are heavy things on your mind.

Jesus said "come to Me all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). One of the Names of the Lord is the Wonderful Counsellor (Isaiah 9:6). Often, we don't know how to deal with these issues, but the Lord Jesus will help you (Psalm 54:4). There is no greater Friend than He (John 15:15; Proverbs 18:24). We need God's wisdom and comfort, and He is very willing to give it. The Lord does not want His children living in dread and fear. It is not His will for you to struggle and be overwhelmed about the future. Life is precious - it is a great day any day you wake up alive! But the devil wants to make you dread and fear and waste your life focussed on negatives. Remember, negatives get developed in the dark. But you don't have to live in darkness. So, if there are issues that are causing you to get stressed with anxiety bring them to the Lord Jesus and ask Him to help you.

King Hezekiah had a major problem - the Assyrians, who were bully boys of the day, were threatening to surround Judah and kill the people. They used intimidation and siege warfare tactics to defeat every nation they had conquered. And now God's people were next. They harassed Hezekiah with claims that God would not save him from their hand. Hezekiah had no hope against them. But he clung to God, and knew that God would defend His people. So he laid his problems out before the Lord, and God answered and delivered the nation, defeating their enemies and causing great joy and release (2 Kings 18&19). If there are situations that look impossible, you need to talk to the Lord Jesus and ask Him to show you what to do. Go to His Word and ask Holy Spirit to reveal God's wisdom to you and then watch Him defeat your enemies and fill you with Joy. When perfect love comes in all fear has to leave (1st John 4:18). God loves you dear friend, so make a decision to refuse to give into dread, and instead trust the Lord!

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There was no jackpot winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 4, 18, 21 and the bonus ball was 2.

Lucky Dip winners were as follows: €50 - Marian Burke, Castlemaine. €50 - Tricia and Kevin Fitzgerald, Dingle. €25 - Ollie McSweeney, Cork. €25 - Gene and Madeline Kelly, Tralee. €25 - Michael Colgan, Castlemaine. €25 - Charles O'Connor, Killorglin

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, 12th December at 8:00pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €12,600. 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.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA

FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ:

Congratulations to the winning team of Brendan O'Connor, Karen O'Connor, Josephine O'Connor and Nora Herlihy who emerged victorious in our Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Fundraising Table Quiz which took place in Griffin's Bar and Restaurant, Castlemaine on Friday night.

The winners came out on top with a score of 66 after 8 rounds of questions from our excellent quizmaster Susan Sheehan.

The club would like to thank all who attended and supported the event, our hosts (Helen, Frank and staff from Griffin's Bar & Restaurant), Tom Hanafin for his assistance with sound and special mention to our many volunteers both in the lead up to the event and also on the night who ensured that it ran smoothly. We would also like to express our appreciation to all those who sponsored prizes for our raffle last night. It was a very enjoyable occasion and huge credit is due to the organising team led by Catherine

O'Connor who put in a massive effort to make it a success. Well done all.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: FINAL RESULT

Milltown/Castlemaine's Senior side took on Beaufort over the weekend in the 2022 Mid Kerry Senior Football Championship Final at J P O'Sullivan Park, Killorglin. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be for our squad or management on the day as Beaufort led 1-4 to 0-2 at half-time before running out 1-11 to 0-09 winners. Man of the Match Sponsored by Bunkers Bar & Restaurant, Killorglin was Nathan Breen of Beaufort.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA: VIDEO RACE NIGHT

Our club will host a Video Race Night on Friday, 30th December 2022 at Maine Valley Golf Club, Killorglin commencing at 7:30pm.



John Long Chairman Chapter 23 (back fourth from left) who presented the Chapter 23 8-10 year old winners of the Irish League of Credit Union Art Competition with their prizes (front from left) Sean Stack Listowel CU merit award, Natalie Kong Corca Dhuibhne CU 3rd, Aoibhinn Creedon Rathmore CU 2nd, Mia Foley Cara CU 1st, Lira O'Connell Cara CU 3rd additional needs, Tray- Shaun Sheehan Listowel CU 1st additional needs with (back right) Finn Ó Súilleabhán Corca Dhuibhne CU merit award winner with his mother Michelle (back from left) Tracy Bolger Rathmore CU, Siobhan Dennehy Cara Credit Union, Ger Galvin Killarney CU, Abina O'Sullivan Rathmore CU, Tom Lawlor Vice Chairman Chapter 23 and Mary O'Shea Tres Chapter 23 and Milltown CU at Manor West Hotel Tralee on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John Long Chairman Chapter 23 (seated fourth from left) who presented the Chapter 23 7 years and under winners of the Irish League of Credit Union Art Competition with their prizes (front from left) Emma Barry merit award, Tiernan Moynihan Listowel CU merit award, Elizabeth Naughton Cara CU 1st, Sean Cronin merit award, Kyle Walsh Cara CU 2nd additional needs, with (back right) Finn Ó Súilleabhán Corca Dhuibhne merit award winner with his mother Michelle (back from left) Tracy Bolger Rathmore CU, Siobhan Dennehy6 Cara Credit Union, Ger Galvin Killarney CU, Tom Lawlor Vice Chairman Chapter 23, Ashley Fitzgerald Listowel CU at Manor West Hotel Tralee on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John Long Chairman Chapter 23 (back fourth from left) who presented the Chapter 23 14-17 years old winners of the Irish League of Credit Union Art Competition 2022 with their prizes Ava Foley Listowel CU merit award, Lucy Higgins Killarney CU 3rd, Lisa Duggan Rathmore CU 2nd, Keela Leahy Cara CU 1st, James Neeson Killarney 3rd additional needs, Timothy Flynn Cara CU 2nd additional needs (back from left) Ger Galvin Killarney CU, Tracy Bolger Rathmore CU, Siobhan Dennehy Cara Credit Union, Tom Lawlor Vice Chairman Chapter 23, Ashley Fitzgerald Listowel CU and John O'Regan Clannaurice CU and PRO Chapter 23 at Manor West Hotel Tralee on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John Long Chairman Chapter 23 (front third from left) who presented the Chapter 23 18 and over additional needs winners of the Irish League of Credit Union Art Competition with their prizewinners (left) Mary O'Shea Tres Chapter 23 and Milltown CU, prizewinners Catherine Fleming Killarney 1st and Michelle O'Leary Rathmore 3rd (back from left) Tracy Bolger Rathmore CU, Ger Galvin Killarney CU, Abina O'Sullivan Rathmore CU, Tom Lawlor Vice Chairman Chapter 23, Siobhan Dennehy Cara Credit Union and Ashley Fitzgerald Listowel CU at Manor West Hotel Tralee on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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CLLR. O'DONOGHUE QUERIES ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WHO SHORT TERM LET



Cllr John O'Donoghue has raised a notice of motion at the recent Kerry Council Meeting on what provision, if any, has been put in place to assist people within the county & country who put their savings, and particularly their retirement funds, into renovating buildings for short term letting and now find themselves in contravention of the law?"

Cllr. O'Donoghue said: "This issue has been a hot topic recently and unfortunately it looks as though the Government are steadfast in their intention to prohibit people from short term letting their properties, something I feel will have colossal ramifications on a County so dependent on tourism as Kerry is. I feel very strongly that the housing crisis in our country is a result of the failure of successive governments to provide such housing. A decision was taken some years ago to place the provision of housing in the hands of private developers, a decision which backfired spectacularly when the developers were then allowed to buy out their requirement to dedicate units for social housing by paying a

comparatively small penalty. Now here we are again, finding ourselves at a juncture where private individuals are being asked to do the job of central government and provide long term rental properties. All that being said, my motion is coming here on behalf of people who, finding themselves in houses with more rooms than they need, due to their families growing up and moving out, decided to renovate their primary residence in order to short term let it. I can give you a specific example of a couple I am dealing with. Finding themselves at retirement age, in a house where their children had moved out, thankfully they still are in good health and feel they still have much to contribute to in society. Being willing and able, they decided to put their retirement fund into renovating their house which would serve the dual purpose of providing them with something to occupy their free time, while also benefitting the tourism industry within the County. They now find themselves in the impossible situation where their retirement funds are used up, and they are unable to rent out their property. Understandably, long term letting is not an option, as were they to take in troublesome tenants, they would no longer be able to live in their own house. I feel this new directive is extraordinarily unfair on such individuals, and propose that we as a Council write to the Minister and ask him to change the legislation to make allowances for such people who have made the renovations to their property".

Cllr. John O'Donoghue's motion was supported by his colleagues and the Council will now write to the Minister asking for a change in the Legislation.

FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE SOUTH KERRY GREENWAY

Kerry County Council has confirmed in a reply to Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill, that consultants will be appointed in early 2023 to prepare the Statutory Application to secure planning consent for those sections of the South Kerry Greenway that were omitted in the An Bórd Pleanála approval decision.

Speaking at this month's meeting of Kerry County Council, Councillor Cahill said "It is hugely important that Planning Permission can be granted to all parts of the South Kerry Greenway, including the sections from Ballycarbery/Castlequin to Cahersiveen and onwards to Renard Point and to connect up with the Skellig Ring."

"It's fantastic to hear that progress is being made to ensure all areas will be included in the full South Kerry Greenway project and as an added Christmas present, I have been advised that works will commence on sections of the route within the next couple of weeks" said Councillor Cahill, an avid supporter of the South Kerry Greenway from the very outset.

"It is anticipated that the construction phases will be rolled out over the next three years with a number of sections being opened as they are completed in 2024 and 2025. As I have said many times before, this project will transform all of Cahersiveen/Glenbeigh/Iveragh/South Kerry and beyond, for generations to come, providing employment through business opportunities and helping to stem the tide of emigration. It will indeed be a Gamechanger for Kerry and I am proud of my support and input to it from the very beginning" stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

Councillor Cahill has been calling for a major recruitment drive and pushing for works to commence in 3 or 4 separate locations so that the Greenway can be delivered in the

earliest possible time frame.

"Transport Infrastructure Ireland through KCC, have also confirmed to me that Part B of the Greenway Sustainability Payment, known as the Cooperation Payment, as defined in the Code of Practice for Greenways, will apply to The South Kerry Greenway. This is further great news for farmers and landowners along the route and I am delighted that it has been achieved for them" said Councillor Cahill.

"I had lobbied intensively to get the South Kerry Greenway included in the new Code of Practice for Greenways and this is a wonderful result" added Councillor Cahill.



The official starting point of the South Kerry Greenway at Glenbeigh, pictured are Cathaoirleach of the Kenmare Municipal District, Cllr Michael Cahill, Cllr Norma Moriarty, Kevin Griffin, Landowner, Cllr John Francis Flynn, Sean O'Sullivan and Brian Sugrue, Landowner. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (File Photo)



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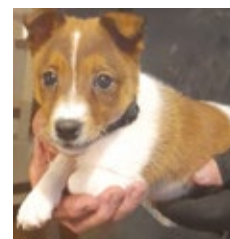
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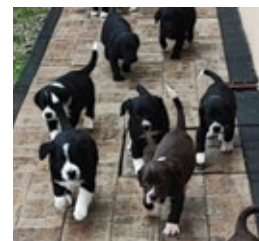
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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