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A Note from the EDITOR



As we prepare to welcome thousands to Killarney for the May Bank Holiday weekend we have a jam packed magazine for you this week.

"The Charity" has raised much needed funds for Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone, the Push for Paul rolled into town and the launch of Nathan's Walk is taking place next week.

Minister Norma Foley was in town for a Chamber lunch, Killarney Looking Good Committee have their eye on the top prize and a well deserved Civic Reception is being held for award winning photographer Michelle Cooper Galvin.

School children enjoyed a day at the races, Flesk Fest is back and Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra have celebrated 25 years.

The countdown is on for this year's Bike Fest, Killarney Camogie Club are looking for support in their bid to get to the Feile and a cuckoo has returned from Africa after spending the winter there!

All our local and European Politicians are on the campaign trail for the upcoming elections, the Rally of the Lakes is taking place this weekend and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



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Esme Weldon pictured
among the bluebells by her
mum Sharon.*

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'PUSH FOR PAUL' rolls into Kerry

The week-long 350-kilometre multi-region wheelchair push in support of a Wexford man who was diagnosed with a life-altering disease in October 2019, finally arrived into Kerry on Friday evening last (April 26th). The cavalcade was led by local Gardai into Castleisland along with Denjoe O'Connor on his trusty Harley Davidson followed by trucks from McAuliffe Trucking Company and Daly Transport accompanying the Push for Paul crew and support vehicles. The colourful parade was met at Castleisland Rugby Club by local supporters and was welcomed by Michael John Kearney of Castleisland Chamber Alliance, Councillor Bobby O'Connell and Pa Daly T.D.

Runners from An Ríocht Athletic Club joined the Push for Paul on its final stages to assist in pushing the chair.

Upon arrival, there was a particularly warm welcome from current and former Castleisland, Killarney and Killorglin rugby players and all participated in a friendly game of tag rugby. Food and refreshments were provided by Annie and Billy O'Sullivan from Ballymacelligott, and very special thanks go to them and to everyone at Castleisland Rugby Club. The stage was sponsored by Cara and Killarney Credit Unions and Tom McCarthys Central Bar was a local vehicle sponsor.

Following an enjoyable evening in Castleisland, the Push for Paul departed the rugby club on Saturday morning and did a lap of honour of Castleisland town before heading in the direction of Killarney via Currow. The locals we encountered along the way were very welcoming and generous.

On arrival in Killarney, the team proceeded through Killarney town centre where another warm welcome awaited. The greatest cheers were reserved for the grand finale arrival at Killarney Racecourse where there were congratulations aplenty. On arrival, former GAA President Sean Kelly MEP addressed the crowd and was particularly taken by Linda Murphy's message of accessibility for wheelchair users everywhere but most especially at GAA grounds. In a touching speech Linda paid tribute to all involved in the organising committee, her friends and neighbours and all who supported along the way. John Heavey of the Push for Paul Organising Committee expressed gratitude to his colleagues in an Garda Síochána for the support as well as everyone from the main sponsors 'Envirogreen' to the start sponsors 'Pet Bliss' and finish Sponsors 'SureTank'. A great evening of entertainment and fun was had by all in Killarney Racecourse to celebrate the grand finale of the Push for Paul. Ollie Favier and his team really outdid themselves in looking after everyone in attendance with great food and a fantastic atmosphere.

"I don't know what to say, you're all brilliant people. I'm so lucky to have a community

of people around me who are so kind and supportive. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for me, Linda, Harry & Sadie", Paul said.

Due to the phenomenal response from members of the public the iDonate link will remain open until mid-May to facilitate further donations. www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/apushforpaul

At the time of printing almost €142,000 has been raised.



NATHAN'S WALK - DARKNESS INTO LIGHT LAUNCH PLANNED

With an incredible €700,000 + already raised by the Nathan's Walk in aid of Pieta, this year's Nathan's Walk - Darkness Into Light is set to take place in the early hours of Saturday morning, 11th of May. This is the 11th year of the fundraiser which is held in memory

"The walk goes through Killarney National Park and it's very special as it brings our community together to show that there is hope and support for those who need it. We walk in solidarity, to remember all those lives lost to suicide and to show support for anyone in our community who might be struggling", Marie added.

of Nathan O'Carroll who died by suicide 17 years ago. On Tuesday next, May 7th, the launch will take place at JM Reidy's on Main Street at 7.30p.m. "There will be an opportunity for people to register on the evening of the launch and those that do will receive a t-shirt", Marie O'Carroll, Nathan's mum told Killarney Outlook. The organisers, the O'Carroll family, will also hold pre-registration at The Racecourse on Thursday 9th May from 3pm - 7pm and on Friday 10th May from 4pm - 8pm. "We will also take registration from 2am - 4am on the morning of the walk", Marie added. The funds raised from this year's Darkness Into Light will help communities within Kerry, with the funding going directly to Pieta's services.

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Minister praises town that never stands still

If you build it they will come

That was the positive message Education Minister, Norma Foley, had for business leaders when she addressed a Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members' luncheon on Monday.

She described Killarney as "the beating heart" of the tourism industry and she said she admired the fact that businesses in the town were so progressive, forward-thinking and cohesive.

"You never stand still – there's always more to be done," she remarked.

"I want to acknowledge the extraordinary role played by individuals and the collective to ensure Killarney remains a vibrant, attractive and economically dynamic place".

The minister was speaking at Hotel Killarney which has just completed the first phase of a major €9.5m renovation with the provision of 120 superior bedrooms and family suites and a complete redesign of its ground floor operations, including a new restaurant, new bar and new lobby area.

Minister Foley said when she visited Scotland for St Patrick's Day she was very taken by the manner in which tourism providers there spoke so positively of Killarney's warm charm, its people and the excellence of the product it provides.

She said Kerry has now adopted a more cohesive approach to tourism and when Killarney is successful, the rest of the county also benefits.

"55 per cent of visitors to Killarney also go elsewhere in the county and the top three destinations after Killarney are Dingle, Kenmare and Tralee," she said, adding that an economically successful Killarney

has a far-reaching spin-off.

"While Kerry is a county of many constituent parts, there is extraordinary power and there is an extraordinary opportunity in the collective," the minister added.

"Kerry has a quality of life and a quality of place that is both inspiring and unique and Killarney, in particular, continues to grow and innovate every single day".

Specifically praising the work of the Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Minister Foley said it is a tremendously proactive organisation that works very closely with the local authority, local businesses and the hospitality sector.

"Everybody is on the one page here and everybody has a role to play. Chamber's leadership role is hugely important," she said.

Minister Foley remarked: "I've always loved The Field of Dreams and that line that says build it and they will come. I've always been conscious, in terms of tourism, that if you don't have the infrastructure to facilitate people coming then they won't come".

She said, in that respect, the opening of the new Macroom bypass has been hugely significant and the next priority is to get the planned N22 road from Farranfore to Killarney over the line as that is hugely important.

"It's a critical piece of infrastructure that needs to be completed," she stressed.

The minister also acknowledged that Kerry Airport has played its part with 420,000 passengers passing through last year which was the highest number for 15 years.

Minister Foley confirmed that the Kerry Education and Training Board has submitted a design



Gathering for Minister for Education Norma Foley, T.D. address to leaders and members of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members' luncheon, at the Hotel Killarney, Cork Road, on Monday. From left, newly appointed Community Garda for Killarney, Cathy Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Matthew Farrell, Superintendent David O'Callaghan, Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council, Cllr. Niall Kelleher, and Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

proposal for development of a college for the hospitality sector at the former Pretty Polly site.

"It has enormous potential. You're talking up to 4,000 full-time students as well as part-time students.

"The proposal is currently being assessed and we'll have an update on that shortly," she told the gathering of over 80 local business people.

Earlier the chairman of the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation, Pat O'Leary, outlined the progress made by that organisation in promoting Kerry under the one umbrella group involving 19 member organisations.

He said the KTIF was focusing on creating a greater profile for the county, marketing Kerry as the best in class and promoting outdoor and adventure activities.

It is also working on projects to bring about the upskilling of employees, provide support for Fáilte Ireland initiatives, identify and promote sustainable tourism projects and promote digitisation.

Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Niall

Kelleher, told those in attendance that a new Business Watch scheme, an initiative by An Garda Síochána, is being launched for the town and it is hoped that it will have the desired impact.

Business Watch is founded on the same principles as Neighbourhood Watch with Gardaí and the community coming together to prevent and reduce crime.

The mayor availed of the opportunity to formally welcome Superintendent David O'Callaghan who takes charge of community engagement matters in Killarney and Garda Cathy Murphy who has been transferred from Tralee to Killarney to oversee community policing.

Cllr Kelleher also encouraged businesses and residents to make an extra push for this year's Tidy Towns competition with the judges due to arrive in town from June onwards.

"Killarney was just one point short of the overall award last year so, with a little push, we could well have cause to celebrate later in the year," he said.



Lorraine Crimmins, Proprietor, Hotel Killarney, Mary Evans, Nathan Evans, Proprietor Hotel Killarney and Louise Daly. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council, Cllr. Niall Kelleher, Joint President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Padraig Treacy, Minister for Education Norma Foley, T.D., Matthew Farrell, Killarney Officer, Killarney Municipal District. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Eye on the prize.....

Looking Good campaign has a clear target

Killarney's bid to win the coveted overall award in this year's national Tidy Towns Competition is officially underway.

The 2024 Killarney Looking Good Competition was launched this week and hopes are high that, with a little extra effort by all involved, the town could have great cause to celebrate towards the end of the year.

Killarney was named Ireland's Tidiest Large Town in 2023 but, interestingly, it finished just a single point behind overall winner Abbeyleix in County Laois.

Killarney also scooped the regional award for the south west, the county award for Kerry and a gold medal for excellence last year. It improved its performance on 2022 by a whopping 14 points, rising from 361 to 375.

The competition adjudicators were rich in their praise for Killarney which they described as a beautiful town with much to offer residents and visitors in terms of visual and recreational amenity, nature activities and heritage.

The Tidy Towns Committee, chaired by former long-serving councillor and keen environmentalist Michael Gleeson, includes senior local authority staff members, community activists, business leaders and dedicated Tidy Towns volunteers.

Over three decades after it was first initiated, to help enhance the visual image of the town, the Killarney Looking Good Competition returned with a vengeance last year – after a pandemic enforced absence – with a new committee, new categories, new sponsors and ambitious targets. The project was first launched in 1991 and it grew in stature each year, culminating in some style when Killarney won the prestigious overall award in the 2011 Tidy Towns Competition.

Now 13 years later, Killarney is hoping that it will be a lucky 13 and that this could once again be the town's glory year.

The Looking Good Competition will see awards presented in over 20 different categories and high achievers in the business and residential communities will be honoured at a gala prizegiving ceremony at the close of the tourist season.

The honours list will include the Yvonne Quill Award in memory of the late great businesswoman who was the driving force behind the Killarney



At the launch of the 2024 Killarney Looking Good Competition, in the garden centre at MD O'Shea & Sons (main sponsors), were, front from left, Michael Gleeson, Tidy Towns Chairman; Juliette Kelly, Tidy Towns Committee; Paul O'Shea, MD O'Shea & Sons (main sponsor) and John O'Mahony, O'Mahony Media (media sponsor) with, at back from left, Matthew Farrell, Killarney Municipal District Officer; Donal Mangan and Kathleen Foley, Tidy Towns Committee; Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Council; Anthony O'Mahony, MD O'Shea & Sons and Cllr Niall Kelleher, Mayor of Killarney. Picture: Valerie O'Sullivan

Tidy Towns campaign for several years and the Fr Michael Murphy Award in memory of the popular priest who played a huge part in Killarney, Kenmare and Sneem winning the overall national award in 2011, 2000 and 1987 respectively.

In the business community, there will be awards for the best large and small commercial premises, best newly painted premises, best signage and the best retail award with prizes also for the most impressive hotel, public house, restaurant, café, guesthouse and best public building as well as the most improved premises.

In the residential categories awards will go to the best large and small estates, best private residence, best roadside garden, best floral

display and best friendly planting award.

Other categories include a green hospitality award, a corporate special responsibility award, a restoration award, best school and a special biodiversity award.

The Killarney Looking Good Competition is organised by Killarney Municipal District Council and Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce with MD O'Shea & Sons the overall sponsors of the competition and O'Mahony Media Ltd the media sponsor.

The competition will run throughout the tourist season and businesses and residential areas will be monitored on an ongoing basis.



Paul Murphy's children Harry and Sadie pictured with members of the the Kerry team at the Push for Paul Finish Line at Killarney Racecourse. See Page 4

CIVIC RECEPTION for Michelle

Popular Killarney photographer Michelle Cooper Galvin will be accorded a Civic Reception at the Town Hall, Killarney today, May 3rd at 4.30pm. The Cathaoirleach and Elected Members of the Killarney Municipal District will host the Civic Reception for Ms Michelle Cooper Galvin in recognition of her career in photojournalism over the course of 43 years.



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Broadcasting live from The Europe Hotel in Killarney, Kerry Senior Football Captain and Steelers fan, Paudie Clifford, announced that Mason McCormick from South Dakota State University has been selected as the Pittsburgh Steelers fourth round pick in the 2024 NFL Draft.

The NFL Draft is an annual 3 day event, comprised of 7 rounds where each of the 32 NFL teams are able to recruit up and coming American football players and offers them spots on their roster. This year's NFL Draft took place from the 25th – 27th of April in Detroit and at it's peaks, the event is watched by over 54 million people.

This is the first time the Pittsburgh Steelers have announced one of their picks live from Ireland and were delighted to work Paudie Clifford, who was on hand this evening in Killarney with young fans to announce the fourth round pick for the Steelers.

Announcing their fourth round pick from Ireland is the latest event in a series of activities that the NFL team have hosted on the island of Ireland since being granted the rights to expand their brand and activities for the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland as part of the NFL's 'Global



Markets Program.

The Pittsburgh Steelers visited Dublin two weeks ago, where they hosted their first-ever American football Kicking Clinic where over 25 aspiring Irish kickers and punters across various age ranges attended and received real time coaching and instruction from Steelers alumni.

JAMES LAUNCHES ITY WALK 2024 IN AID OF AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS IRELAND (AADI)

It was a busy morning at Corcoran's Furniture & Carpets Ltd. as Kerry footballer James O' Donoghue formally launched the company's charity walk in aid of Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland (AADI), this week. The event will take place on Saturday, 8 June 2024 through the iconic Gap of Dunloe.

Killarney AADI family, Darragh Cattigan, his mum, Áine, and star of the show, Darragh's super-hero dog, Buzz, also attended the launch in



Pictured at the launch of the walk are David McCarthy AADI, Kieran Corcoran, James O' Donoghue, Shane O' Callaghan (CFO), Mikayla Corcoran (Opps.), Aine Cattigan, Buzz and Darragh Cattigan.

support of the walk. A key feature of the launch included a talk from the Head of AADI Fundraising, David McCarthy, and he discussed the positive impact that corporate fundraising has on the charity.

Speaking at the launch, Kerry All Ireland medallist, James O' Donoghue said: 'I am thrilled to be supporting the Corcoran's charity walk in aid of AADI, and I am looking forward to taking part on the day. AADI is a wonderful charity that makes a genuine difference to children with Autism and their families. The dog's help to reduce anxiety and to promote independence, with their priority being to make sure that the child is safe. We are lucky to live in one of the most stunning locations in Ireland, and the Gap of Dunloe is a walk that's not to be missed. I am looking forward to meeting all the fundraisers on the day in support of this very worthy cause.'

The aim of Corcoran's Gap of Dunloe walk is to raise as much funds as possible for AADI, hence, the walk is open to the public, with a minimum fundraising target of €100 per person (this includes the cost of the boat trip and lunch). The event is pre-booking only, and Corcoran's would love people of all ages to sign up and join this exciting day out for a truly worthy cause.

Registration on the day of the walk, for those who have pre-booked, will commence at 9.30am on Saturday, 8 June at Ross Castle, Killarney. The boats will depart at 10.30am, taking all participants on an hour-long journey through the stunning lakes of Killarney. This will be followed by an 11K walk (approximately 2.5 – 3 hours) from Lord Brandon's Cottage to Kate Kearney's Cottage, where lunch will be served upon completion of the walk. Corcoran's Furniture will provide a complimentary bus service back to Ross Castle for all those participating in the fundraising event. All funds raised will go directly towards the training of an assistance dog, which will change a child's life as well as the lives of their loved ones.

To register for the walk, please contact AADI via: <https://www.autismassistedogsireland.ie/event/view/corcorans-gap-of-dunloe> Once you have completed registration you will receive an AADI fundraising pack and a t-shirt in support of the event.

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

Battle for Minor Injuries Clinic for Kerry Goes Local

The battle for a minor injuries clinic has hotted up. We recall how councillors in Killarney said they were fairly confident of securing the minor injuries clinic for the District Hospital after attending a health forum meeting in Cork.

John O'Donoghue was particularly optimistic for Killarney with the verbal assurances he got at the meeting.

He had raised the issue formally by way of motion. Well, hardly had the ink dried on this and other publications than some Tralee representatives were out pooh-poohing the notion. Now, Sinn candidate for Tralee MD Paul Daly - a brother of the TD Pa - has called on Minister Stephen Donnelly to ensure that the proposed Minor Injuries Clinic is located in Tralee.

"Minor injuries clinics see patients who have sprains, breaks, sports injuries, cuts and other serious but not life threatening injuries. These types of cases cannot be treated by a GP or a pharmacist, but they also clog up A&E departments when more serious and life threatening problems need to be treated as a priority.

"The ideal location is Tralee as it is close to UHK with its facilities and also with closer access for patients from North Kerry and West Kerry. Any other location does not make sense," Paul said in the statement released from his brother's office.

To be fair to Paul, and Sinn Féin, I too have been talking with medical people and they tell me the District is in bad shape for

modern medical purposes. They also can't see how a minor injuries clinic will work in Killarney without x-ray and other diagnostics. But a court would work, they feel.

I return therefore to my old vision for the District which by the way got good support from people: Turn it into a court complex for Killarney and install a museum in the old courthouse.

It makes perfect sense to have a more discreet location for a courthouse. Then to use the existing historic building with its natural acoustics as a small museum, given its central location, methinks. The issue might be raised on the door step with the council candidates now. Someone has to come up with a plan because the HSE will not.

Stories from Gardens

A press release that came into my box from the OPW - a very under rated organisation that does very creative work, by the way - made me recall a very lovely mortuary card I got with a picture of Muckross House and Gardens and at the time I thought what a lovely idea. Much visited public gardens have great personal stories. Now during heritage week 2024 the National Botanic Gardens is calling on visitors to share their stories and memories of the gardens for an upcoming exhibition, 'Stories from the Gardens' to be held in August. I have come to love the botanic gardens in Glasnevin and it truly is an astonishing place. Few other capital cities - and I have sought out the botanic gardens in many European cities - can hold



a candle to Dublin's botanic gardens. Even Kew I find noisy and too overflowed by planes from Heathrow to get any good out of it. The small botanic gardens in Nantes would be lovely too but as with London you have to duck your head on the higher parts not to get chopped off by the wings of a plane! I kid you not.

Now the OPW is asking if you visit the National Botanic Gardens for a walk every day or if you had your wedding photos taken here? Do you recall a happy memory of the gardens from your childhood? Have you a story about a famous person you met here or to a recent historical event? Maybe the connection is familial, maybe a relative worked here over the years or you are just a big fan of a particular tree or plant and come to see its progress through the growing season? Whatever the story, they want to hear it!

The exhibition will showcase a selection in August the fascinating social history that has shaped the National Botanic Gardens over the years. 600,000 visit the Botanic Gardens each year - many more visit Muckross. Now would not a visitor's story book be a great idea for Muckross too?

A Snapshot of Kerry Today and a Future Gift

Speaking of stories, A County Kerry Anthology 2024 launched recently at St Brendan's College, Killarney has much to recommend itself. Called Futures from the Past, it contains reflections on then and when, as it were, the past and the future. Hot off the press from the launch in the Sem, Cathal Walsh gave me a copy of this snapshot in time which is being in aid of the Kerry Hospice.

The Hospice is among the myriad other good works Cathal undertakes. The 27 contributors take a look at the past and then the future. Mostly this is the past of 60 years ago. The anthology begins with a reflection and a tale from Fr Dan O'Riordan on how learning along with maturing is indeed lifelong and how human relationships are at the heart of life. Poems make up some of the contributions, but others are more academic. "Sixty Year Story" by Jerry Flynn tells us he was in fifth class in 1963 and recalls the Catholic Ireland of 1963 as an altar boy. He dropped the communion wafer and had to spend an hour washing the spot on the floor as penance.

Mary Shanahan has a nice piece about working in a school in Liverpool in 1963 when Thalidomide scandal broke. That year there was Beatlemania, Civil Rights and Blowing in the Wind too, she reminds us.

Sport as you might expect from a book associated with the Sem is prominent and we get a nice piece from Andrew Sheehan on his sporting hero Lionel Messi centring on dedication and inspiration. When he is 64, there will be more balance between nature and

humans, Andrew expects. Brian O'Daly has penned a lovely piece again called Sixty Years Ago, focusing on the season of autumn and escaping the stale air of the city for Dingle and the sea. Other contributions deal with the futuristic.

It is a lovely book to dip into - and my only quibble is how it would have been nice to include a small biography of each writer. Two or three lines would do in order to assuage curiosity. Perhaps a reprint might consider the bios?

Edited by the Tralee poet Noel King, Futures from the Past is published by Concerto Books Tralee. It is sponsored by St Brendan's, Kerry ETB and Poetry Ireland. It is for sale from St Brendan's College, priced at €9 with all proceeds going to the Hospice.



Mary Shanahan, Betty Hoare, Cathal Walsh Kerry Hospice and Noel King at the launch of the Futures from the Past, A County Kerry Anthology 2024 at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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BRIAN LAWLOR

ELECTED CHAIR OF IHF KERRY BRANCH

Brian Lawlor, Group General Manager of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, has been elected Chair of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF), which represents hotels and guesthouses across the county.

Originally from Wexford, Brian has a hospitality career spanning over two decades, having previously held the positions of General Manager of the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa and Killarney Towers Hotel & Leisure Centre and, prior to that, General Manager of the Carriage House at Adare Manor. Brian is a business studies graduate in Hotel and Catering Management from Waterford Institute of Technology.

Commenting on his election as Branch Chair, he says: "It is a great honour to have been elected Chair of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation. Hotels and guesthouses throughout Kerry make such a vital contribution to local and regional tourism, which supports over 16,000 livelihoods throughout the county. I look forward to representing them and working closely with my IHF colleagues to engage with Government and industry partners to address the challenges we face head on, including the very high costs of doing business within our industry. This is an increasing concern and requires swift action from the Government." "On behalf of my colleagues and fellow hoteliers in Kerry, I wish to



Brian Lawlor, Group General Manager, O'Donoghue Ring Hotels, Killarney pictured with outgoing Chairperson Bernadette Randles, The Dromhall Hotel and Emer Corridan, The Cahernane House Hotel, Vice-Chairperson, after his election as Chairperson of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation following the IHF AGM in The Cahernane House Hotel, Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle

acknowledge and thank Bernadette Randles for her leadership and the immense commitment she has demonstrated throughout her tenure as Branch Chair. During this time, she has provided a strong voice for local hotels, advocating on behalf of our sector and wider tourism industry here in Kerry."



Brian Lawlor, Group General Manager, O'Donoghue Ring Hotels, Killarney pictured after his election as Chairperson of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation following the IHF AGM in The Cahernane House Hotel, Killarney. Also included are Mark Scally, Hayfield Collection, Emer Corridan, Cahernane House Hotel, Bernadette Randles, Dromhall Hotel, Breffni Ingerton, INEC, Derek Carroll, The Eviston Collection, Tracy Coyne, International Hotel, Garrett Power, Muckross Park Hotel, Darren Looney, Killeen House Hotel, Jamie Power, Great Southern Killarney, Tom Argent, Aghadoe Heights Hotel, Emer Moynihan, Earls Court Guest House, Patrick O'Donoghue, Gleneagle Hotel, Mark Bowe, Castlerosse Park Resort, Michael Lally, Butler Arms Hotel, Pdraig McGillicuddy, Ballygarry Estate, Tom Randles, Randles Hotels, Donna Hartnett, Foleys Townhouse, Shelley Steadman, Randles Hotel. Photo: Don MacMonagle

SKY IS THE LIMIT FOR GRANDAD DAN

Grandad Dan O'Donoghue Jumps For Kerry Mental Health Association

Tralee Grandad Dan O'Donoghue has successfully completed his skydive from 10,000 feet for Kerry Mental Health Association.

Following a lengthy weather delay the 65-year-old, who's originally from Valentia Island, made his tandem leap with the Irish Parachute Club in Co Offaly on Sat 27th April last. He has raised nearly €11,000 so far to help fund the roll out of FREE and affordable mental health first aid training in Kerry.

Dan O'Donoghue says he's delighted with the outcome and grateful for the support. The donation link will remain open at www.kerrymentalhealth.ie until the end of May.



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SCHOOL KIDS ENJOY DAY AT THE TRACK



First Hurdle....Adam Twomey, James Whelan, Luke Brennan, Harry Huggett, and Marc Cremin, participating in the Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) Junior Education Day at Killarney Race Course on Thursday, pupils from, Presentation Monastery School, and St. Oliver's Primary School, Killarney, were accompanied by their teachers for a first hand behind the scenes working at Killarney Racetrack where they meet the team and some racing personalities.
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Out of the traps...Derek Martins, left, Olek Prinz, Elsie O'Doherty, Faye Mannix, Princess Doll O'Brien, participating in the Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) Junior Education Day at Killarney Race Course. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Third generation Farrier, Timmy McGillicuddy, demonstrating the traditional art of shoeing a horse, with pupils participating in the Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) Junior Education Day at Killarney Race Course. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Noble call...Marissa McCarthy and Paten Coffey, participating in the Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) Junior Education Day at Killarney Race Course. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Pupils from St Oliver's Primary School and Presentation Monastery National School took part in a special Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) Racing Juniors education day at Killarney Racecourse on Thursday, April 25.

150 fifth and sixth class primary school children got to go behind the scenes at Killarney Racecourse and meet Tralee-based trainer Tom Cooper who explained what his job entails as a racehorse trainer as well as a typical day-to-day routine for his racehorses, their exercise schedule and diet, and how he prepares them to run in a race.

Jockey Gary Noonan brought the children into the weighroom to show them the jockeys' changing room and the kit jockeys wear and use on race days including boots, back-protector, helmet and saddle.

Track Supervisor Mike O'Connor took the children on a course walk to see first-hand how the team prepare the track for a race meeting. In addition, farrier Timmy McGillicuddy was on hand to give children a demonstration.

Killarney Racecourse Chairman Billy O'Sullivan, said: "We were delighted

to host our HRI Juniors education day on Thursday and welcome pupils from St Oliver's Primary School and Presentation Monastery National School to Killarney Racecourse ahead of our 2024 season, which gets underway with our May Festival on Sunday May 12 for three days.

"The HRI Juniors education days are a great opportunity for the next generation to learn about the horse racing industry, see behind the scenes of a racecourse and understand the variety of jobs available which amount to over 30,000 nationally in the racing and breeding industry. We look forward to welcoming more schools to Killarney Racecourse in the future."

The objective of the HRI Racing Juniors education days is to encourage an affinity with racehorses among the younger generation and demonstrate the variety of careers available in the racing and breeding industry in Ireland.

HRI Racing Juniors education days are free to attend. To register your school's interest for a HRI Racing Juniors education day at your local racecourse in 2024, please email: hrracingjuniors@hri.ie.

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The organising committee have a tremendous line-up, with a weekend full of entertainment to suit all. There will be a fully licensed bar in the Fest Marquee, some amazing live music on The Big Stage, food trucks and much more. It promises to be the festival weekend of the Summer, an event you don't want to miss out on. Last year's Festival was a fantastic memorable experience for our community, a time to get together and celebrate. Further updates in the coming weeks.

The Line Up Includes;

Thursday 18th July: ****NEW for 2024**** Texas Holdem: Poker Tournament in conjunction with Flesk Fest

Friday 19th July: Dance Hall Friday: Old time waltzing, jiving and polka sets with Paudie McAuliffe and Paudie Coffey Band

Saturday 20th July: ****NEW for 2024**** Well Flesk: in conjunction with Flesk Fest

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Flesk Fest 2024 Launch Mary O'Brien, Gavin Kelly, Nicole O'Brien, Declan O'Donoghue and Niamh O'Connor. Photo Seamus Healy.

Mac Fitness, Alan Devane Fitness, RocheFit, Cheryl's Pilates.

The Big Stage: Leading local musicians: Johnny Courtney & Friends, Sam & Ina, The O'Donoghue Sisters, Reigning All Ireland Champions Glenflesk Ballad Group, The Border Boys.

Evening Session: Up in Smoke and Disco with DJ Gav Kelly

Sunday 23rd July: Family Fun Day: Children's entertainment & disc

All Ireland Hurling Final Live on the Big screen followed by Thingamajig TBC

****NEW for 2024** Evening Session: Meadhbh Walsh Band.**



Members of Glenflesk GAA Club pictured at the launch of Flesk Fest 2024. Photo Seamus Healy.



KERRY AIRPORT IRELAND WELCOMES GENEROUS FUNDING from Department of Transport

KERRY Airport Ireland has welcomed today's announcement of over €680,000 in funding from the Department of Transport.

Minister of State, Jack Chambers confirmed that Kerry Airport will receive the grant under the Regional Airports Programme 2021-2025 to deliver capital programmes required to support services and ensure safety at regional airports.

Projects in receipt of grant aid under the scheme are covered under the

Project Ireland 2040 strategy.

Kerry Airport is very grateful to the Government to be supported by this long-term strategy through which the Airport is becoming a more resilient and sustainable hub for connectivity here in Kerry.

The CEO of Kerry Airport, John Mulhern, said: "We are grateful to the Minister Chambers, the Department of Transport and Kerry's two Government TDs, Minister Norma Foley and Deputy Brendan Griffin for their continued support. The funding will help to ensure that Kerry Airport remains compliant with regulatory requirements in key areas, such as air traffic control, fire services and security. Kerry Airport is working towards the transition to a greener operation which has already been supported through generous capital funding from the Department of Transport."

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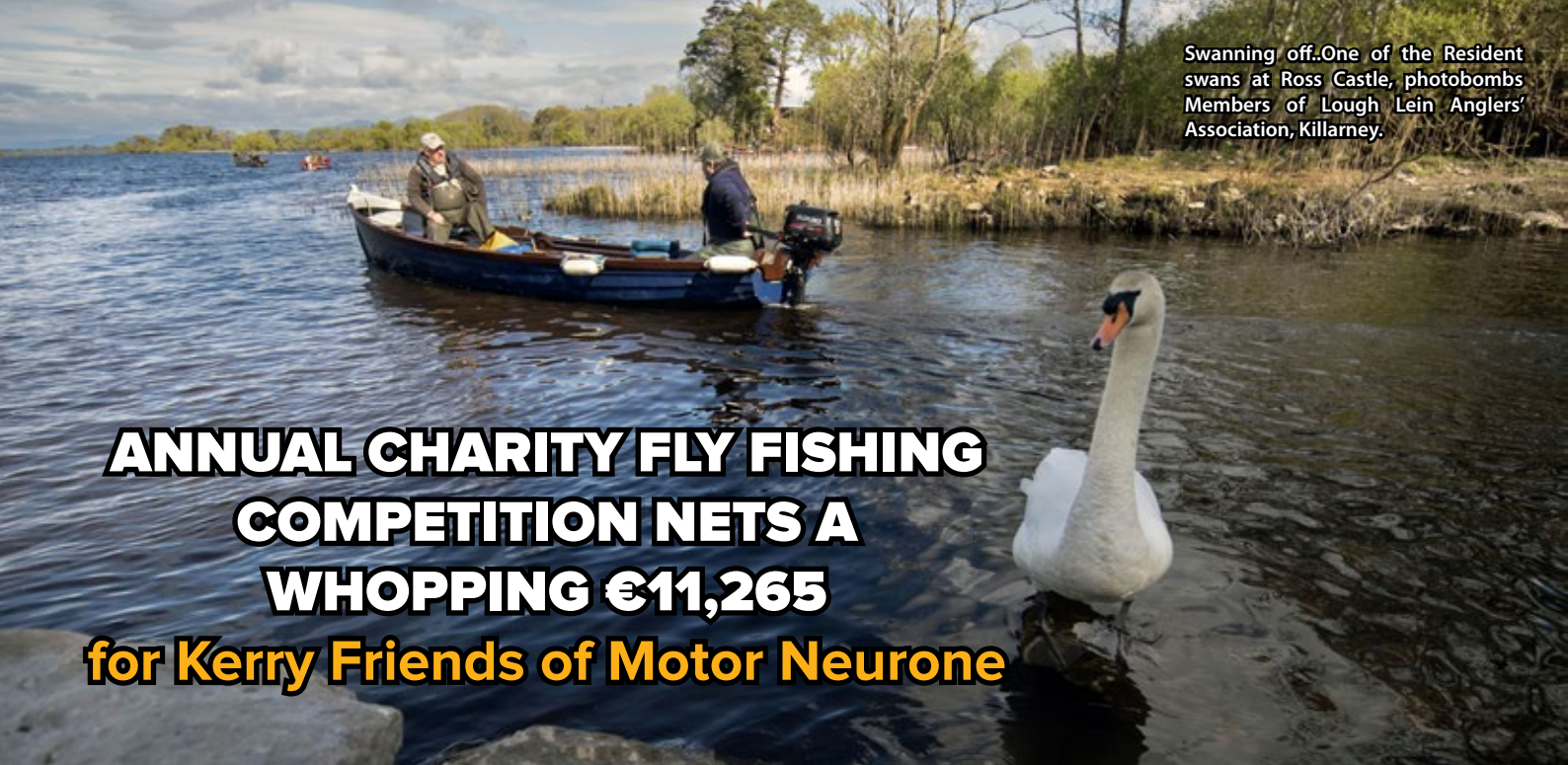


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Swanning off..One of the Resident swans at Ross Castle, photobombs Members of Lough Lein Anglers' Association, Killarney.



ANNUAL CHARITY FLY FISHING COMPETITION NETS A WHOPPING €11,265 for Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone

An amazing €11,265 was netted by the members and friends of Lough Lein Anglers' Association, Killarney - one of the longest established fishing clubs in Ireland following the successful 36th annual charity open fly fishing competition known as 'The Charity'. The Charity took place on Sunday 28th April 2024 on Lough Lein, the Lower Lake in Killarney National Park. This year's beneficiaries are Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone - a most deserving charity, a total of €11265 was raised on Sunday. The charity event is always the most popular event on the fly fishing calendar in Ireland. Spearheaded by Timo O'Sullivan, Pat Curran, Padraig Coghlan, Corrie O'Flaherty, Chairman. To date the anglers have raised in excess of €300,000 for deserving charities in Kerry and Cork. The main sponsor of the event is Lee Strand Co-op, Tralee.

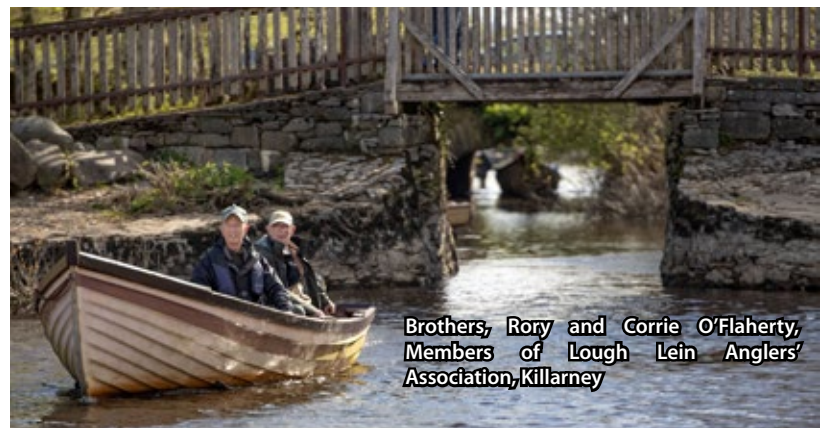
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Resident swan at Ross Castle, photobombs Father and Son duo, Don and Éanna O'Leary, Members of Lough Lein Anglers' Association



Father and Daughter duo, Dinger and Daisy Murphy, Members of Lough Lein Anglers' Association, Killarney



Brothers, Rory and Corrie O'Flaherty, Members of Lough Lein Anglers' Association, Killarney



John O'Sullivan, left and Padraig Coghlan, Members of Lough Lein Anglers' Association, Killarney



Organisers Timo O'Sullivan, left and Pat Curran, Members of Lough Lein Anglers' Association



Ann Williams, a Member of Lough Lein Anglers' Association, Killarney

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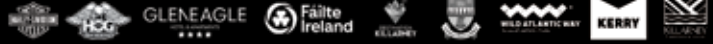


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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

With the country in the midst of a unprecedented housing crisis and builders are putting the blame for this squarely on the shoulders of senior management staff of Kerry County Council, accusing them of making the problem worse.

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council.

Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards



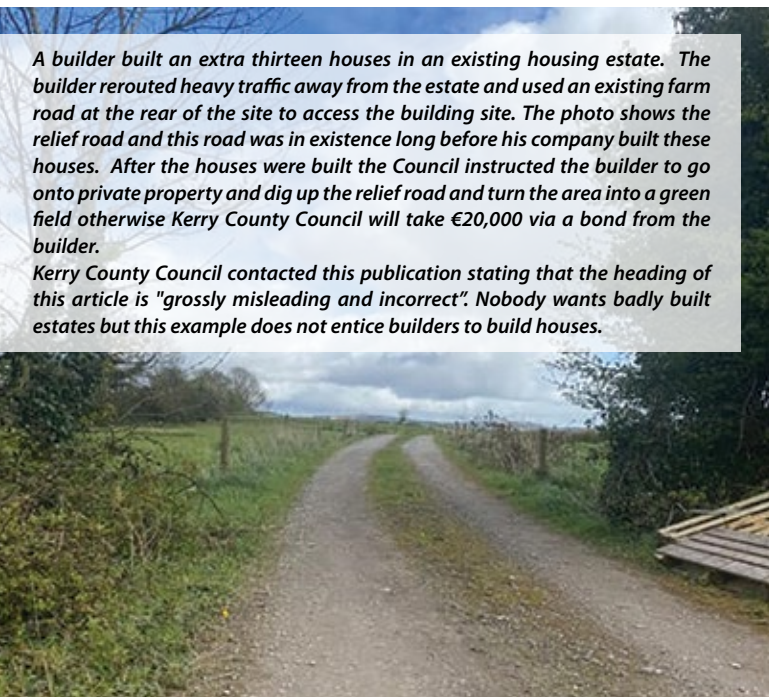
This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from the front because of the slope in the green area. Does it really matter if this fence is a few inches shorter. This is an example of the nonsense that builders have to put up with from Kerry County Council.

road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

A number of County Councillors have said that they do not have the power to change things. They were critical of council management who have just brushed their concerns aside.

A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder.

Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.

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Round trip.....

Cuach KP - The Cuckoo is back from Africa

After spending the winter in the rainforests of the Congo Basin in Central Africa, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has confirmed that Cuach KP, one of the first Irish Cuckoos to be tagged as part of a Cuckoo Tracking Project, has landed home in Killarney National Park.

Cuach KP, along with two other Irish Cuckoos, was tagged in Killarney National Park in May 2023. He is the first to successfully make the 9,000km journey home for the summer months. On arrival into Ireland on Monday, KP made a short stop in Fermoy before making his way back to Derrycunihy, in Killarney National Park, the place where he was originally tagged before his release.

While the Cuckoo has been well-studied during the breeding season, very little is known about the routes they take once they head off on migration or where in Africa they spend the winter months. The Cuckoo Tracking Project was set up by the NPWS together with the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) last year to better understand their migration patterns and the habitat pressures on the Cuckoo population. The birds were given names and fitted with satellite tags so that their movements could be tracked.

Over the course of Cuach KP 's extraordinary 9000km journey to and from the Kingdom, he covered two continents and several countries. Eamonn Meskell, Divisional Manager at Killarney National Park said:

"We're delighted that Cuach KP has found his way home to Killarney during the first year of this monitoring project. Cuckoos are such an intriguing bird and one that we associate with the arrival of summer. All of us at Killarney National Park are now hoping that the two other birds tagged as part of this project will follow and join him here over the coming days."



The Cuckoo returns...The cross-channel Cuckoo tracking project followed the migration strategy of the Irish Cuckoo - first tagged in Derrycunihy in May 17 2023, three cuckoos from the area were tagged. 'Cuach NP' is the first to return, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He left Killarney National Park, crisscrossed his way through Europe, settled in Africa for winter, before making the 1000 kms journey making landfall in Fermoy on Monday, before heading back to Derrycunihy on May 1st 2024. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Sam Bayley, NPWS Conservation Ranger, who set up the Project in conjunction with BTO said:

"Satellite tagging gives us a clear picture of the Cuckoos journey for the first time, to Africa and back to Ireland. KPs journey was a round trip of nearly 9000km ending with an epic sea crossing from northern Spain direct to Ireland across the Bay of Biscay. Big sea crossings haven't been recorded in Cuckoos in Europe before, so that's a really interesting twist."

Reports from the satellite tagging system indicate that other Cuckoos from the project are also on their way. Cuach Torc is currently in the vicinity of Brittany. Cuach Cores was the last

of the three to leave. The latest reports suggest that Cores left Algeria yesterday and is already making quick progress.

Cuckoos, or Cuach as gaelige, are a summer migrant to Ireland. Adult birds are resident here from April to early July, having spent the winter on the African continent. They are a unique bird in Ireland as they lay their eggs in other birds' nests and have no involvement in raising their young. Across Ireland, the Cuckoo has seen a 27% reduction in breeding distribution between the first national census, Bird Atlas (1968-1972), and the most recent Bird Atlas (2007-2011).



Killarney athletes from left to right - Katlyn Moynihan, Katelyn Nolan and Rachel Leane

WORLD CLASS ATHLETES BRING HOME BRONZE

Three Killarney athletes have just returned from the USA after representing Ireland on the world stage

Katlyn Moynihan, Katelyn Nolan and Rachel Leane are all members and coaches at Killarney Scorchers Cheerleading Club on the Muckross Roa,

The girls were successful in making the team with Stuntwork Elite who competed in the World Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida on Monday 29th April.

Following a phenomenal performance the team were successful in bringing home a bronze medal.

Coming 3rd in their division behind Guatemala and Puerto Rico is an outstanding achievement considering the talent from around the Globe that travels annually for this competition.

The three athletes would love to extend their appreciation to all those who supported them through fundraising and to help them achieve this dream of travelling to Florida to compete on the World Stage.

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KILLEEN HOUSE HOTEL OPENS FOR THE SEASON



Following an extensive facelift over the Winter period, Killleen House Hotel and Rozzers Restaurant is open for the season.

Killarney hotelier, Patrick Eviston purchased the property last summer and has invested in redecorating the public areas of the boutique property.

The transformation includes new panelling and wall finishes in both the lounge and lobby, with a fresh colour scheme bringing new life to this fabulous old rectory.

The golf balls that once adorned the walls of the famous bar are now taking pride of place on the bar counter itself, with new design and style ensuring the coziness remains.

"Rozzers Restaurant has also been refurbished yet still has that great country house feel to it", Derek Carroll, General Manager at the Eviston Group told Killarney Outlook.

Of course a Hotel is nothing without its people and that is something

Killeen House Hotel is very proud of.

"Darren Looney is the new Hotel Manager and has experience in abundance despite his youth and good looks!", Derek added. Darren is part of a local family from Muckcross who are steeped in hospitality.

Chef Cyrille Durand is well known in national culinary circles and most recently returned to Killarney from a couple of years with Chef Kevin Dundon no less!

All the team give off an aura of friendliness and warmth, from Evan, Adrianna and Peter in Rozzers to Eileen in Front Office, a Smile will always await you. The variety from fine Dining in the Restaurant to wonderful dishes in the Bar, mean there is something for everyone, so a visit to Killleen House Hotel and Rozzers Restaurant is a must.



Chef Cyrille Durand and Hotel Manager Darren Looney.

Over 2,000 cyclists conquered the Dingle Peninsula last Saturday 27th April at Ride Dingle, soaking up the stunning scenery of Ireland's best coastal cycle and exceptional community spirit. The important inclusion of leave no trace messaging to support Dingle as an environmentally invested town was positively received, as was Ride Dingle's annual contribution to charity, this year expected to be over €30,000.

Organised by Elite Event Management and Dingle Cycling Club, riders of all abilities tackled the challenging 120km route and scenic 55km route, both showcasing the breathtaking beauty of the Dingle Peninsula. Participants were treated to panoramic views of iconic landmarks like Skellig Michael, the Blasket Islands, Conor Pass, and Sleat Head. The success of the day was made possible by meticulous planning and support, ensuring safety and enjoyment for all riders, and participants enjoyed a welcome turnout along the route from the local community.

Food stops provided a break from the twists and climbs, some refreshments and a chance to admire the view, whilst the lively finish line at the new location of Dingle Marina added to the success of the day. Participants enjoyed hot food, music, shared stories, and basked in the bright west coast sunshine.

Ride Dingle proudly partners with Dingle Peninsula Tourism to promote sustainable cycling tourism, and champions local businesses, producers, and accommodation, ensuring a positive economic impact throughout the area. Staying true to its charitable spirit, Ride Dingle hopes to surpass expectations this year by raising over €30,000 for worthy local causes.

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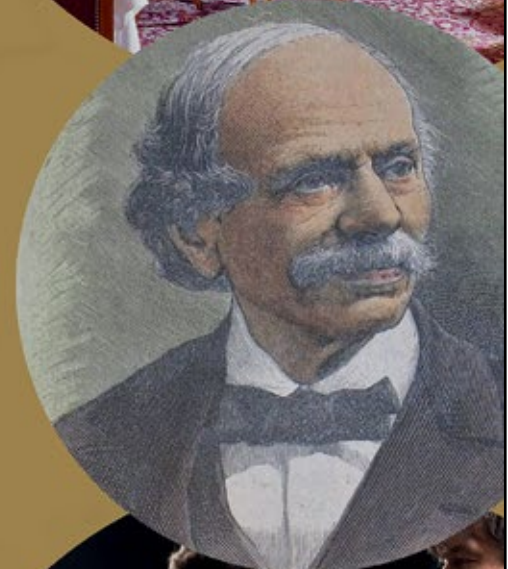
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Call for nominations for the Lee Strand/Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2024

Pictured at the launch which took place at the Wetlands Tralee are Garda Cathy Murphy, Sergeant Eileen O Sullivan, Garda Mary Gardiner, Garda Mike Courtney, Garda Aidan O'Mahony and Superintendent Dave Callaghan. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



The Lee Strand/Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2024 were launched this week at Tralee Wetlands. The awards are held for youths between the ages of thirteen and twenty-one years and recognise the great contribution young people have made and continue to make to their communities in Kerry. The awards will be presented at a celebratory dinner awards ceremony in the Ballyroe Heights Hotel, Tralee on Friday, September 27th, 2024.

This year twenty Merit Awards will be presented to individuals who have made a positive contribution to their community and make it a better place to live. A Group Award will also be presented to groups of two or more people who have made an impact to their community. The Special Achievement Award will be presented to an individual who has overcome difficult circumstances, has defied all the odds and whose commitment deserves recognition. A Community Safety Award will be

presented to an individual who through crime prevention or a safety initiative/innovation has made their community a safer place to live. The Overall Winner of the Lee Strand/Kerry Garda Youth Achievement 2024 will also be presented.

The closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday, May 31st 2024. Nominations are available from any Garda Station in Kerry or are also available to download on www.leestrand.ie/garda-awards/

Any member of the public can nominate a young person whom they feel has made a contribution to their local area. Nominations are accepted from individuals, community and voluntary groups, schools and youth clubs/organisation. The winners will be selected by a panel of judges who are community volunteers from around the county under the chairmanship of Chief Superintendent Padraic Powell, An Garda Síochána. For further information contact: 066 7102300.

Photo Finish for Nikki

Killarney Camera Club's recent competition with the theme of 'Natural Light Portrait' proved very exciting. In the Unrestricted category two photographs finished on equal points in first place and likewise for third place.

Congratulations to Nikki Foley who shared the top spot with Iryna Halaieva. Nikki's photo which is titled 'Winter Sun' was taken on a very cold winter morning in Tipperary. She told us "The morning winter sun was perfect to take a natural light portrait. My young model has been photographed many times since she was very small, and has perfected looking into the lens."

Here are the top three places in the Unrestricted category.

- Joint 1st Place: Nikki Foley, Winter Sun
Iryna Halaieva, David the Gardener
- 2nd Place: Seamus Long, Eyes Left
- Joint 3rd Place: Terry MacSweeney, Sapa Lady
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All the competition photos are available on the Club's website www.killarneycameraclub.ie.





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SCOIL PHOBAIL SLIABH LUACHRA

Commemorates 25 Years of Educational Success

In a joyful and nostalgic event, Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra in Rathmore commemorated its 25th anniversary with a truly memorable celebration on Saturday, April 27th. The event which was held in the school began with a symbolic ceremony of light, followed by a warm welcome from Lainey Harty who represented the Student Council. Other speakers included Denis Kerins (principal), Niall Kelleher (Chairperson of the Board of Management), Stuart Kelly (Chairperson of the Parents' Council), Siobhán O Sullivan (1st year class of 1998) and Minister for Education, Norma Foley TD. MC on the day was Karen Sullivan.

Invited guests from the various educational partners included former and current staff, members of the first year class group who started in the new school in 1998, members of the Board of Management, Parents' Council, Student Council, Presentation Sisters, CEIST and Kerry ETB (Trustees) as well as Minister Foley. The celebration featured performances from the school's traditional music group as well as a photo exhibition. The Student Council have also put together a time capsule which will be opened in 2048.

In his speech, principal Denis Kerins expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the school over the last quarter of a century. Minister Foley praised those who had the extraordinary vision 25 years ago to forge a link between the two schools in order that they could provide better opportunities for students

together. 'It was the right people in the right place at the right time,' she said. The leadership of former principals Sr. Mary McMahon (St. Mary's Secondary School), the late Ted Kiely (Rathmore Vocational School), Jerh O Donoghue (former principal of SPSL) and current principal Denis Kerins, have been pivotal to the educational success of the school over the years. Niall Kelleher took the opportunity, on behalf of the Board of Management, to wish Denis well on his upcoming retirement and to thank him for the huge contribution he has made to the life of the school in the last 25 years including extensive developments in the school building in recent years. Before leaving, Minister Foley officially opened the school's beautiful new sensory garden.

The school was open to the public from 12-2pm and the afternoon was filled with heartfelt reminiscence, as past pupils and members of the local community called in to take a look around the school and chat with their former teachers and classmates. Karen Sullivan, history teacher and event organiser expressed her delight at the success of the event and her gratitude to all those who attended and helped in the lead up to the celebration. 'It was a wonderful opportunity for members of the school community to reflect, reminisce and remember and were thrilled to see so many past pupils in person and hear from so many more who couldn't make it.'

PHOTOS: SEAMUS HEALY



Current principal Denis Kerins speaking at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra 25th anniversary celebration last Saturday in Rathmore



Minister for Education Norma Foley addresses the crowd at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra 25th anniversary celebration last Saturday in Rathmore



Best of trad by Jennifer Buckley, Colleen Angland, Nóirín Healy, Olivia Cronin, Grace Angland and Colm Guilfoyle at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra 25th anniversary last Saturday in Rathmore



Minister Norma Foley chats with Eoin Cashman at the Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra 25th anniversary last Saturday in Rathmore



From left Former Principal Jerh O Donoghue, Sr. Mary McMahon, Minister Norma Foley, Principal Denis Kerins and Sr. Elizabeth McMahon at the 25th anniversary celebration last Saturday.



Lainey Harty, Morgan Landy, Fionnán O Donoghue, Maria Hanrahan (Vice Principal) Minister Norma Foley and Principal Denis Kerins at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra 25th anniversary.

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
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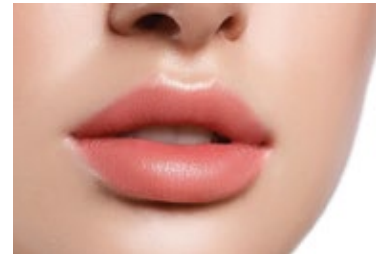
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Today's coaching action
Set some time aside and write down what is on your reverse bucket list. It could be to clear out old clothes that no longer fit or that you simply don't feel good wearing. Let go of any out of date documents that you no longer need. Go through your photos and keep the ones that are truly meaningful and pass the others on or let them go. Go through any stuff that no longer lights you up. And as you let go of the old, give thanks for it being in your life but mentally focus on moving forward in a freer, newer way.


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Protecting your eyes from the sun
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Countdown Underway for Ireland BikeFest 2024

Get your motors running, Ireland BikeFest 2024 is just weeks away! Headquartered at the purpose-built Bike Village located on the grounds of The Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney, Ireland BikeFest kicks off on Friday, May 31 and runs throughout the June bank holiday weekend. Bikers in their thousands from around the world are expected to visit the region for the festival.

Highlights include guided ride-outs along Kerry's most famous touring routes including the Ring of Kerry, the Skellig Ring, Caragh Lake and the Dingle Peninsula, marshalled by H.O.G.™ UK and Ireland chapters Celtic Thunder Chapter Waterford, Gaelic Chapter Dublin and Belfast Chapter

Northern Ireland. There's plenty of activity at the Bike Village too, including retail stands and traders, merchandise, the Harley-Davidson® Experiential Zone, food stalls and lots of family fun. Grab a drink and kick back at the popular Harley® Bar, or simply sit and listen to the incredible line-up of live bands on three stages over the course of the weekend. New to the 2024 programme is the Biker Lounge – a chill-out sanctuary for bikers to connect and unwind with live music, bike talks and more.

This year's music programme features the biggest and best line-up yet taking in three stages - the Main Stage INEC, the Outdoor Stage in the Bike Village and The Harley® Bar. Expect all the rock classics on the Main Stage at the Gleneagle INEC Arena where some of the greatest tribute and cover bands on the planet are set to perform including JoanOvArc, The Strobes, Guns Reloaded, The Unusual Suspects and Hells Bells. Outside, in the purpose-built festival Bike Village, the Outdoor Stage will host a marathon of live music with performances by Niall Toner and Band, The Afters, The Hush, Rob Strong and Band, Chapter 3, Amazing Apples, Whitewater, The Harleys and Slippery When Wet. And that's not all! Favourite bikers' haunt The Harley® Bar is set to host Two Time Polka, the Rising and Mega Trad.

One of the biggest attractions, the Custom Bike Show and awards ceremony is set to take place on Sunday, June 2. Categories include Best in Show, Best Harley-Davidson®, Best Non Harley-Davidson®, Best Adventure, Best Stock Custom, Best Chop/Radical, Best Classic, Best Paint Bright Work, Best Three Wheel/Trike, Best Special, Best LOH, Best Rat and Best Streetfighter.

The ultimate spectacle is the Sunday morning parade where hundreds of all-brand motorcycles rumble through the streets of Killarney before returning to the Bike Village for an afternoon of live entertainment and more festivities.

To keep up-to-date with festival news as it happens check www.irelandbikefest.com



Gordon Dick from Harley-Davidson® and Patrick O'Donoghue, MD, Gleneagle Hotel Group, Leading out the annual Ireland BikeFest Parade, during Ireland's largest, free motorcycle festival. Headquartered at the purpose-built Bike Village located on the grounds of The Gleneagle Hotel, Ireland BikeFest runs throughout the June bank holiday weekend. Bikers from around the world are in Killarney to experience the festival. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Killarney Camogie Club are heading to the Féile and are asking the local community for their help.

"We are asking for the help of the community for our online fundraiser that is aimed at ensuring their Féile U15 team can head to Roscommon in June for the Regional Camogie Finals", PRO for the club, Caroline O'Leary told Killarney Outlook.

"We set up the online fundraising page just last week, so we are reaching out again to the community for any assistance they can provide", she added.

The club did something similar over the last 2 years as well when they got to Division 1 in 2022 and Division 2 in 2023.

"This year, we're in Division 2 again, so we are doing the fundraiser to give the girls a fantastic experience with their teammates. It's a remarkable achievement to reach the Féile finals for 3 years in a row, but it also puts enormous financial pressure on a small club like ours", she added.

The money raised will go towards transportation to and from Roscommon, food costs, extra hurleys & sliothars, and new gear for the girls.

It's been a long road and many long training sessions and evenings for the girls since they first started training at the start of February, and they will be continuing to work hard over the coming weeks to keep the momentum going in the run up to June. The girls deserve to go to Roscommon and enjoy the Feile experience that so many have enjoyed before them.

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➤CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 **Dr Crokes 2-16 Glenflesk 2-06**

Match Report by Michael Healy.

Dr Crokes showed why they lead the way in Division 1 of the County Senior Football League, with a dominant display at home to Glenflesk, who despite the defeat, played some positive football themselves, in an open game that saw 2 penalty's scored, and 2 other terrific goals. The League leader's started at a lightning speed, taking a 4 point lead early, with Micheal Burns getting 2 of the scores. Glenflesk's first attack ended with a penalty opportunity, as Patrick Darcy was hauled down after being sent in on goal by Callum Cronin's superb pass. Jeff O Donoghue's well struck penalty hit the net, and Glenflesk found themselves only a point down, despite hardly seeing any of the ball in the opening stages. They followed up the goal with 2 Ian Roche point's, the second 1 almost being a goal. With Patrick Darcy having to go off after the penalty foul, Glenflesk struggled as an attacking force, and Crokes went on a run of 2 – 09 without reply. Daithí Casey burying his penalty for the first goal, before Kieran O Leary classily flicked the ball up to Burns, who hammered the ball into the corner of the net early in the second half. Despite the torrent of score's put on them, Glenflesk had moments of quality themselves. O Donoghue cleverly dummied into space to fire over a classy point 1 instance, while Cronin once again found the net for the third game in a row, firing low to the net from a tight angle. The result though was never in doubt, as Glenflesk were shown the standard needed to compete consistently at the highest level in Kerry Club football. A tough experience today, on what has been an otherwise very promising start to life in Division 1 Football

➤CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 5B **Glenflesk 1-07 Laune Rangers 2-09**

➤UNDER 11S

The Under 11's had their first home game of the season versus Beaufort. There was excellent football on display throughout despite some tricky conditions in the rain.

➤UNDER 15S

Glenflesk/Kilgarvan dug deep to beat Ballymac in Division 3A of the County League. Final score: 3-10 to 3-06.

Glenflesk/Kilgarvan had a great win away against Kerins O'Rahillys/St Pats in Division 9C of the County League. Final score: 2-14 to 2-07.

➤MINORS

Glenflesk travelled to Furies in their first game of the East Kerry League. Final score: 6-13 to 2-12.

➤KERRY MINOR LADIES

Huge congratulations to Glenflesk girls Aoise O'Donoghue & Kathryn Ryan who were part of the Kerry Minor Ladies team that won the Munster Championship with a 3-10 to 0-13 victory over Cork in Mallow.

➤KERRY LADIES

Well done to Emma Dineen and the Kerry Ladies Football team on their win over Cork in the Munster Final. Final score: 1-14 to 1-10

➤KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to goalkeeper Pierce Moynihan who has been named on the Kerry Minor Football Panel for 2024.

➤KERRY SENIOR HURLERS

Well done to dual player Luke Crowley on helping Kerry to victory over Down in the Joe McDonagh Cup. Final Score: Kerry 0-26 Down 2-12

➤KERRY UNDER 20S

Congratulations to Cian Lynch, Luke Crowley and John Kelleher on helping Kerry to a 1-15 to 1-10 win over Tipperary in the Eirgrid U20 Munster Championship.

➤LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 16/4/24 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €8,400. The numbers drawn were: 6, 15, 17, 20. Consolation Prizes of €50 1) Kay Healy, Old Bridge, Headford, 2) Murphy's Bar (Sellers' Prize), 3) Eileen McCarthy, Cools, Headford, 4) Malachy Scannell, Clonkeen. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 29th of April 2024. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

➤SAVE THE DATE: FLESK FEST 24!

Glenflesk GAA announces FLESK FEST 24 at Barraduff Community Field. A weekend of Live Music, Fun and Entertainment, July 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st July.

We have a tremendous line-up, with a weekend full of entertainment to suit all. There will be a fully licensed bar in the Fest Marquee, some amazing live music on The Big Stage, food trucks and much more. It promises to be the festival weekend of the Summer, an event you don't want to miss out on. Last year's Festival was a fantastic memorable experience for our community, a time to get together and celebrate. Further updates in the coming weeks.

➤50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Derry and Eileen Crowley from Knockanes, Headford in Glenflesk celebrated their 50th Golden wedding anniversary on Friday 26th March 2024 with a renewal of vows and mass in St Agatha's Church Glenflesk officiated by Fr Jim Linehan. They were joined by their family and friends and danced the night away in The KerryWay. Derry and Eileen were married on Friday 22nd March 1974 in St Cuimis Church Kilcummin by Fr McGrath. Their wedding reception was held in the Gleneagle Hotel. It was a double wedding as Eileen's sister Kathleen O'Leary married Andrew O'Sullivan from Dromadeesirt, Kilcummin on the same day. Sadly Kathleen passed away in 2017. But her husband Andrew who now resides in Kildare was in attendance for the celebrations. The Crowley family would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to the Rockmount Care Cente in Kilgarvan.

➤ACADEMY

Have Fun, Make Friends, Learn to Play Football! Continues every Tuesday 6:15 to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field V93WF6F. Girls U6/U8 & Boys U7/U9. For further information please contact 087 2900476. Also anyone looking for information on joining U11 to U17 Boys and U10 to U18 Girls please contact the number.

➤NOTES

If you would like anything included in the clubs weekly notes, please email it to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie

The Kerry Parents & Friends Bidy Group presenting a cheque for €11,353.40 to Catherine Moriarty (Kerry Parents & Friends Representative) at the Kerry Way on Friday 19th. April. A huge thanks to everyone who supported this worthy cause.



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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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>KILCUMMIN DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

We wish to remind the community and beyond of all of defibrillator locations, please make yourself aware of your nearest defibrillator. See Facebook page "Kilcummin Defib Group". We will have some training dates and fundraising coming up shortly, so please keep an eye on the Kilcummin notes and our Facebook page.

>TRIP TO KNOCK

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 15th June. Booking presently @ P.O.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1: Kilcummin 1-16 An Gaeltacht 3-09

Well done to our senior team on had a narrow win over An Gaeltacht on Sunday last. We led by 1-8 to 1-4 at half time following a penalty from Chris O Leary after a trip on Mark O Shea. Features of the first half were that we had eight different scorers and brought two fantastic saves from the Gaeltacht goalie. The second half saw a great struggle between the teams with the visitors getting two further goals and our lads responding with some great points. In the final moments Philip O Leary secured the league points and we now look forward to the visit of Milltown Castlemaine this Saturday at 7 pm. Keith O Leary (with two 45's) Chris O Leary, Damien O Leary, Gary O Leary, Paul O Shea and Philip O Leary when introduced stood out on this occasion.

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 6: Gaeltacht B 5-15 Kilcummin B 2-15

Our B team travelled to Gallerus on Saturday and lost out to a strong Gaeltacht team. They acquitted themselves well with Sean Doolan



Congratulations to Mastergeeha U12 team who won the Girl's Cup with a victory over Castleisland on Saturday last.

scoring 2-7 and also good displays from Aaron Buckley, Gavin Morrissey and T.J. Healy. Next game is against Keel B at the week-end

LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 22nd April 2024 of the Jackpot for €10,750. Numbers drawn were 06,09,10,19. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Carmel Cloherty, Áine O'Callaghan, Conor Doyle, and Darragh Brosnan. The next draw will be on Monday 06th May for Jackpot of €11,000.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

U12 Girl's Cup Final

Mastergeeha winning 4-2 on penalties. Congratulations to our U12 team who won the Girl's Cup with a victory over Castleisland on Saturday last.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 26th April 2024 of the Jackpot for €10,400. Numbers drawn were 9,10,11,21. Consolation prizes of €50 went to D.Will, Klub, Joe Scanlon, Ballinamanagh, Samantha McGillcuddy, Tiernaboul, and Alison Keogh. The next draw will be on Friday 03rd May for Jackpot of €10,800.

SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

>SPA LOTTO 29/04/24 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 6, 8, 10, 14 No jackpot winner Lucky dips €50 each: Anne Holland; Cian & Oran Lynch; Mary Horgan c/o Brendan Cronin; Stephanie Treyvaud, Online; Next weeks draw is on Monday 6 May for a jackpot of €5,000 @ 9pm. Play online at www.clubforce.com

>ANTI BULLYING AND SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES AND SAFETY

Thanks to Community Garda Cathy Murphy of Killarney Garda Station for attending Spa clubhouse on Friday night 26th April. She gave a very important and informative talk to our underage members u12 -u17 their parents and coaches on Anti Bullying and Social media guidelines and safety. This was a club initiative and attended by chairman Michael Cronin, Children's Officer Anne Holland, secretary Catherine Coffey, Coiste na nog Chairman Liam Ryan, Spa LGFA Susan O Sullivan Waters, secretary LGFA

Emma Daly and Health and Well Being Officer Seamus Moynihan.

>CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Division 6 Credit Union SFL game between Milltown/Castlemaine B and Spa B will be played Monday May 6th at 7pm in Milltown

In Round 5 of the Division 1 Credit Union SFL Laune Rangers travelled to Spa on Sunday last where Laune Rangers narrowly maintained their winning streak on a scoreline, Spa 2-09 Laune Rangers 2-11. In Rund 6 of this competition Spa will travel to Kerins O'Rahillys.

>KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

The Heineken Killarney Club7s takes place on June bank holiday weekend Saturday June 1st and Sunday June 2nd. Tickets can be purchased online at www.killarneyclub7s.ie. Guranteed entertainment with Gaelic Football 7s and 20+ hours of live music across the weekend.

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BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

>FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to John Mitchel's in Co League, round 6, Div. 6B next weekend and home to Na Gaeil on Saturday, 4th May at 7pm in Division 2, round 6.

>RESULTS

Dr Crokes C 0.09 Beaufort 0.11 in round 5, Co Senior league, Div. 6B. Beaufort 2.06 Austin Stacks 0.14 in Div. 2, Co Senior league. Corca Dhuibhne 2.06 Beaufort 1.10 in round 4, senior ladies Donal Curtin Cup.

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €3,400 on Sunday, 28th April. Numbers: 7,17,25,28. Consolation Prizes: €80 Pádraig Hallissey, Cappaganeen, €50 Kieran O'Shea, Keelohane, Norma McHugh, Mike Coffey, Gortbee. The next draw for a jackpot of €3,400 will be on Sunday, 12th May.

Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto and our lotto sellers.

>MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311. LGFA membership is also necessary for playing Ladies and Girls football. For more information, please contact Sue 086 2632219.

>BEAUFORT GAA CLUB SUMMER CAMP will be held on the week of 8th to 12th July in Beaufort GAA Club complex. For more information, please contact Mary 086 0640065 or Tara 087 6032774

>CONGRATULATIONS to all the Beaufort players and mentors who were part of Kerry panels panels last weekend.

Beaufort U9 Boys who played John Mitchel's on Sunday, 28th



RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

>RALLY OF LAKES 2024 ROAD CLOSURES IN RATHMORE AND GNEEVEGUILLA SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

Stage 9 & 12 Gortnagane 09.00hrs-16.20hrs. Starting at Headford via Doocarraig Beg. Doocarraig More & Gortnagane shrone & Auniskirtaun to the County Bounds. From the County bounds at Auniskirtane via Caherbarnagh West, Hollymount, Knocknaloman, Knocknagallane and finishing at Ballydaly.

ROAD SUBJECT OF PROPOSED CLOSURE

L-1130 Caherbarnagh, Co. Cork – from County Boundary to Horan's Cross. L-1133 Caherbarnagh, Co. Cork – from Horan's Cross to Hollymount School Cross.

L-52181 Hollymount, Co. Cork – from Hollymount School Cross to Knocknaloman Cross.

L-5218 Knocknaloman, Co. Cork – from Knocknaloman Cross to School Cross, Ballydaly.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

Traffic from Caherbarnagh travelling to Rathmore should travel on the L-1130 as far as Crohigs's Cross. There vehicles should turn left on the L-5171 towards Ballydaly. At Ballydaly Cross, traffic should turn left onto the R582 and continue onto Rathmore. The stated diversion route is applicable in reverse when travelling in the opposite direction.

Meentogues 10:00 to 17.40 starting at Scrahanagullaun v Banard.O 'Keeffe Garage Meentogues. Barraduff upper Lisbabe and finishing at Knockacorrin.

Ballintourig 10-35 to 17.40 starting to Leamyglissane via Liscahane, knockreagh, Ballahantouragh, John Richards Cross knockacorrin, flinching at Anablaha. In addition, it is proposed to close all adjoining public roads for a distance of 205 Meters from the junctions with the roads listed above.

>SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €203 and the winner was Daniel Collins. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket. Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses who

continue to support our project.

>SYMPATHIES to Kathleen Smith & extended family on the death of her husband Ned, whose funeral took place in Shrone on Thursday the 11th April. To the family of John P Moynihan, Knockdurath, whose funeral took place on Thursday 18th April. To Elaine, Miriam & their families, Karen & Zoe on the death of their mother, mother-in-law & grandmother Bridie Moynihan, Raheen, whose funeral took place on Tuesday 23rd April.

To Seamus Buckley & family, Kathleen, James, Nora, Donie, Brendan & Julie & families on the death Julianne Buckley wife, mother & grandmother, whose funeral took place on Thursday 25th April. To Hannah Mary Doherty, her sister-in-law Nellie Collins, nieces, nephews & extended Collins family on the death of her sister Sr Anne (Peggy) Collins who died on the 17th April in New Jersey. May Ned, John P, Bridie, Julianne & Sr Anne rest in peace. Sympathy to Noreen Reen, daughter Corran, Son in law Dennis Reen, her sister Breeda Griffin, Killarney and brother Tadgh Griffin, Northants, England on the death of their father Desmond Brennan, Daltons Avenue, Killarney who was laid to rest. May he rest in peace

>GNEEVEGUILLA GAA CLUB LOTTO

Congratulations to Mary Cotter Lissyconnor who won €14,000. Jackpot

>MASS IN THE CITY IN SHRONE

Because of a clash of dates with the RALLY OF LAKES it is necessary to move The Mass in the City to Sunday MAY 12th @ 1.30pm

>TUBRID WELL

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>AUBANE GROTTTO

The Holy Rosary will be recited every Thursday for the month of May at 8.00p.m.

>CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and gratitude to Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore who celebrated their 25th anniversary on Saturday last attended By Minister for Education Norma Foley TD & Cllr Niall Kelleher, Chairman of Board of Management a past pupil in school himself. A great day of music, memories and celebration was celebrated as well. Well done to all involved

>NOTES

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



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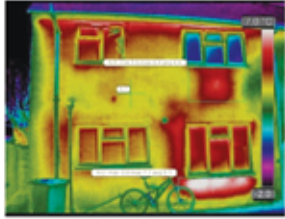
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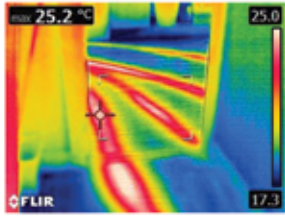
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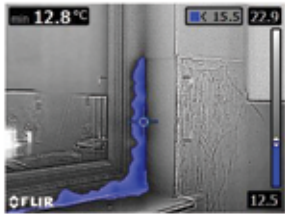
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The Ultimate Guide TO CHOOSING THE PERFECT SOFA BED FOR YOUR HOME

A sofa bed is a versatile and practical furniture piece that serves dual functions, offering both seating during the day and a comfortable sleeping surface for guests at night. Whether you're furnishing an apartment, a guest room, or a home office, selecting the right sofa bed requires careful consideration of various factors to ensure both style and functionality meet your needs. Here's everything you need to know to choose the perfect sofa bed for your home:

1. Determine Your Space and Usage Needs:

- Assess the available space in the room where the sofa bed will be placed, considering both the dimensions of the sofa when open and closed.

- Determine how frequently the sofa bed will be used as a sleeping surface. If it's for occasional guests, you may prioritize comfort and style over daily durability.

2. Choose the Right Size:

- Sofa beds come in various sizes, from single chair beds to king-sized sleepers. Select a size that fits your space and accommodates the expected number of sleepers comfortably.

- Keep in mind the dimensions of the sofa bed when opened to ensure there's enough room for movement around it.

3. Consider Mattress Quality and Comfort:

- The mattress is a crucial component of a sofa bed, impacting both comfort and sleep quality. Opt for a mattress that provides adequate support and cushioning.

- Test the mattress if possible to gauge its comfort level and durability over time.



4. Assess Mechanism and Ease of Use:

- Explore different sofa bed mechanisms, including pull-out or click-clack designs. Consider ease of use and convenience when converting between sofa and bed modes.

- Look for smooth operation and sturdy construction to ensure the mechanism withstands regular use without issues.

5. Evaluate Design and Style:

- Choose a sofa bed that complements your existing decor and reflects your personal style. Whether you prefer modern minimalist aesthetics or classic traditional designs, there's a sofa bed to suit every taste.

- Pay attention to details such as upholstery fabric, colour, and design features like tufting, trim, or decorative accents.

6. Factor in Maintenance and Durability:

- Consider the ease of cleaning and maintenance when selecting upholstery fabric.
- Check the frame and construction quality to ensure the sofa bed withstands regular use and remains structurally sound over time.

7. Test Before You Buy:

- Whenever possible, test out different sofa bed models in person. Sit on the sofa, open and close the bed mechanism, and assess overall comfort and functionality.



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2nd: Sinead O'Shea (17) 40pts

Best Gross: Lisa Cullen 33pts

3rd: Maureen Creedon (17) 39pts Last Nine Holes

4th: Patricia Quane (36) 39pts

5th: Josephine O'Sullivan (21) 36pts Last Six Holes

NEXT FIXTURE will be 4th & 5th May 2024 Chairpersons Cup 18 Hole Single Stableford on Mahony's Point.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

RESULTS OF 9H SCRAMBLE PLAYED ON FRIDAY 26TH APRIL.

Congratulations to the winning team of Nuala Ward, Nora Long, Frances Flynn

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SPRING LEAGUE

Spring league is now underway. Good luck to all participants.

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

GET INTO GOLF

The Get Into Golf 6 week programme will begin on Monday 27th May from 6.00 to 8.30 pm. Cost is €70. Contact Kieran 087 2748777.

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RESULTS

ON APRIL 27TH & 28TH WE HELD THE THIRD ROUND OF THE M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE

The winners were :-

1st: Peter Wickham (10) 38

2nd: Dan Cronin (11) 38

Division 1

1st: Jordanas Jonikaitis (8) 35

2nd: Niall O'Brien (12) 35

Division 2

1st: Jimmie Smith (17) 37

2nd: Lucas Cronin (18) 36

Division 3

1st: John Nolan (26) 36

2nd: Alius Brazeitis (25) 30

ON THURSDAY OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 9 HOLE COMPETITION

The winners were:-

1st: Donal Hayes 23 pts

2nd: Ned Buckley 21 pts

3rd: Denny Lucey 16 pts

FIXTURES

On May 5th we will hold the final round of the M D O'Shea Spring League. This will be a stroke play round and also the qualifier for the club Matchplay Championship. For tee time bookings the online system will be open from 7pm on Thursday.

On May 6th our President Betty Farrell, Lady Captain Mary McCarrick and Gents Captain Johnny Brosnan will hold their Drive in at 10am and this will be followed by a mixed scramble at 10.30. All scramble participants must have their name on the entry sheet or contact the clubhouse before 9.30 am. The prize giving and some food will be held at 1 pm in the clubhouse.

ROSS LADIES GOLF

CLUB NOTES

DRIVE IN MONDAY 6TH MAY

Our Drive In will take place on Monday 6th May. Meet at club house at 9.30am This will be followed by a mixed scramble.

LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings May 15th to June 26th please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

RESULTS

9 & 18 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD QUALIFYING COMPETITION SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

A lovely day for golf on Saturday last. Well done everyone who participated.

18-hole Results

1st: Elaine Casey 2nd: Margaret O'Donoghue

3rd: Breda O'Farrell

9-hole Results

Jennifer Nash, Mary B O'Sullivan

COMPETITIONS

9 & 18 hole Single Stableford qualifying Competition Saturday 4th May. Tee times from 10.00am. Enter via the ClubV1 app. All Members welcome

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.30am tee off 11.00am. All members welcome.

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GOLF IRELAND

qualifying for the Munster Senior Mens Matchplay after last Sunday morning's Qualifiers in Listowel. Commiserations to Noel Moynihan who just missed out on qualifying for the Intermediate Mens event on countback.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Closer to home we had Hole-In-One's from both father and son last Sunday! Fourball Betterball-First Nett: Mark O'Shea & Dan Kiely 39, Gross: Daniel Kelly & Sean O'Brien 48, Second Nett: Mike 'Seve' O'Leary & Aidan O'Keefe 39½ (B9) and Hole-in-One's: Bobby Kelly (5th Hole) and Daniel Kelly (6th Hole).

WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL

This will take place on the Bank Holiday Monday next (May 6th) over 36 Holes Singles Strokeplay. Entry €10 per player. Please be present for same at 9.15am. This event is the first in our new Club Player of the Year event (sponsored by Murphy's Bar). Further details will be available before the competition starts.

CLUB STROKEPLAY

This event (sponsored by Charlie Foleys Bar) is scheduled for the weekend of May 19th as a multcard format but full details will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY QUALIFYING

Best Wishes to all members of the club taking part in these in Tralee on Sunday especially to those trying to qualify for the new Intermediate and Junior Mens events.

WEDNESDAY COMPETITIONS

These will return from next Wednesday May 8th from 7pm. Open to club members aged 14 or over. Entry €4 per player and optional fee of €1 for a Hole-In-One each competition.

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Kerry County Council has published detailed information on its website in relation to the forthcoming elections to Kerry County Council. Elections for the six Local Electoral Areas in Kerry will be held on 7 June 2024. Information about key dates, the Register of Electors, the nomination process for candidates and other relevant information is provided to ensure that voters and election candidates are fully informed about all aspects of the election process. Eligible electors who are not registered to vote must do so before Monday, 20 May. Those wishing to be included on the Postal Voters List or the Special Voters List must register by Saturday, 11 May. The Council operates a Freephone Number for any queries about the Register of Electors which can be contacted on 1800 245 380 during office hours.

The period during which candidates can submit their nomination papers is Saturday, 11 May and Saturday, 18 May. Arrangements for the receipt of nominations will be made with individual candidates and the political parties by the Kerry County Council Returning Officer, Martin O'Donoghue. The Council webpages on the local elections also includes important information for candidates about legislation dealing with election expenditure, data protection, and election posters. For example, election posters cannot be erected before 8 May and must be removed within seven days of polling. This site will continue to be updated with further information about the local elections in the coming weeks, including a full list of candidates in each of the six Local Electoral Areas following the close of nominations. Members of the public can also keep up to

date via the Kerry County Council social media channels on X, Instagram and Facebook. The information is available on the homepage of the Kerry County Council website or at the following link: <https://www.kerrycoco.ie/kerry-county-council-elections-2024/> There are 33 elected members of Kerry County Council representing six Local Electoral areas. The number of seats available in each Local Electoral Area are: Listowel (6 seats) Tralee (7 seats) Kenmare (6 seats) Castleisland (4 seats) Corca Dhuibhne (3 seats) Killarney (7 seats) The Local Electoral Areas of Castleisland and Corca Dhuibhne form the Municipal District of Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne (7 seats)



Cllr. Brendan Cronin is again calling on Kerry County council to urgently rectify the present highly dangerous situation where there is no public footpath linking the new Madams Height housing development to the existing footpath on the N22 which is 200 meters away even though it is clearly shown in the original planning application. "The present situation is that a footpath from the new development comes out to a dead end at the public road forcing pedestrians onto the carriageway facing oncoming traffic. Back at a Council meeting in March 2021 I requested the Council to construct this vital section of footpath for pedestrian safety on this very busy dangerous road and 3 years later nothing has still been done which is totally unacceptable", Cllr. Cronin told Killarney Outlook. "Kerry County council have collected substantial development levies from the Madams Height development and in the general Aghadoe area for providing, local community infrastructure, I am appealing to Council Management and engineers to use this funding to construct this vital section of footpath before someone is seriously injured", the Cllr. added.

KILCUMMIN FOOTPATH SAGA IS DRAGGING ON

In this week's Kerry County Council Meeting, Cllr. John O'Donoghue has called on Kerry County Council to provide an update on the provision of a footpath from Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin village as it has dragged on for years now which is unacceptable for the residents of the Estate. "This was one of the first Notices of Motion I had on the agenda when starting in the Council in 2021. I am also aware it is a saga which has rumbled on for much longer than that. Páirc Chuimín, with over 80 houses, is within walking distance of Kilcummin village, yet residents are unable to walk their children down to school or up to the football field as the road is simply too dangerous", Cllr. O'Donoghue said. "In a time where Active Travel is so widely

encouraged, this is a glaring example of people being willing to engage, but unable to do so due to a lack of infrastructure. Were this to be a temporary problem, it might be more understandable but it has dragged on for years now, and for the poor unfortunate residents of the estate, it is simply unacceptable. I recently viewed the brochure published at the time the estate was built and one of the first pages was filled with a list of all the wonderful amenities within walking distance of the estate for would be home owners", he added. Unfortunately, the reality is that while these may be within walking distance, none of these amenities can be accessed through walking or cycling, and certainly not by young children. While I accept it was a private development, and that

were a similar planning application made for a project of this scale now it would have to include greater provision of linking footpaths, there is little to be gained by dwelling on the past and reflecting on what might have been. The residents of the estate are in the situation that they are and the onus is on us as a Council to sort it out. It is a scandal that parents living so close to the school do not feel safe allowing their children to walk to school and it is imperative that we as a Council make this one of our number 1 priorities going forward. We have been hearing talks of negotiations for years now, but the residents of Páirc Chuimín have had enough of talking, what they want now is action. We must sort this situation out and people need to see progress soon.



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1st Wednesday 8.00 PM 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9.30 PM	Killarney Area Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen The Village Inn, Kilcummin Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe The Golden Nugget, Fossa	4th Thursday 7:00 PM 7.30 PM 8:15 PM 8.45 PM 9.15 PM 9.45 PM	Killorglin Area Golden Nugget, Fossa Galvin's Bar, Beaufort O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin Larkin's Bar, Milltown Griffins Bar, Castlemaine Anvil Bar, Boolteens
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Dozens Of Businesses Across The County Will Be Forced To Close Their Doors

A Kerry County Councillor has accused the Rates Valuation Office in Dublin as being out of touch with reality, following the recent announcement of the doubling and trebling of Rates Bills for businesses in the county. Fianna Fáil Councillor Michael Cahill has claimed that the Rates Valuation Office in Dublin will force dozens of businesses across the county to close their doors "In a time in business where huge challenges exist to keep the doors open, with enormous rises in overhead costs, energy, wages, supplies, etc, the Valuation Office has seen fit to send out bills to people showing a 100%, 200% & 300% increase in Rates. This is against a background where towns and villages are seeing many businesses closing weekly because they cannot survive" stated Councillor Michael Cahill. "I have been contacted by numerous business people in Killorglin, Cahersiveen, Killarney, Kenmare and in my own Parish here in Glenbeigh on this issue, some saying they will need to borrow money if they are to pay these

inflated Rates bills, others admitting that they cannot continue to trade under such a burden. The real world is here on the streets of our towns and villages, where small businesses exist, run by real people for real people. It is incredible that people in the Valuation Office can sit in their Ivory Tower to issue crippling Rates increases on those who are the backbone of our economy" said the flabbergasted Rossbeigh based Councillor. "Small businesses need to be nurtured in our local economies, they need to be supported while trying to recover from lockdowns and energy price hikes. These massive increases in Rates bills will cause an economic wipeout in every town and village in this county" stated Councillor Cahill. At this month's Local Authority meeting, the Fianna Fáil Councillor again called on Kerry County Council to make the case on behalf of their clients, the business people of Kerry, to the Valuation Office as a matter of extreme urgency. Councillor Cahill also raised the matter



with the Finance Minister, Michael McGrath at a recent meeting in Kerry. Speaking at both meetings, Councillor Cahill took the opportunity to raise with Minister McGrath and Kerry County Council the rise in Commercial Rates and said that it will eat up the benefit of the Increased Cost of Business grant, announced recently by the Government. He also raised the need to return to the 9% Hospitality VAT rate to ensure no further businesses are forced to close down. "Minister McGrath assured me he will bring all of my concerns to Cabinet including the massive increase in Commercial Rates and the VAT issue" added Michael Cahill.

CONDITION OF RURAL ROADS AN HUGE ISSUE ON THE DOORSTEPS

During his canvassing for the upcoming local elections, Cllr. John ODonoghue has shared an issue which comes up repeatedly on the door steps and that is the condition of many of our rural roads. The Local Improvement Scheme currently has a waiting list of over 600 applicants at a time where we have been informed that the scheme over the next two years will progress as follows: €1,545,758 for 2024 which will allow for the next 26 roads on the list, and €1,023,479 for 2025 which

will allow for the following 11 roads on the list to be completed. At a rate of 26 roads per year, which is an increase on previous years, it will take over 25 years for those at the bottom of the list to have their road completed. Many of our public rural roads are also in desperate states of disrepair. The Council maintain as many roads each year as they receive funding for, but it is imperative a major funding increase is put in place for Kerry roads. The centralised nature of governance in Ireland means the Council does not have its own funding pool to complete this work, but are instead forced to go cap in hand to the Government begging for the necessary money. This is very wrong considering the high costs associated with operating a motor vehicle. People in Kerry often do not have a public transport alternative and a decent driving surface should be a given. We regularly hear from Dáil Éireann how important rural Ireland is to them, it is time the Government put its money where its mouth is and fund a road network which is fit for purpose.



"Total breakdown in the eye services in University Hospital Kerry (UHK)"

Deputy Michael Healy Rae



Deputy Michael Healy TD is looking for answers from the Minister for Health in relation as what he has called "a total breakdown in the eye services in University Hospital Kerry (UHK) which he has planned to raise as a Parliamentary Question with the Department of Health today (Friday 26th April 2024) "I am calling on the Minister for Health to resume the ophthalmology services (eye services) in the University Hospital Kerry (UHK) as soon as possible. "With patient numbers increasing and the growing incidence of

chronic diseases, I appreciate there can be an enormous strain on the current model of eye care delivery but closing down the services are not the answer. "Eyecare services in UHK have completely ceased since December 2023 due to contractual issues which need to be updated. The changes necessary have been agreed with the acute services but not by the community services. There is massive problems and clinical issues arising to patients out of this debacle." Deputy Michael Healy TD stated.




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Carers need to be shown more respect



Cllr. Marie Moloney has called on the government to show carers more respect.

It is far past time for the Government to give Carers the respect they deserve and to abolish the means testing of the Carers Allowance, according to Councillor Marie Moloney.

“Caring for someone is a 24 hours 7 days a week and the maximum payment they can receive from the Department is €248 per week which equates to just under €1.50 per hour. No such thing as minimum wage for Carers and the lack of respite care does not make their job any easier” said Cllr Moloney.

Carers are saving the state a lot of money by caring in the home. I have been dealing with a lot of people who have to access fulltime residential facilities which costs both families and the state a lot of money.

While there is Carers Benefit, which is not means tested, but this is only payable for 2 years but caring for someone can go on for a lifetime for some.

I have also come across a number of people caring for a loved one, who have lost their Carers Allowance when their spouse/partner passes away. While both are alive their savings are divided by two in the means testing but following the death of one then it's not divided by two and all the savings count as a means against the Carer who is now deemed to be in excess of the guidelines for Carers Allowance. They can lose both their spouse's income or pension and their Carers Allowance in the one go. If the means testing was abolished they would not lose the Carers Allowance.

I am writing to the Minister for Social Protection and the Minister for Finance asking them consider doing away with the means testing of the Carers Allowance in the next Budget. Life is difficult enough for Carers without having to worry about being means tested, said Cllr Moloney

Garda Recruitment Drive Urgently Needed

With just over 14,000 Gardaí in the country, 261 of whom are stationed in Kerry, a major recruitment drive is urgently required to ensure sufficient numbers are available to police our roads, streets and borders, according to Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill.

“Tragically, death and injury on our roads is on the increase and additional Gardaí are needed now to be visibly present, to man checkpoints and to help make our roadways safer for everyone. Crime continues at an elevated level and again more Gardaí must be deployed to reduce burglaries, etc,” said Councillor Cahill.

“It has been announced that more Gardaí are to be utilised to patrol border areas to prevent illegal immigrants entering the country by land from the UK and this will further reduce the police numbers for other tasks” stated Councillor Cahill.

“We all know that Garda visibility is key to reducing traffic violations and other infractions of the law. The recent riots in Dublin drew heavily on off duty members to support their colleagues, but is not tenable for any protracted period of time” said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

“We need increased numbers of Gardai to be recruited and trained, to protect this country now” added Councillor Cahill.



MEET THE GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE FOR THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

Diarmaid Griffin is a Tour Guide from Fossa, Killarney. The natural environment was close to his heart since childhood, having grown up in the rural townland of Barleymount. After attending St. Brendan's Secondary School, Diarmaid enrolled in an Environmental Sciences degree course in UCC, majoring in Geography. He graduated in 2008 amidst a global recession, which meant an embargo of public jobs and less employment opportunities. However, he worked as a Volunteer with NPWS staff on deer management and rhododendron clearance projects in Killarney National Park.

‘I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to use some of my ecology knowledge, especially at a time that work was in short supply. Removing Rhododendron is hugely rewarding work and meeting people that share that passion inspired me to continue following my interests and not give up on the cause’ Diarmaid remembers. He continued education after spending 11 glorious months in Killarney National Park by enrolling in a Outdoor Pursuits Instructor Traineeship ran by staff in Cappanalea, Killorglin. Since then, he has worked as a Tree Surgeon, Outdoor Educator, and Tour Guide mostly in the Kerry area.

‘I love working outdoors. I feel it has a positive effect on mind and body. I am presently working as a Guide and Boat Driver on Lough Leane. It's a beautiful



place to work,’ says Diarmaid. ‘The beautiful environment of Killarney and its environs is still my inspiration to campaign on green issues and I believe Killarney needs a green voice at the council table. The tourism industry will not survive unless we transition to a sustainable model and I look forward to helping the town on that journey through practical decision making on transport, waste, public spaces, water, and planning. A growing town has many challenges and these will be faced with measured decisions that are fair to everyone.’



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WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB - Skibbereen Grand League Regatta.

A big thank you to all who took part over the weekend in the National Rowing Centre, Farran Wood, Cork. L-R Anthony McCarthy, Micky Joe Burns, Grace Mannix, Kayla Wharton, Faye Mannix, Aoibhinn Coffey, Sarah Coffey, Ross McCarthy.



WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB - Skibbereen Grand League Regatta.

Front Row L-R Jackie Coffey, Aoibhinn Coffey, Faye Mannix, Paula Prudnikovaite, Kayla Wharton, Micky Joe Burns, Amelie Counihan, Grace Mannix, Derva Ireland, Divo Lucic Kovacevic, Finn O'Neill, Mary Burns, Mary Kennedy.
Back Row L-R: Anthony McCarthy, Ross McCarthy, Zac Donaldson.

WORKMENS ROWING CLUB NEWS

Fantastic weather over the weekend which enabled our crews to take part in the Skibbereen Grand League Regatta which took place on Saturday and Sunday last.

Well done to all our crews and coaches for their efforts at the National Rowing Centre, Farran Wood, Co. Cork.

Best of luck to all our rower who are now looking forward to the Castleconnell Regatta which is scheduled for next Saturday May 4th.

Training continues as usual for all members.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

SKIBBEREEN REGATTA

Last weekend saw racing action step up a gear at the two-day Skibbereen Regatta. Congratulations to Ronan Fahy and Cian Scannell, winners of the Mens J16 Double. Aaron O'Connor won gold in the Mens J14 Single with Aaron Hegarty taking silver. The J14 boys made their mark throughout day 1. Conor Duffin and Oscar O'Sullivan were first up in the Double and were later joined by Aaron Hegarty and Aaron O'Connor in the Quad, with both crews taking silver. Rachel Fuller was second in the Womens J18 Single with a great performance. Well done also to the Womens J18 Quad of Khim Fleming, Rachel Fuller, Aine O'Sullivan and Eva Stack who were third in their category. It was also bronze position for the Womens Junior 13 Quad of Bebhinn O'Donoghue, Orla Forde, Olivia Murphy, Amelia Mackiewicz and Amy Keating (cox) as well as the Womens J14 Quad of Marissa O'Connor, Julia O'Donoghue, Nadia Dudzik, Julia Weglarz and Isabelle Brosnan (cox). The club also had two B final wins. Well done to Khim Fleming (Womens Division 2 Single) and the J16 Quad crew of Diarmuid Moynihan, Adiel Cazacu, Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy (Mens Division 2 Quad). A full round up of results can be found on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

NATIONAL TRIALS

Well done to Ian Coffey and Daniel Fleming who took part in the latest round of U19 national squad trials during intervals at the Skibbereen Regatta.

EVENTS

Castleconnell Regatta, Sat May 4th, O'Briensbridge. Lough Rynn Regatta, Sat May 11th, Leitrim. Lee Regatta, Sat May 18th, Cork Marina.

KILLARNEY RFC

GIVE IT A TRY

Our Girls only Give it a Try programme aimed at getting girls playing rugby runs every Tuesday at Aghadoo at 7pm and new players very welcome. For details simply come along or give Ger a call on 087-1240365.

MUNSTER RUGBY SUMMER CAMPS

The Munster Rugby Summer Camps return for Summer 2024 at 24 venues around the province and this year will take place at Aghadoo between Monday the 22nd of July and Friday the 26th of July. Open to boys and girls aged between 6 and 12 years of age, the camps are brilliant fun and take place each day between 9:30am and 1pm. The cost is €80 per child and there's a discounted rate of €70 for additional children from the same family. Each participant will receive an official Munster Rugby Summer Camp Pack comprising of Adidas Summer Camp t-shirt, draw-string bag, and mouth guard. Each camp is run by fully accredited IRFU Mini Rugby coaches and these camps are great fun for all the kids. Check out our club socials for more or Munster Rugby.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

Our regular Thursday morning Club Competition is played in the Clubhouse, Killarney Golf Club.

RESULTS

Thursday April 18th

1st and Best Gross: Conor Dwyer and Ger McSweeney

2nd: Mary Rose Felle and Mary Murray

Thursday April 25th

1st and Best Gross: Horst Rosler and Finola Spillane

2nd: Mary Gleeson and Evelyn O'Leary

3rd: Anne Looney and Maura G. Moynihan



Farranfore-Maine Valley AC members Michael O'Connor who just completed his 100th Park Run recently



Farranfore-Maine Valley AC member Conor McCarthy also came 2nd in the intermediate 3000 metre

FARRANFORE MAINE VALLEY

We had a number of athletes competing at the very popular Kerry Colleges athletics championships last Wednesday. Roisin Daly

came 2nd in the Intermediate 100 metres. Well done to Roising who was part of the U-16 Kerry Team that won the Munster championships the previous weekend.

Conor McCarthy also came 2nd in the intermediate 3000 metres. This was Connor's first run over this distance and looks to have a bright future as he will be underage again next year. This marked a very successful April for him, following up on his impressive win in the Kerry Community Games Marathon in Currow Samuel Scroope was the final runner in action and he came 2nd in the Intermediate 400 metres and was part of the St. Brendans Killarney team that won the overall shield. Niamh and Kevin O'Shea competed for Mercy Mounthawk but just finished out of the medals. Congratulations to Michael O Connor on completing his 100th Parkrun recently in Killarney.

Training takes place on Tue 30th April at 6.00 pm at the Riocht running track in Castleisland in advance of the Juvenile County Championships next weekend.

ST BRIGID'S ATHLETES

A fantastic day was had in An Riocht on April 23rd last at the Kerry Colleges Track and Field Championships 2024.

A great number of St. Brigid's students participated in the various events throughout the day, and there were several medal winners:

Saoirse O'Donoghue - Silver in the Minor Girls 100m

Katie O'Sullivan - Silver in the Minor Girls High Jump

Béibhinn O'Donoghue, Sarah Nell O'Donoghue, Lily O'Shea and Saoirse O'Donoghue - Bronze in the Minor Girls Relay

Sophie Duke - Gold in the Junior Girls 100m

Megan O'Reilly - Silver in the Junior Girls 100m

Tara O'Sullivan - Gold in the Junior Girls 800m

Naoise Cronin - Gold in the Junior Girls Long Jump

Congratulations to all involved and many thanks to their teacher, Ms. Burns, who accompanied the students and gave them great encouragement throughout.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney had 29 swimmers competing at the Mallow Swans Level 3 Invitational Gala in Mallow on Saturday. Congratulations to our swimmers who had top 5 finishes and to those swimmers who attended their very first gala.

Results:

Juan Avila, 3rd 100 Fly

Aoife Coffey, 3rd 100 back, 4th 100 Free

Daniel Cremin, 4th 50 Back, 5th 50 Breast, 5th 50 Fly

Aoibhinn Heinemann, 3rd 50 Free, 5th 50 Fly

Noah Keogh, 2nd 50 Back, 5th 100 Free

Kate Kissane, 5th 100 Back

Divo Kovacevic, 3rd 50 Fly, 5th 200 Free, 5th 100 Breast

Kyrylo Lutchenko, 3rd 100 Back

Orlaith Mackey, 1st 200 Free

Matthew Myles, 2nd 100 Breast

Hannah O'Connell, 2nd 50 Fly

May O'Mahony, 3rd 200 Free

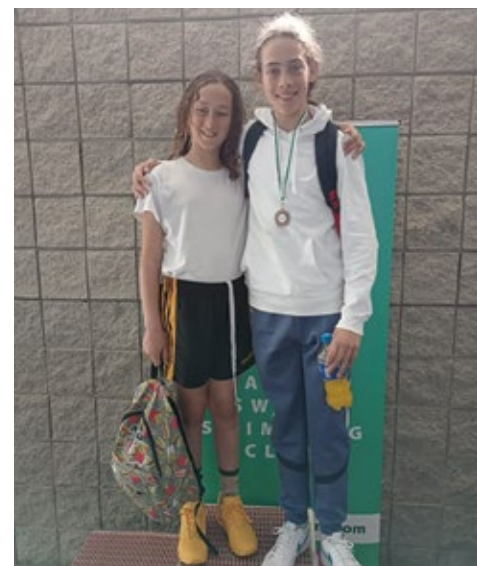
Samuel O'Neill, 2nd 50 Breast, 3rd 100 Breast, 4th 100 Free



Congratulations to Damon Murphy of Legacy Elite Cheerleading & Gymnastics who placed first in the under 11s community games gymnastics representing Fossa.



Killarney swimming club members Ayla Keogh, Orlaith Mackey, Hannah O'Connell, Kate Kissane, Noah Keogh



Killarney swimming club members Maro and Divo Kovacevic



Group photo of St Brigid's athletes at the Kerry Colleges Track and Field Championships 2024

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 8, 13, 15, 26. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Emma O Leary, Ballydesmond. Donal Groves, Ballyhar. Callum Myers, Farranfore. Danny Brosnan, Firies & Brendan O Connor, Firies. Next draw for a jackpot of €14,700 will take place on Sunday next 5th May at Henderson's Bar, Firies. Tickets €2 available from committee members, Bridies Shop, Spar Shop, Hendersons Shop & Butlers Bar. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

TEAMS

The club U16s had their final league game away to Camp Juniors where the home side took the points on a 5-0 win. On the day Eoin O Mahony, Tom Costelloe, Ross Lally & Conor Giles acquitted themselves well.

The club u12 girls welcomed Killarney Celtic on Sunday last in their final league game at Murt Scott Park .Celtic took the points on a 1-5 scoreline with the goal coming from Ballyhar player of the match Maria Scanlon. Thanks to the players & management for their commitment over the season. Squad: Aoibhinn Daly ,Kate O Connor, Anna Fitzgerald, Emily O Callaghan, Maria Scanlon, Anna Kate Daly, Faye O Brien, Joanna Cronin, Mollie O Connor, Emma O Callaghan & Sophie O Brien.

The club ladies social soccer squad travelled to Fenit Samphires on Sunday last & had an enjoyable outing. Thanks to Fenit for hosting.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Giles family, Faha & the Murphy family, Castleisland on their recent family bereavements.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC NOTES

U17 CUP FINAL

The Park 0-4 Killarney Athletic

Jake Nash, Luke Doolan, Brian O'Shea

A solid win for the lads in this keenly contested Cup final in Tralee this evening. The Park started strongly and the game was very even for the first 25 minutes. Jake broke the deadlock shortly after when he finished his rebound into the corner of the net via the post. This seemed to settle our lads and they began to get more of a foothold on the game. Luke then got his head to a back post cross to make it 2-0 just before the halftime whistle blew. We asked the lads to come out



strong again at the start of the second half and we went 3-0 up after about 5 minutes when Liam O'Brien set Jake up with a great cross to finish to the net. Luke then turned provider with a lovely ball over the top for the onrushing Brian to control and finish to the net. The remainder of the game was us having a lot of possession and trying to control the game and see it out. The Park kept going and were unlucky not to get a goal towards the end. A brilliant squad performance all round and great to get some silverware in the cabinet for the club. A special mention has to be made for Cillian Murphy at the back, the quiet man from Muckcross who is teak tough and has pace to burn. He was immense today. It was also great to see John Murphy lift the cup, Mr consistency who always gives 100%.

THE ACADEMY

We wrapped up the academy for the season this morning in glorious sunshine.

We had John Fleming from Muckcross Creamery onsite with a selection of ice cream for all. Big thanks to John for his patience and good humour in taking the time to make sure all kids and coaches got an ice cream and went home happy. Last but not least, a huge thank you to all the coaches who give their time each week and without whom the academy would not be possible. Enjoy the Sunday morning sleep ins for the summer and hopefully see you back again in September

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,6,26,28. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €7,800 on Monday May 6th. Tickets available

from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

U16 DIV 1

St Brendans Park 5-4 Killarney Celtic

Luca Mosca, Pa O'Brien, Cillian Coffey, Dara Horan
In an exciting rollercoaster of a game Celtic U16s came out the wrong end after St Brendans Park scored a late winner.

U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP FINAL

Killarney Celtic 5-0 St Brendans Park

Cillian Scannell 3, Conor Doherty, OG.
Killarney Celtic completed the league and cup double after they defeated St Brendans Park last weekend. Celtic played with great energy allied to the backing of a vocal support. However it was St Brendans Park who nearly went in front after they hit the crossbar. Celtic went in front when Conor Doherty played in Cillian Scannell who ran on and finished to the net. Celtic were close again after JJ Landers put in a cross that only needed a touch. Shortly after Cillian Scannell placed JJ Landers whose shot was kept out by a combination of the keeper and the post. Cillian Scannell was just wide afterwards. Celtic led 1-0 at the break. Park came out and were close to equalising after good build up play but it was Celtic who extended their lead through an og. Celtic made it 3 when Conor Doherty placed Cillian Scannell who found the net from long range. Park never gave up but Celtic went 4up after Conor Doherty found the far corner. Celtic completed their scoring when Cillian Scannell put in a cross that went all the way to the net.

GIRLS

U17 DOMINO'S PIZZA CUP FINAL

Killarney Celtic 5-0 Dingle Bay Rovers

Ali Bowler 2, Amelia Carroll Kelly, Clodagh Moriarty,



Ballyhar Dynamos FC social soccer ladies who travelled to Fenit Samphires on Sunday last. Thanks to Fenit for hosting.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 girls who welcomed Killarney Celtic to murt Scott Park on Sunday last in the Premier south section on the u12 league.

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Michele O'Connor

Celtic led 1-0 at the break after Amelia Carroll Kelly scored late in the 1st half. With the backing of the wind in the 2nd Celtic began to dominate. Ali Bowler scored 2 before Michelle O'Connor had Celtic 4up. Clodagh Moriarty scored direct from a corner to complete the scoring. Well done to the players and coaches on a fine win.

U15 MARY LYNE CUP SEMI FINAL

Killarney Celtic 1-2 St Brendans Park AET

Ali Bowler

In a cracking contest Celtic just came up short after extra time.

U12 LEAGUE

Ballyhar Dynamos 1-5 Killarney Celtic

Leah Mannix 3, Seodhna O'Sullivan, OG

Celtic put in a strong performance to take the points last Sunday.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

This week's action in the Kerry Schoolboys And Girls League saw Mastergeeha crowned Boys U16 Premier Champions, Finalists, Semi-Finalists and Quarter-Finalists confirmed in Cup, Shield and Plate Competitions. While it was a mixed bag on the National front, the Kerry U13 and U12 Girls secured their place in All Ireland Finals.

MIXED WEEKEND FOR GIRLS INTERLEAGUE TEAMS IN SEMI FINAL ACTION

Joy and heartache for the Kerry Interleague Girls teams at the weekend, the U15's suffered defeat in Castlebar in the SFAI U15 Girls Cup Semi-Final, while the U12's and 13's recorded wins in their respective final four outings.

On Saturday the Kerry U15 Girls who lost their Munster Final last weekend were beaten 4-1 by Mayo in Castlebar. Sadhbh O'Halloran netted the only goal of the tie for the Kingdom Girls.

Sunday was a different day of outcomes for the In the SFAI Girl's U12 Bowl Semi-Final, goals from Hannah Barrett Neziri and Amy Rose Shanahan booked a ticket for Kerry to the final with a 2-0 win over NEURL in Navan. They meet either Donegal or Mayo in the final.

On home soil the U13 Girls lined out against Kilkenny in Christy Leahy Park looking to book passage to the Shield Final in their grade. Coming out 4-0 winners they certainly did that in style.

Kerry got off to the best possible start when Eilidh Cregan scored the opener within the first 60 seconds of the game. Cregan added another before the half-time whistle and Kerry went into the break with a two goal lead. Kilkenny provided very tough opposition and the game was very physical with some fantastic play from both sides.

Keeper Caoimhe Daly kept Kerry in front with a couple of superb saves. Two second half goals, one from Lilian Slattery and another from Isabelle O'Connor saw Kerry secure the win. This group of players won the U12 All-Ireland competition last year so will hope to make it back to back titles on May 19th.

GIRLS

MASTERGEEHA CLAIM SPOILS IN GIRLS 12'S PREMIER SOUTH

It was a closely fought game between Mastegeeha and Iveragh in the U12 Girls Premier South, Kaitlyn Riordon popped up with a crucial

goal for a 1-0 win for the hosts that has the title picture looking more interesting in that Division.

INTER KENMARE AND KILLORGLIN PLAY OUT 12 GOAL THRILLER IN U13 GIRLS PREMIER

Inter Kenmare picked up their fourth win of the campaign as they came out 7-5 winners in an entertaining matchup between the sides. Thrilling from start to finish, Kenmare were ahead 4-3 at the break and pressed on in the second half. Niamh Robertson netted a hat trick for the visitors while Anna Mangan and Niamh Murphy also got on the score sheet.

BOYS

CASTLEISLAND ADVANCE TO U12 PLATE FINAL

Castleisland C booked their ticket for the U12 Plate Decider with a powerful performance on home soil against Dingle Bay Rovers picking up a 4-0 win.

Padraig Flynn, Conor Mangan, Dylan Reidy and Noah McCarthy all found the net for the home side to see the through to the Plate Final.

MILLTOWN SECURE AWAY WIN IN U12 DIVISION 1

Milltown took a hard fought three points from Mastergeeha on Saturday, winning the tie 4-3 as they had to dig deep to overcome their hosts. Jack Clifford netted a brace for Milltown while Muiris Quirke and Michéal Flynn also found the net.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AND CASTLEISLAND ADVANCE IN U13 JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON CUP QUARTER FINALS

It was an extremely dramatic night of last four ties in the John Joe Naughton Cup, both games going to extra-time with one going all the way to penalties. In the end Killarney Athletic won away to Iveragh and Castleisland got the better of Park.

The tie in Iveragh finished 1-1 after extra time, Eric Corcoran scored the goal for Athletic and with the tie going the distance, the Killarney side won 8-7 on spot kicks. Elsewhere Castleisland defeated Park 2-1, Ryan O Connor with a goal in normal and extra-time to give the hosts the win.

MASTERGEEHA SECURE THREE POINTS AWAY TO BOTTOM PLACED KILLORGLIN

Mastergeeha picked up a valuable three points for their campaign in the 15's Premier with an impressive 3-0 win on the road in Killorglin.

The visitors were narrowly ahead by a single goal at the break but found two further goals in the second period to ensure the win. Roan Guerin netted a brace for Mastergeeha while Daniel Buckley also got on the scoresheet.

PENALTIES CROWNS MASTERGEEHA U16 PREMIER CHAMPIONS

A pulsating tie on Friday night saw Mastergeeha crowned U16 Premier Champions defeating local rivals Killarney Athletic 7-6 on penalties. The game itself finished 1-1 at full-time and remained the case for the additional minutes before the spotkicks. A pulsating end to the tie as Mastergeeha celebrated after a nerve wracking shootout.

GIRLS

U12 GIRLS CUP FINAL

Castleisland 0-0 Mastergeeha
Mastergeeha won 4-2 on pens

U12 GIRLS PREMIER NORTH

Park 0-0 Listowel

U12 GIRLS PREMIER SOUTH

Inter Kenmare 1-2 Killorglin
Ballyhar 1-5 Killarney Celtic

U14 GIRLS PREMIER

Dingle 0-2 MEK

U15 MARY LYNE CUP

Inter Kenmare 0-1 Listowel Celtic

U15 MARY LYNE SHIELD

Killarney Athletic 1-5 Inter Kenmare

BOYS

U12 BOYS JOHN MURPHY CUP FINAL

Killarney Celtic 5-0 Park FC

U12 BOYS JOHN MURPHY SHIELD FINAL

Milltown FC 2-2 LB Rovers

Milltown Won 4-3 On Penos

U12 BOYS DIVISION 1

Inter Kenmare 4-0 Milltown AFC

Mastergeeha 1-4 Inter Kenmare

Fenit 3-2 Park FC

U13 BOYS MUNSTER REGIONAL FINAL

Killorglin A 4-0 Bridge United

U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD Q/ FINALS

Listowel Celtic A 5-1 Camp B

Inter Kenmare B 3-2 Killorglin B

U13 BOYS PREMIER

Killorglin 7-1 Inter Kenmare (Dragon's Den)

U13 BOYS DIV 2 NORTH

Top: Dingle 1-1 Camp

U13 BOYS DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Mastergeeha B 6-6 MEK B

U14 BOYS TOM HAYES CUP S/FINAL

Killarney Athletic A 6-0 Listowel A

U14 TOM HAYES BOYS SHIELD FINAL

MEK A 3-1 Killarney Athletic B

U15 HEALY FAMILY SHIELD

Killarney Athletic B 0-6 Listowel Celtic A

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 7-1 Tralee Dynamos

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 1

TOP: Park 5-4 Killarney Celtic

BOTTOM: Camp 4-1 Ballyhar

U16 BOY'S TUCKER KELLY CUP S/FINALS

Castleisland A 0-3 Killarney Athletic A

MEK A 3-1 Listowel Celtic

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS GIRL'S ROLL OF HONOUR

Shauna O'Riordan (Mastergeeha)

Ciara Forde (Killarney Celtic)

Orlaith Flynn (Camp)

Emily Kissane (Listowel Celtic)

Kelsey Sheahan (Killorglin)

Hollie O'Driscoll (Camp)

Clodagh Quirke (MEK)

Kelsey Sheahan (Killorglin)

Holly Boyle (Listowel Celtic)

Leah Mannix (Killarney Celtic)

Clodagh Quirke (MEK)

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS

Odran Carroll (Mastergeeha U16)

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CRONIN AND GALVIN ON HOME GROUND FOR LAKES RALLY



Irish Tarmac Rally Championship leaders, Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin, will be on home ground for the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes this weekend. Photo: Fergal Kelly.

With two wins achieved so far this year on the Galway International and West Cork rallies, plus a second place finish recorded on the Circuit of Ireland, Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin head to their native southwest this weekend for the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes as leaders of the 2024 Irish Tarmac Rally Championship. The Killarney-based event marks the halfway point of the Tarmac series, and while the Cork driver and his Kerry co-driver currently have the advantage at the head of the standings in the M O'Brien Group of Companies/Lyons of Limerick/Shane Casey Electrical Services Ford Fiesta Rally 2, Cronin is not becoming complacent about the threat presented by their championship rivals. The winners of the Rally of the Lakes for the past two years, and reigning Tarmac champions,

Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan, are seeded at No. 1 this weekend in their Volkswagen Polo GTi R5. They will be followed over the Start Ramp in Killarney town centre on Friday evening by Cronin and Galvin, while Matt Edwards and David Moynihan will line up at No. 3, also in a Ford Fiesta Rally 2. While the West Cork Rally might be termed as Cronin's home event, some of the Saturday stages of the Rally of the Lakes, on the Beara Peninsula, are actually the closest of the year to his Ballylickey base. Even though the Cod's Head and Ardroom tests lie in Co. Cork, and the Tim Healy Pass traverses the county boundary from Kerry into Cork, the area has traditionally been Killarney & District Motor Club territory, and has regularly been included in the organisation's events for over forty years.

The 'Lakes' opens with the iconic Molls Gap stage on Saturday morning - the famous test between Killarney and Kenmare features just once on the itinerary this year. Two loops of The Healy Pass, Cod's Head and Ardroom follow during the course of the day, with Service in Castletownbere after each run over the Healy Pass. The final stage of the day is Kilmackilloge, before the crews head back to Killarney for the overnight halt. Sunday's action is in the Rathmore and Gneeveguilla areas, east of Killarney, and features six stages in all, consisting of two loops of Gortnagane, Meentoges and Ballintourig, with one service in the middle of the day, at the Liebherr factory in Fossa.

Rally of the Lakes Road Closures

Organised by the Killarney and District Motor Club, the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes will take place this May Bank Holiday Weekend on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th.

RALLY OF LAKES 2024 ROAD CLOSURES IN RATHMORE & GNEEVEGUILLA

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

Stage 9 & 12 Gortnagane 09.00hrs-16.20hrs

Starting at Headford via Doocarraig Beg, Doocarraig More & Gortnagane shrone & Auniskirtaun to the County Bounds

From the County bounds at Auniskirtane via Caherbarnagh West, Hollymount, Knocknaloman, Knocknagallane and finishing at Ballydaly.

Road Subject of Proposed Closure

L-1130 Caherbarnagh, Co. Cork – from County Boundary to Horan's Cross.

L-1133 Caherbarnagh, Co. Cork – from Horan's Cross to Hollymount School Cross.

L-52181 Hollymount, Co. Cork – from Hollymount School Cross to Knocknaloman Cross.

L-5218 Knocknaloman, Co. Cork – from Knocknaloman Cross to School Cross, Ballydaly.

Alternative Routes

Traffic from Caherbarnagh travelling to Rathmore should travel on the L-1130 as far as Crohigs's Cross. There vehicles should turn left on the L-5171 towards Ballydaly. At Ballydaly Cross, traffic should turn left onto the R582 and continue onto Rathmore.

The stated diversion route is applicable in reverse when travelling in the opposite direction.

Meentogues 10:00 to 17.40 starting at Scrahanagullaun v Banard. O 'Keeffe Garage Meentogues. Barraduff upper Lisbabe and finishing at Knockacorrin.

Ballintourig 10-35 to 17.40 starting to Leamyglissane via Liscahane, Knockreagh, Ballahantouragh, John Richards Cross knockacorrin, flinching at Anablaha.

In addition, it is proposed to close all adjoining public roads for a distance of 205 Meters from the junctions with the roads listed above.



Rally driver Louise Bourke and Conor Deasy (Assess Ireland CEO) at the launch of the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for Derry & Eileen



Derry and Eileen Crowley who celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary with a mass in St. Agatha's Church in Glenflesk last Friday evening. Photo: Seamus Healy

A popular Glenflesk couple have celebrated a very special anniversary. Derry and Eileen Crowley from Knockanes, Headford in Glenflesk celebrated their 50th Golden wedding anniversary on Friday 26th April with a renewal of vows and mass in St Agatha's Church Glenflesk officiated by Fr Jim Linehan. They were joined by their family and friends and danced the night away in The Kerry Way. Derry and Eileen were married on Friday 22nd March 1974 in St Cummin's Church Kilcummin by Fr McGrath. Their wedding reception was held in the Gleneagle Hotel. It was a double wedding as Eileen's sister Kathleen O Leary married Andrew O Sullivan from Dromadeesirt Kilcummin on the same day. Sadly Kathleen passed away in 2017. But her husband Andrew who now resides in Kildare was in attendance for the celebrations. The Crowley family would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to the Rockmount Care Centre in Kilgarvan.



Staff from Rockmount Centre Kilgarvan who attended the 50th Wedding anniversary Celebration mass for Derry and Eileen Crowley at St. Agathas Church last Friday.



Crowley family members attending Derry and Eileen Crowley's 50th Wedding anniversary in St. Agatha's Church in Glenflesk last Friday evening



Friends and neighbours gather after mass given by Parish priest Fr. Jim Lenihan at Derry and Eileen Crowley's 50th Wedding anniversary in St. Agatha's Church in Glenflesk

RETIRED NURSES HOLD AGM

Retired Nurses Association recently held an AGM in Killarney Golf Club which included the excellent address by the Guest Speaker Kay Collins, National Secretary of the Association. The association received good news that the Government has confirmed that Parity was agreed under the Terms of the National Public Pay

Agreement. This will be reflected in the pensions of all the retired nurses. The National Conference of the Association will be held in the Radisson Blue Hotel & Spa Sligo on the 24th to the 26th September 2024. Early booking advisable.

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KERRY SEAL PLACE IN MUNSTER FINAL

Kerry 1-14 Cork 1-10

Dan Kearney in Brosna GAA

Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh struck for 1-4 and Danielle O’Leary for 0-4 as Kerry sealed their place in the Munster Final at Brosna GAA in the TG4 Munster Senior Championship Round 2 encounter.

Tipperary’s 4-5 to 0-11 victory over Waterford means that the winners of Cork v Tipperary next Saturday in Mallow will decide who joins Kerry in the final.

The sides exchanged early scores with Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh from a free and Daire Kiely with a long range effort for Cork that hopped off the hard Brosna surface and over the bar.

Cork, playing with the aid of a stiff breeze then hit 2 points on the trot with the dangerous Lydia McDonagh pointing her own free and Abigail with one from play in the 9th minute.

Kerry threatened the Cork goal but overcooked the final pass before Anna Galvin hit a fine score following a strong Aishling O’Connell run at the heart of the Cork defence.

Lydia McDonagh took on the Kerry defence and slotted a fine score but then it was Kerry’s turn to finally make some headway with Niamh Carmody splitting the posts and Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh blasting over after Danielle O’Leary did the spadework.

The sides were now level at 0-4 apiece with 20 minutes played and Kerry started to take a stranglehold on the contest. A scorching run from Mary O’Connell saw the final pass overcooked once more before Danielle O’Leary and the brilliant Lydia McDonagh exchanged score.

O’Leary pointed once more for Kerry in the 27th minute and a minute later Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh struck for Kerry’s goal after a brilliant through pass from Niamh Carmody to put Kerry 1-6 to 0-5 ahead.

Cork refused to lie down and Eilis Lynch was forced into a brilliant goal line clearance from Lydia McDonagh although Sadhbh McGoldrick did point the rebound from range.

Lydia McDonagh added a free for Cork at the death and it was Kerry that took a slender 1-6

to 0-7 lead in at half time. Kerry put on the afterburners at the start of the second half and hit 4 scores on the trot from Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh, Niamh Carmody, the hard working Anna Galvin and Danielle O’Leary with a lovely individual effort to push the hosts 1-10 to 0-7 ahead 6 minutes in.

Danielle O’Leary struck another fine score for Kerry but then Melissa Duggan went on a mesmerising run and capped it off with a goal to leave Cork just 3 behind, 1-11 to 1-8 with 12 left to play.

The sides traded scores down the stretch and despite Kerry losing Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Kayleigh Cronin near the finish, a Danielle O’Leary free sealed Kerry’s place in the Munster Final.

Scorers Kerry: L Ní Mhuircheartaigh 1-4 (2f), D O’Leary 0-4 (1f), A Galvin 0-2, N Carmody 0-2, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1, A O’Connell 0-1. **Cork-L** McDonagh 0-4 (2f), S McGoldrick 0-2, M Duggan 1 goal, D Kiely 0-1, A O’Mahony 0-1, A Healy 0-1, A Ring 0-1.

Kerry: C Butler; E Lynch, D Kearney, C O’Brien; A O’Connell, K Cronin, C Murphy; M O’Connell, C Lynch; A Galvin, N Carmody, A Harrington; K Brosnan, L Ní Mhuircheartaigh, D O’Leary. **Subs:** N Ní Chonchúir for A Harrington H/T, A Dillane for C O’Brien, L Scanlon for M O’Connell (both 41), E Dineen for N Carmody, H O’Donoghue for K Brosnan (both 48)

Cork: S Murphy; M Duggan, D Kiniry, A Ryan; S Leahy, S McGoldrick, D Kiely, K O’Driscoll, A O’Mahony; E Cleary, A Ring, A McDonagh; K Smith, A McDonagh, L Hallihan. **Subs:** H Looney



Lorraine Scanlon Kerry, Emma Cleary Cork. Photo: Darren Halpin



Ciara Murphy Kerry, Amy McDonagh Cork. Photo: Darren Halpin

for A Ring H/T, L Coppinger for K Smith, E Jack for L Hallihan, R Corkery for K O’Driscoll, A Healy for A McDonagh (all 44).
Referee: David Grogan (Tipperary).

ALL IRELAND U14 SERIES STAGE 1 - SATURDAY 4TH MAY

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Kerry -v- Tyrone - 1pm
Kerry -v- Galway - 3pm
Kerry -v- Galway - 5pm

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“We are holding meet & greet evening on May 8th at 6pm in Rathbeg gaa pitch anyone with any questions can also contact us beforehand”, she added.



Trainers at Rathmore GAA Club pictured with Kieran O’Keeffe Rathmore Chairperson & Jodie O’Sullivan, Rathmore LGFA Chairperson

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KERRY HURLERS SEE UPSIDE AGAINST DOWN

McDonagh Cup

Kerry 0-26 Down 2-12

A relatively small crowd assembled to watch Kerry take on Down in the Austin Stack park, following their odds-defying brilliant opening win last weekend. It has to be said that it is a pity that games like these are so overshadowed by the clashes between the likes of Limerick v Tipp and Clare v Cork. Hurling needs a bit of room to breathe, and the GAA schedules in both codes feel far too crowded at the moment.

Kerry had two wides early on before Ronan Walsh calmed nerves with a great score. Maurice O'Connor added two more and things looked good for Kerry. To be honest Down looked surprisingly unsettled and were losing out in the 50/50 duels, with a long puck-out down the throat of players like Fionán Mackessy proving very costly for the visitors.

Kerry should have actually been further ahead when Daithí Sands, always their main danger-man, flicked a Caolan Taggart free to the Kerry net and Eoghan Sands added a point a minute later. Mackessy pulled one back from long range but Taggart made a fantastic run out from defence minutes later after a good turnover by Conor Cassidy. He gathered the return from Sands to drive past a hapless Louis Dee from close range. 2-2 to 0-4.

Kerry rallied well, Maurice O'Connor punishing a foul on the effective Ronan Walsh and adding another from play, as did Dan Goggin with his first touch on his introduction. A deft lay-off by Luke Crowley almost saw Maurice in for a goal but he couldn't keep the shot down. Nonetheless, much more encouraging by Kerry. Daithí Sands picked off a Down point but Killian Hayes (playing deep to very good effect) and Maurice O'Connor replied. Down full forward Chris Egan closed out the first half scoring with a majestic effort from distance to level matters.

Half-time Kerry 0-10 Down 2-4

Neither side would be particularly happy with their finishing in that first half, but I would say that Kerry were winning the tactical battle overall. However, Down had the wind in the second half and it was still a daunting enough task.

Dan Goggin, the most of impressive of Kerry's impressive substitutes (I would say that the quality off the bench was the biggest difference between the two sides) exchanged two early points with Tim Prenter and Eoghan Sands. Colin Walsh nudged Kerry in front, only for Down to reverse that through Donal Hughes and Chris Egan. This was a real nip and tuck affair.

Paul Sheehan and Maurice O'Connor exchanged frees before Dan Goggin squared things up, 0-15 to 2-9. Maurice O'Connor and Paul Sheehan exchanged another brace of



Action from the McDonagh Cup on Sunday last. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

frees each. Another Maurice free was nullified by David Woulfe. This game was obviously going all the way down to the wire!

Daithí Sands has been Down's best forward of the last few years (as we know all too well!), taking the marksman tag from Paul Sheehan, and his dismissal on a second yellow card for contact with Daithí Griffin's helmet was a real game-changer.

In fact, it could fairly be described as almost one way traffic from there on. Maurice O'Connor added four points to his tally. Ronan Walsh pointed from play and set up another for Brandon Barrett. Gavin Dooley became another Kerry sub to score with almost his first touch.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Daithí Griffin, Flor McCarthy, Evan Murphy, Kyle O'Connor, Eric Leen, Fionán Mackessy (0-2, 1f), Colin Walsh (0-1), Darragh Shanahan, Niall Mulcahy, Killian Hayes (0-1), Ronan Walsh (0-2), Luke Crowley, Michael Leane, Maurice O'Connor (0-13, 7f) Subs: Dan Goggin 0-4 (for Niall Mulcahy, 24 mins), Gavin Dooley 0-1 (for Michael Leane, 44 mins), Brandon Barrett 0-1 (for Darragh Shanahan, 48 mins), David Woulfe 0-1 (for Luke Crowley, 60 mins), Tom Doyle (for Killian Hayes, 71 mins)

Down: Stephen Keith, Matt Conlan, Conor Cassidy, John McManus, Tom Murray, Caolan Taggart (1-0), Ruairí McCrickard, Dónal Hughes (0-1), Tim Prenter (0-2), Paul Sheehan (0-3f), Eoghan Sands (0-2), Liam Savage, Daithí Sands (1-1), Chris Egan (0-2), Pearse Óg McCrickard Subs: Tom McGrattan (for Pearse Óg McCrickard, 44 mins), Finn Turpin 0-1 (for Chris Egan, 52 mins), Marc Fisher (for John McManus, 56 mins), Oisín McManus (for Paul Sheehan, 61 mins), Barry Trainor (for Eoghan Sands, 69 mins) Referee: Conor Doyle (Tipperary)

CORK CHALLENGE

Munster Championship Round Two
Kerry 1-14 Cork 1-10

This is a fixture where I always tread very, very warily. Cork didn't look like the overwhelming force of old during their National League campaign and certainly didn't have their full complement in Brosna. Which is a bit like saying "the weather doesn't look too bad" just before invading Russia in winter-time. I don't trust them; I doubt if I ever will.

Amy Harrington won an early free for Louise Ní Muircheartaigh to open Kerry's account. Cork, however, looked the livelier side early on, troubling Kerry by directly running at pace. Daire Kiely opened their scoring, with Lydia McDonagh slotting free after a mesmerising full length run by corner back Melissa Duggan, and Abigail Ring making it 0-3 to 0-1. They almost had another but for a great catch by Ciara Butler.

Aishling O'Connell, who was superb all through, laid off to Anna Galvin for an important Kerry point. Lydia McDonagh replied but Niamh Carmody pointed and Danielle O'Leary added another after a great defensive turnover by Kerry. That one kind of bucked the trend of the play so far!

Mary O'Connell tried to find Louise bearing in on goal when she might have been better off to go herself, but those are easy calls to make in hindsight from the press box. A great interception by Ciara Murphy eventually Danielle O'Leary, Kerry's main playmaker, tee up Louise for a point from play.

Lydia McDonagh replied but Danielle O'Leary edged Kerry back in front, 0-6 to 0-5. Kerry had survived that initial onslaught by Cork and a superb pass by Niamh Carmody left Louise Ní Muircheartaigh with just goalkeeper Sarah

KERRY LADIES SEE OFF

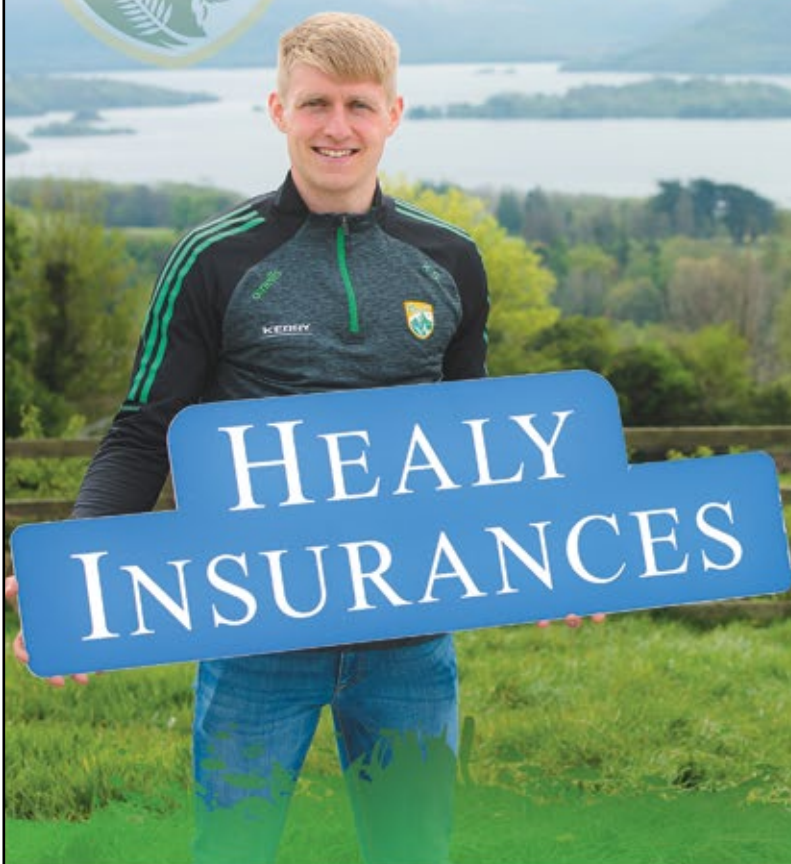
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Murphy to beat.

In fairness, Cork responded well, Leah Hallihan only denied a goal by a great block by Eilís Lynch and points from Sadhbh McGoldrick and Lydia McDonagh with another free.

Half-time Kerry 1-6 Cork 0-7

Declan Quill and Darragh Long won't have been overly impressed with Kerry's first half. Certainly the Kingdom looked much sharper on their emergence after half-time.

Louise Ní Muircheartaigh clipped over the opening score of the second half. Niamh Ní Chonchúir and Niamh Carmody quickly added two more. Both sides were beginning to ring the changes, but the momentum was certainly with Kerry now, with Cait Lynch's pace began to open holes in Cork's defence. Anna Galvin made it 1-10 to 0-7.

Sadhbh McGoldrick got Cork off the second half mark with her second score. Danielle O'Leary replied to preserve that six point advantage, but then Cork flipped the script. Once again it was an absolutely spellbinding sprint by Melissa Duggan, slicing through Kerry like the proverbial knife through warm butter before rocketing it past Ciara Butler to the net. No arguments and no begrudgery; that was as good a goal as you could ever hope to see.

Louise Ní Muircheartaigh picked off a Kerry free, but Captain Fantastic Niamh Carmody limping off was a worrying sight to see. Aoife Healy trimmed the gap back to a goal.

Aishling O'Connell, who would just about pip Danielle O'Leary as my choice for bean laoch an chluiche, split the posts. That point settled Kerry somewhat, but an Abbie O'Mahony score threw the game right back into the melting pot. Cork...you can never relax until the final

whistle, and I mean that as a compliment.

Danielle O'Leary made a fantastic block. Kerry needed it, especially with Louise Ní Muircheartaigh and Kayleigh Cronin dismissed on yellow cards – in fairness, even the Cork people near us agreed that Cronin's was a harsh decision.

It was moot as Danielle O'Leary coolly fired over the clinching score after good work to win the free by Anna Galvin.

This was no more than a marker laid down. You know and I know that we will see Cork again this year, and it'll be a different Cork. But nonetheless, that's no bad marker laid down.

Kerry: Ciara Butler, Eilís Lynch, Deirdre Kearney, Ciara O'Brien, Aishling O'Connell (0-1), Kayleigh Cronin, Ciara Murphy, Mary O'Connell, Cáit Lynch, Anna Galvin (0-2), Niamh Carmody (0-2), Amy Harrington, Katie Brosnan, Louise Ní Muircheartaigh (1-4, 2f), Danielle O'Leary 0-4, 1f). Subs: Niamh Ní Chonchúir 0-1 (for Amy Harrington, half-time), Aoife Dillane (for Ciara O'Brien, 41 mins), Lorraine Scanlon (for Mary O'Connell, 41 mins), Emma Dineen (for Niamh Carmody, 48 mins), Hannah O'Donoghue (for Katie Brosnan, 48 mins).

Cork: Sarah Murphy, Melissa Duggan (1-0), Dara Kiniry, Anna Ryan, Sarah Leahy, Sadhbh McGoldrick (0-2), Daire Kiely (0-1), Katie O'Driscoll, Abbie O'Mahony (0-1), Emma Cleary, Aibigail Ring (0-1), Kaitlin Smith, Lydia McDonagh (0-4, 2f), Leah Hallihan. Subs: Hannah Looney (for Abigail Ring, half-time), Libby Coppinger (for Kaitlin Smith, 44 mins), Ellie Jack (for Leah Hallihan, 44 mins), Rosie Corkery (for Katie O'Driscoll, 44 mins), Aoife Healy 0-1 (for Lydia McDonagh, 44 mins).

Referee: David Grogan (Tipperary)

KERRY MINORS WIN MUNSTER

Report by Paul Murphy

Kerry are Munster Minor A Champions following a deserving and thrilling win in Mallow on Sunday. While the pitch was in excellent condition heavy rain prior to throw in made handling conditions difficult for both sides. Kerry went into the game minus a couple of key players and possible went in as underdogs. Cork had a large contingent of last years minor panel available to them and they started the brightest with a point in the third minute. Mary Kate Smith responded for the Kingdom as both sides played positive football despite the conditions. As the sides kept exchanging scorers Kerry were possibly guilty early on of going for goal when a point was possibly the better option. But this didn't knock their confidence. In fact they grew into the game and began to dominate it more as it wore on.

Katie Doe with her first point of the afternoon midway through the first half saw Kerry back in the lead. Two minutes later Kerry had their first goal. Katie Doe from the penalty spot after referee Patrick Smith judged Cork to have committed a foot block. Kerry now had a four-point lead. Cork reduced the deficit with a pointed free from Eabha Donovan but what was to follow was a Kerry goal that surprised everyone. Kelly Enright's long ball deceiving the Kerry forwards and Cork backs bouncing in front of Cork keeper Andrea Toye who taught it was going over for a point and ended up in the back of the net. It opened up a six-point lead and it was no more than Kerry deserved as they were the more dominant team for large



Leah McMahon in action for Kerry. Photo: Darren Halpin



Kerrys Kathryn Ryan takes on Corks Maebh Collins. Photo: Darren Halpin

parts of the first half limiting Cork to just three points from play in the first half. Kerry added a further three points to open up an eight-point lead at the break. Cork had the advantage of the wind in the second half and were playing into the scoring end of Mallow. They started the brightest of the two with a Maebh Collins point to reduce the deficit. Kerry was still playing with the same intensity as they had in the first but it was Cork who looked like threatening for a goal. Their first opportunity came four minutes in but Béibhinn Nic an tSithigh pulled off a magnificent save to keep them at bay. The sides exchanged points before Cork had shot number two at goal but Béibhinn Nic an tSithigh was at her best once again to keep them at bay. Leah McMahan & Eabha O'Donovan exchanged frees as the gap remained at eight points. Mid way through the second half Kerry got their third goal of the game. Amy Curtin who was back from injury and made a substitute appearance in the win against Clare was making her first start on Sunday rifled home to the top corner of the net to the delight of the Kerry supporters in the stand. Kerry was now firmly in control and a lead they truly deserved. Cork as you would expect kept throwing everything at Kerry and were tapping over the scores. Kerry's goal was to be their last score of the game but that is not to take away from some of the excellent defending and work rate displayed by everyone of the Kerry players for the remainder of the match and indeed throughout the match. Anna Collins leading by example showing great leadership in the final quarter when Cork kept pressing for that goal in the hope of igniting a late comeback. Cork kept the scoreboard ticking over with points from Eabha O'Donovan and Ava McAuliffe. In the dying moments Cork had one last attack on the Kerry goal but Béibhinn Nic an tSithigh was once again alert to the danger and keep her clean sheet intact. Shortly after referee Patrick Smith blew the fulltime whistle to the delight to the Kerry supporter, players and management. Kerry now go forward to the All Ireland Semi Final on Thursday 11th July.

Kerry: Béibhinn Nic an tSithigh, Aoise O'Donoghue, Éabha Ní Laighinn, Grace Murphy, Clodagh Dwyer, Seodhla O'Donovan, Leona O'Sullivan, Kelly Enright 1-0, Kathryn Ryan, Amy Curtin 1-0, Mary Kate Smith 0-1, Lucy O'Connor 0-2, Katie Doe 1-3 (1-0 pen, 0-1f), Leah McMahan 0-4 (4f), Anna Collins. Subs: Lisa Slattery for Katie Doe (51), Seodhla Collieran for Clodagh Dwyer (58).

Cork: Andrea Toye, Aisling O'Sullivan, Amy McKennedy, Amelia Cooper, Maisie McRae, Keeley Goulding, Aimee Savage 0-1, Kate Williamson, Ava Fitzgerald, Brianna Smith, Maebh Collins 0-1, Órlaith Cremin, Éabha O'Donovan 0-8 (6f), Kate Carey, Ava McAuliffe 0-3. Subs: Catherine Murphy for Kate Carey (41), Amy Sheppard for Orlaith Cremin (41), Hannah Sheehy for Aisling O'Sullivan (48), Lisa Murphy for Amy Sheppard (58).

Referee: Patrick Smith (Waterford)

CAMOGIE IMPRESSIVE KERRY SEE OFF

CLARE CHALLENGE Munster Intermediate Semi-Final Kerry 2-12 Clare 0-6

Kerry had a tough enough league in the top tier without some top guns and, understandably enough, took the drop back down to Division 2A for next year. That journey was well worthwhile, though, as Kerry unearthed a strong vein of underage talent. The Kerry minors made it to an All Ireland semi-final and senior manager Brian D'Arcy wasn't afraid to put them in at senior level.

Kerry made a bright start to the Munster Intermediate Championship after a three week interim from their last game. Kate Lynch teed up Ruth O'Connor for her first ever senior point (it certainly won't be her last, judging by her impressive display here) and Lynch then won a free adroitly clipped over by Jackie Horgan. Aisling Cooney got Clare on the board with a free of their own, but in truth Clare's shooting looked a bit rusty early on and they left a few scoring chances behind them.

A great Kerry move saw Aoife Behan drive out of defence and find Kate Lynch, who timed her lay-off to Jackie Horgan perfectly and the net bulged. 1-2 to 0-1 and things looking good for a very purposeful Kerry.

Clare picked up the pace, with Kate O'Gorman beginning to take control. Aisling Cooney popped over another free, as did lively corner forward Mary Hanrahan, who also added two points from play.

Kerry needed to regain momentum before the break and a superbly struck Jackie Horgan '45 was enough to give them a narrow one point advantage at the break, with Kerry leading by 1-3 to 0-5.

Kerry came out with all guns blazing in the third quarter. With Sara Murphy, Aoife Behan, Kate Lynch, and especially the outstanding Caoimhe Spillane driving them on, they really took the game to the Banner. Jackie Horgan was doing immense damage on the square any time the sliotar came near her. Granted, Kerry had a bit of luck when Jackie's '45 dipped into the Clare net for a goal, but she also added a free and a point from play, while Kate Lynch popped over another. Suddenly Kerry were leading by 2-6 to 0-5 and in complete control. Clare, to their credit, did battle away bravely, but could only muster another free from substitute Ella Cahill for all their efforts, while Lynch, Horgan, and relative newcomers Amy McCarthy and Ella Conway clipped over scores for Kerry.

In the end, a convincing and very satisfying win for Kerry and a real confidence. Kerry will face the Intermediate sides of either Cork or Tipperary in three weeks' time in the Munster Final. That will, understandably, be a tougher test, but judging by this display, Kerry look well primed for it.

KERRY FC LOSE OUT TO BRAY

LOI Division One

Bray Wanderers 2 Kerry FC 0

After a run of seven games unbeaten in the League, it is now back to back defeats for Kerry FC following a 2-0 loss away to Bray Wanderers

on Friday evening, a result that keeps Conor McCarthy's team in ninth place in the division with nine points – five ahead of Longford who have two games in hand.

The table still means very little at this early stage of the season but the win moves Bray into third, but from Kerry's perspective, it won't get any easier next week when First Division leaders Cork City come to Tralee, with the Rebels winning 2-0 away to Finn Harps on Friday night. After a string of positive performances – even last week's 2-1 loss to Athlone Town – it was a decidedly flat Kerry team that took on Wanderers, perhaps the long journey to the east coast sapping some of their energy. That said, the visitors managed to hold out for 67 minutes before the Seagulls took the lead, which they doubled 11 minutes later.

Cristian Magerusan was only too delighted to be on the pitch rather than the treatment room, and he bagged the opener just two minutes after coming on in the second period. Peter Grogan wrapped up the points with his fourth goal in his last four games.

It was a very, very tepid first half, with neither side making any real threats on the opposition goal, but Bray's quality shone through in the end with their options from the bench eventually proving telling.

Kieran Cruise scored the opener last week but it was his defensive prowess that might have led to the first goal against Kerry. He won the ball back deep inside his own half and launched a Bray counter-attack that resulted in Shane Griffin slotting through for Grogan. However, the attacker's cross/shot failed to trouble Antonio Tuta and was cleared by the Kerry defence.

Harry Groome liked to influence things in the final third for Bray but he almost had a negative impact the other end on 16 minutes. He was too casual on the ball and it was pinched off him by Sean McGrath. McGrath fed Victor Udeze who drove into the box but his shot was thwarted by a superb sliding block from Kilian Cantwell who spared Groome's blushes.

Udeze started in the Kerry attack alongside Kennedy Amechi, with Ryan Kelliher on the bench and Daniel Okwute not in the squad. And although he didn't get on the pitch in Bray, there was encouraging news for Kerry FC with Valerii Dolia making the journey and taking his place in a match day squad for the first time since signing before the season.

A Kerry corner kick lead to the next opportunity. Sean O'Connell's in-swinging left-footer found Daire McCarthy – the deepest man in the area – but his header flew over from an acute angle. Grogan had another sniff of goal in the first half. Evan Osam played the ball down the line and Cruise's clever dummy took two Kerry men out of the game as it rolled to Grogan. He then twisted and turned his man as he entered the penalty area but his low drive was gathered safely by Tuta at the second attempt.

Both managers made a change at the interval. Kelliher was thrust on as the central striker for Kerry whilst Cruise made way for Zach Nolan for the hosts.

Wanderers wanted a penalty in the 57th minute. Ethan Kos and Grogan competed for

a header with the latter then going to ground and holding his head. Referee Robert Dowling allowed play to continue though and it struck Andrew Spain. Grogan and team mates screamed for a penalty but their appeals fell on deaf ears.

Ryan's second roll of the dice saw him introduce Magerusan and it only took him two minutes to show his head coach what he was capable of. Bray attacked down the right and while Sean O'Connell had initially dealt with the threat for Kerry Max Murphy re-delivered and Magerusan's touch was subtle but did enough to divert it past the hapless Tuta.

The concession of the goal seemed to sap a lot of the fight and energy out of the visitors and Bray were only too happy to apply further misery.

Magerusan was played through on 79 minutes. His effort was blocked by Tuta but rebounded into the path of Grogan who wasn't going to miss from six yards and has now scored in matches in a row for the Seagulls.

There was still 11 minutes for Kerry to do damage but that never looked likely as an assured and confident Bray defence dealt with their threat with the minimum of fuss.

Kerry and Bray face Cork opposition next: Kerry host table-toppers Cork City at Mounthawk Park next Friday, while Bray travel to the Rebel county to take on Cobh Ramblers.

ALL IRELAND GROUPS DECIDED

Group 1

Connacht winner (Galway/Mayo), Ulster runner-up, Derry, Westmeath

Group 2

Leinster winner (Dublin/Louth), Connacht runner-up, Roscommon, Cavan

Group 3

Ulster winner (Armagh/Down), Munster runner-up, Tyrone, Cork

Group 4

Munster winner (Kerry/Clare), Leinster runner-up, Monaghan, Meath

There's one obvious and huge anomaly in the system. The loser of the Connaught Final is going to be in a group with Roscommon, Cavan, and Dublin (let us roll with the assumptive winners of Leinster). The Connaught winner, on the other hand, gets Westmeath, Derry, and either Armagh or Donegal.

Is it just me, or does the loser of the Connaught Final not have the better draw?

Kerry are strong favourites to win Munster and Dublin are virtual certainties to win Leinster. I'm not forgetting 1992 – I was in the Gaelic Grounds myself that day and Clare fully deserved that win, but with all due respect, when you are going back almost two score years for a cautionary tale, you are really reaching. The circumstances are different. The games are more frequent, more intense, and far more analysed nowadays. Clare have always given us plenty of frights in Ennis (I've always believed that we were meeting them early in the Munster Championship while we were still completing our initial 'heavy' training) and Mark Fitzgerald isn't going to fear any team, but

I expect Kerry to win Munster.

Certainly, this draw will incentivise them. Win, and Kerry will most likely be in a group with Louth, Monaghan, and Meath. There's nobody to be taken for granted, but there's no Division One team there and any sleeping giant is really comatose. We would be looking to top that group, and I maintain that topping the group and avoiding that pre-quarter final extra game is a massive advantage.

Lose on Sunday, and it's a different landscape. Tyrone, Cork, and Armagh or Donegal? Cork gave us a serious fright in last year's group and the first half of the Munster semi-final. Cork would be the fourth seeds. The easiest game. Cork. Yeah, let's not go there.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Kerry 0-12 Cork 1-6

There are too many GAA games nowadays that serve no purpose, and this has to be up there as the most meaningless of them all. Everybody heading to Austin Stack Park last Tuesday knew full well that both sides were going to be in a Munster semi-final regardless of the result. This had all the drive, intent, and purpose of a challenge game, except that it came with an entry fee.

I genuinely don't think that either side played dummy teams. It's hard to tell – back in the days when minor was U18, you had County Minor Championships, development squad history, and post primary competitions to roughly gauge the upcoming talent around the county. Now? Your guess is as good as mine. What exactly was that change to U17 about? Delays to senior club games because of intercounty minors being held? Because we have a split season now, and I'm a fan of it overall, despite Central Council cramming in far more games than necessary or, frankly, interesting into it. A pre-quarter-final round. Really? Was it about burnout? Well, let's have the Kerry and Cork minors face each other in an absolutely meaningless game for the sake of it.

This wasn't a bad game. There was some very good football, played in patches. Both sides have very good players. Kacper Robak, Killian Dennehy, and Gearóid White really caught the eye for Kerry. Cathal McCarthy was probably my man of the match for Cork, Seán Whelton always looked dangerous, and Danny Miskella showed, albeit in patches, a lot of potential. But the game never burst into life. It always felt more like players doing a job interview than actually doing a job, that's the hard truth of it. Gearóid White opened the scoring and he laid off to Joey McCarthy to make it 0-2 to 0-0. Cork were actually creating more chances early on but weren't able to take them. I suspect that their forwards will be a lot sharper if (who am I kidding? It's 'when') we meet them again. Seán Whelton converted a free after Humphrey Canty was fouled, but that was the only impact on the scoreboard. 0-2 to 0-1 for the bones of twenty minutes. Yes. Conditions were fairly miserable, but seriously? Ye charged an entry fee for this? Gearóid White set up Ruairi O'Connell to make it 0-3 to 0-1. Cork

were playing better than it looked and finally got their reward when Michael Lynch blocked Finn O'Dwyer's goal effort. Was it a penalty? Arrah, yeah, you'd be looking for it if you were a Cork supporter. There was a little bit too much contact. Up stepped Danny Miskella. Kacper Robak was just millimetres away from saving it, but millimetres may as well be miles when it comes to a penalty. Cork in front, 1-1 to 0-3.

Kerry, possibly stung by the injustice of that scoreline, absolutely took over. Ronan Carroll clipped over a free. Gearóid White scored possibly the best point of the game – this guy is a serious talent. Ben Murphy, star of last year's team, never really hit the heights we have all seen him do in games that actually matter, but he slotted over a point. Gearóid White added another. Kerry were looking like they were taking this seriously now.

Cork had good football, but their conversion rate will leave Micheál Haulie O'Sullivan a bit bemused. Personally, I suspect that they were keeping a bit of gunpowder hidden, but time will tell. Seán Whelton did convert a free, but for the most part Kerry's defence were well on top of their brief. At half-time Kerry led by an unflattering 0-7 to 1-5.

Roan O'Carroll had a free drop short at the start of the second half and Killian Dennehy slipped off to an overlapping Ruadhan O'Donovan for a good score at the start of the second half. If you are watching the game on video, you can fast forward the next ten minutes. Trust me, you are missing absolutely nothing of note.

Seán Whelton notched another free and Dylan O'Neill pointed from play. Whelton, who looked lively, had a good effort off the post. The scoreboard was more interesting than the play at that stage; a Cork gol, would certainly have taken things up a notch. As it was, Kerry were just a point ahead, 0-8 to 1-4.

Michael Horan spun to shoot a decent point. Cian Mac Gearailt kicked a good score straight after his introduction. Kerry clearly had higher gears in the tank. Cathal McCarthy did well to intercept a Kerry goal chance from Ronan Carroll and the same player brought the deficit back to one.

In the dying minutes, Cork put in a real effort but were chasing shadows. Jack Joy put Kerry two clear. Dylan O'Neill had a shot drop short but the referee called advantage and he converted the resultant free. One point in it. This should have been exciting but.....well, it just wasn't.

Cian Mac Gearailt kicked his second point. Ronan Carroll finished off a beautiful Kerry move with a superb score.

Kerry face Tipperary next Tuesday in a Munster semi-final where the loser is eliminated. I have no idea what Tipperary have, and that one will be interesting. I'm looking forward to the start of the actual minor championship campaign. Because whatever that glorified challenge between Kerry and Cork was in Austin Stack Park last Tuesday, it most definitely wasn't that.

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KERRY U14 DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Well done to Bríde Breen, Caoimhe Dineen and Sinéad Murphy who played with Kerry Under 14s last weekend against Cork.

KERRY INTERMEDIATE MUNSTER SEMI FINAL

Congratulations to Kate Lynch and Áine Devlin, along with their Kerry teammates and management who defeated Clare to reach the Munster Final last Saturday

MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

Congratulations to our dual county minor player Kathryn Ryan and her teammates who won the Munster Minor Football Final last Sunday.

KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR MEN

A tough battle ensued in Milltown in Round five of the County League. The County Intermediate Champions are formidable at home where you will earn every score. David O Sullivan and Ryan O Grady were looking sharp in the first half and alongside Will Shine they contributed the points which saw the sides level at half time, 0-5 a piece. Cian Gammell put his stamp on the second half, his two points alongside substitute Finbarr Murphys brace helping to open up a 0-12 to 0-9 lead heading into the closing stages. There are few accurate forwards in the county than Eanna O Connor and his two points narrowed it to the minimum but a rearguard action ensured the two points headed back to Killarney.

Rathmore are the visitors to Direen in Round 6, the game throwing in at 7.30 this Friday night, May 3rd.

The Senior B team had a fine win over Ballylongford in Direen on Friday evening. It helped them bounce back from that disappointing defeat to Fossa. A solid team effort but young Daire Murphys input certainly stood out.

SENIOR LADIES

The senior ladies were in Donal Curtin Cup action on Sunday morning at home to ISG. The old sayings of goals win games and a game of 2 halves certainly to this game. Starting the game brightly and looking in charge with a commanding half time lead of 1-12 to 1-03, all looked in hand. But ISG started the second half on a better footing to score a brace of goals to keep in touch. Legion couldn't capitalise on some good opportunities and it was to prove costly. A couple of penalties led to more green flags for the visitors and they closed out the game two points to the good. Final score Killarney Legion 1-19 ISG 5-09.

U12 GIRLS



Laune Rangers Senior Ladies who played Firies in the Donal Curtin Cup Div 3

Spa were the visitors to Direen on Tuesday evening where the two clubs both fielded two teams to put on a great hour of entertainment. With no games this week coming it's a chance to return to the training ground to tidy up some of the skills.

U14 GIRLS

The U14 Girls had their first competitive outing in Beaufort during the week. Having the better of the first half they held a four point half time lead but the Mid Kerry side put in a strong second half shift. So much so that it took a last minute goal to secure the points. They followed that win up with a trip to North Kerry, Moyvane providing the opposition. A great team performance against a determined opponent saw them return south with the win.

U16 GIRLS

A game of two halves in Direen on Monday evening, dictated by a stiffish breeze. The first half belonged to the home side, a goal towards the end of the period making it 1-5 to 0-3 at the short whistle. But Glenflesk came out a different team in the second half, running out 1-12 to 1-7 winners. They soon bounced back from that reverse with a fine away win over Cordal/ Scart. In a competitive game they were triumphant on a 2-13 to 2-4 scoreline.

The White team were also in action in Currow and it was a case of goals winning games for the home side in what was a high scoring tussle.

U11 BOYS

Lewis Road was the hotbed of action for the U11 Boys when they visited our neighbours Dr Crokes on an unseasonably wet Thursday evening. But that didn't deter either side from putting in a determined effort to provide an hour of great entertainment. Kenmare will be their last games in this phase of competition.

U13 BOYS

You always earn your corn in Rathmore and the U13 Boys most certainly did when they had a very impressive win over the natives on Thursday evening. Played in wet challenging conditions they hit a fine total of 3-11 to outgun the home sides 1-7.

U15 BOYS

The U15 boys made it three from three in Division 1 of the County league when they accounted for a very strong An Ghaeltacht side in Direen last Wednesday evening. In an amazing first half, ten goals were shared equally to see the lads 5-6 to 5-1 ahead. Point scoring was the centrepiece of the second half, with the home side minding the

gap to run out 5-14 to 5-11 victors.

KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to Oisín Fleming on his selection to the Kerry minor panel for the season ahead.

U17 BOYS

The second team got their East Kerry Division 3 campaign off on a winning note last Monday evening in Direen. Gneeveguilla were the visitors but it was the goal scoring prowess of the team in green and white that carried the day. Final score Killarney Legion 6-9 Gneeveguilla 2-10.

PRIMARY SCHOOL GAMES

Patrick McSweeney and Esme O Sullivan will line out in the Primary School games at the upcoming Munster Senior Football Final between Kerry and Clare in Ennis this Sunday May 5th. No doubt huge excitement in the respective houses ahead of the big day.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club was very saddened to hear of the passing of Richard Anderson. As well as his sons James and Eli participation in the Club, Richard married into the Carroll family, his late father in law Jimmy, a Club stalwart once serving as Club Treasurer and his sister in law Bláithín a mainstay of our Mothers and Others Group alongside husband Jason. May Richard Rest in Peace

LOTTO

Results Monday April 22nd. Numbers were 4, 8, 10, 28. Bonus 16. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Alice c/o Denise Fogarty 2. Joan Doran 6 Allmans Terrace 3. Nick O'Brien 43 Scrahan Court 4. Liam Chute c/o Lake Hotel 5. Norma Griffin online

LAUNE RANGERS GAA

LAUNE RANGERS LADIES V FIRIES - DONAL CURTIN CUP DIV 3

Flexachem sponsored Laune Rangers Senior Ladies had a comprehensive win over Firies on Sunday afternoon and have now recorded back-to-back wins.

Laune Rangers started the game strongly kicking 3 points in the opening 5 minutes, however Firies worked the ball forward and struck for a goal, Firies then kicked another point from play in their next attack. Laune Rangers recovered well though and kicked 2 further points of their own with Firies replying with a point from a free to level the scores in Killorglin with 15 minutes played in first half. Laune Rangers 0-5, Firies 1-2.



Laune Rangers steadied themselves and became more accurate with their passing and created several chances scoring another 4 points in the next 5 minutes with Kayleigh McGlashan, Isabella Doherty and 2 points from Sara Leslie. The work rate by Laune Rangers was superb, the backs were successfully preventing Firies from getting any clear cut chances with the home team using this platform to build attacks from. Sara Leslie found the back of Firies net when she received a great pass from Aine Hassett. Laune Rangers were ahead at the short whistle.

Half Time: Laune Rangers 1-11, Firies 1-4

The second half saw Laune Rangers start with the same momentum as they finished the first, first score of second half came from the boot of captain Meadhbh Johnson. The forwards were supplied with some great ball from the backs and midfield which resulted in Kayleigh McGlashan and Sara Leslie adding 2 more points to extend Laune Rangers lead. Firies tried hard to get back into the game but Laune Rangers were well organised to cut out any danger and finished the game stronger to run out convincing winners.

Laune Rangers travel to ISG next weekend for the next round of Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup competition - awaiting further information.

Congratulations to Riadh O'Sullivan who was introduced in the second half to make her first appearance on the senior team.

EAST KERRY NEWS

U17 EAST REGION LEAGUE 2024

East Kerry Minor League Division 1 Round 1

Rathmore 4-14 Spa 0-15

Division 2

Firies 2-12 Glenflesk 6-13

Cordal 0-5 V Kilcummin 7-13

Division 3

Legion B 6-7 V Gneeveguilla 2-7

Division 1 Round 3 Monday 6 th May

Dr Crokes V Spa, Kenmare V Legion, Rathmore Bye

Division 2 Round 3 Monday 6 th May

Firies V Cordal, Kilcummin V Currow, Glenflesk Bye

Division 3 Round 3 Monday 6 th May

Fossa V Gneeveguilla, Kenmare B V Legion B, Beaufort Bye

MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Good luck to the Kerry team and management in the Munster Final against Clare on Sunday.

MUNSTER LADIES FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Kerry Senior Ladies on their win over Cork in the Munster Championship.

MUNSTER LGFA MINOR A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Congratulations to the Kerry Minor team on their superb win over Cork in the Munster Minor final.

JOE MCDONAGH CUP

Congratulations to the Kerry hurlers, who continued their fine form in the Joe McDonagh Cup with a great win over Down on Sunday.

FOSSA GAA

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 2

Fossa played Castleisland Desmonds in Rd.5 of the County League on Saturday evening. The opening half was a cagey affair, Desmonds had two points on the board before Emmett O'Shea opened Fossa's account after 10 minutes. Fossa were finding it difficult to break down a disciplined Desmonds defence and they went six points behind when Kian Downey scored a goal for Desmonds in the 27th minute. However, Fossa finished the half strongly and three Emmett O'Shea points left the half time score, 1-04 to 0-04.

Fossa made two substitutions at half time, bringing on Tadgh O'Shea and Michael O'Dwyer and they both made an immediate impact on the game. Points from Cian O'Shea, Matt Rennie and Tadgh O'Shea had the teams level after four minutes of the half. Desmonds replied with a score but points from Michael O'Dwyer and Tadgh O'Shea put Fossa ahead for the first time in the game. In the 13th minute, Desmonds were awarded a penalty but Shane O'Sullivan made a brilliant save, getting down low to his right to give Fossa a major boost. Shane made another superb save a couple of minutes later as Desmonds stepped up the pressure on the Fossa defence. The last 15 minutes of the half was really exciting as both sides went for the win but Fossa showed serious character and resilience to withstand the Desmonds attack with Kieran O'Sullivan defending superbly. Cian O'Shea and Paddy Sheehan did trojan work around the middle third, Matt Rennie rose highest to field a Desmonds kickout, he off-loaded to Emmett O'Shea who kicked a brilliant point from outside the 45 which was worthy of winning any game. Fossa held on to win on a score of 0-15 to 1-09.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 6

Fossa B maintained their 100% record in the county league with a win over Castleisland Desmonds. The first half was an even affair, both teams kicked very good scores with Desmonds getting a goal on the stroke of half time, which kept them in touch on a score of 1-05 to 0-10. However, Fossa really took over in the second half with two early goals from Harry Kelly and Ryan Sheehan. Further goals from Ted O'Gorman and Darren Cronin left Fossa winners on a score of 4-17 to 1-06.

FOSSA U15 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE RD 4.

Fossa welcomed Knocknagoshel/Brosna for the final game of the county league. There was very little between the teams at the start of the opening half as both sides put over 4 points each. The Fossa scores coming from Eoin Bennett (2), Ross O'Gorman and Luke Clancy. Fossa then went on a great scoring run clocking up 3-2 before the interval through the hard-working Ross O'Gorman with two goals, Eoin Bennett and Luke Clancy with a point a piece and Donnacha Vaughan with the final goal. Knock/Brosna scored a goal at the very end of the half to leave the half time score 3-6 to 1-4. Charlie Griffin & Donnacha Vaughan put in a great shift in midfield but were also ably assisted by the strong running of Sam O'Leary and Fionn O'Donovan. Knock/Brosna started brightly and

hit Fossa for 1-2 to narrow the gap down to one goal. However, the Fossa boys rallied well and took control of the game. Again, Ross O'Gorman got in on the act with another point followed by a scoring spree of 3-1 from the prolific James O'Meara, followed by a point from Eoin Bennett. Knock/Brosna put up a brave fight but the Fossa defence held strong with Paddy Myers, Luke Clancy and our goalkeeper Dara Whelton coming to the rescue on numerous occasions. Knock/Brosna added a further two points before Donnacha Vaughan finished the scoring with a fine point to cap a great performance for the Fossa boys. The final score on the night was 6-10 to 2-9. The Fossa boys having finished third in the group now qualify for a Division 6 semi-final, well done to all the boys.

FOSSA U-11 GO GAMES

Fossa U-11 boys welcomed a large Rathmore squad to Fossa this week. The Fossa boys are very young but this didn't curtail their huge heart and determination. Some exceptional performances this evening, with players once again leaving everything out on the field. The lads are improving individually week on week and they are enjoying themselves. The weather didn't dampen spirits and we are very proud of every ones efforts. It's all about player development, fun and football.

Well done Fossa players and management. Thanks to parents for their continued support and huge thanks to Rathmore for providing an evening full of sport.

U-12 BOYS

Our U-12 boys team played a most worthwhile challenge game at home in Fossa against our Mid Kerry counterparts, Glenbeigh-Glencar-Cromane. The first half was a very competitive affair with little separating the sides at half time. The Fossa lads upped the tempo in the 2nd half to fashion a comfortable victory over the visitors. Thanks to our senior player, Ted O' Gorman for his excellent refereeing of the game. And many thanks to Glenbeigh-Glencar-Cromane for providing us with a most sporting game played in a very competitive manner, we will meet again later in the year.

FOSSA SENIOR LADIES

Another tough game away to Listowel Emmetts for the Fossa senior ladies, and again travelling numbers were modest. Fossa started facing a strong wind and were holding their own against a good Emmetts team. Bad luck saw an early injury and we were down to 14. The girls battled on to half time and went in level 2-04 each. With the 2nd half wind, the girls emerged hopeful. However, Emmetts started the brighter with a few early scores they got on top and another injury saw Fossa reduced to 13.

While our tiring players were trying very hard to fill the gaps the scores were tough to find. While a late arrival (straight from work) helped bolster the Fossa resistance, in the end Emmetts run out ready winners 5-10 v 3-07. Lots learned in a very competitive game and this day will be noted for the senior debuts of Emily Buckley and Grainne Kelleher, two fantastic young players we will see for many years to come. Well done to all, and here's wishing our two injured players make a speedy recovery. Next up a bye and then two home games where hopefully the numbers will



improve.

U-14 GIRLS

Our U-14 Girls made a successful start to the league with a good win against Beale on Sunday evening.

CONGRATS

Well done to Seodhla Colleran who was part of the victorious Kerry minor team who beat in the Munster final on Sunday. Also well done to Isabelle Lyons who was part of the Kerry U-14 team who played Cork at the weekend.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, April 29th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 7, 8, 9 and the bonus ball was 15.

Lucky Dip Winners were as follows: €50 Tina Carey, Milltown. €50 Ian Twiss, Milltown. €25 Eileen and Sophie Twiss, Milltown. €25 Donal Hickey. €25 David Bevan, Milltown. €25 Jacinta Bourke, Abbeydorney

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

ELECTRIC IRELAND MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-Final Result - Michael Lynch and David Heasman Represent Milltown/Castlemaine GAA

Congratulations and well done to Milltown/Castlemaine's Michael Lynch who lined out at full back tonight, Tuesday April 30th in Austin Stack Park, Tralee against Cork in the Electric Ireland Munster Minor Football Championship Quarter-Final. Clubman David Heasman was also a selector. Kerry emerged victorious on a final score of 0-12 to 1-07 to advance to the Semi-Final next week. Fixture details to be confirmed. Follow our club social media channels for more information in the days ahead.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Division 1, Round 5 Result and Round 6 Fixture

Milltown/Castlemaine's Senior 'A' side welcomed Killarney Legion to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown on Saturday evening for Round 5 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League in Division 1. In perfect conditions for football, an open yet tight game ensued. The sides couldn't be separated at half-time with the scores level at 0-5 to 0-5. The away side went three points ahead on two separate occasions in the second half at 0-11 to 0-08 and again at 0-12 to 0-09 and despite two injury time pointed efforts from Eanna O'Connor, time ran out and it was the visitors who came away with a one point victory on a final score of 0-12 to 0-11. Round 6 will take place on Saturday, May 4th th when Milltown/Castlemaine travel to take on Kilcummin at 7:00pm in Kilcummin. All support is welcome.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Division 6B, Round 5 Result and

Round 6 Fixture

Milltown/Castlemaine's Senior 'B' side were away to John Mitchels 'B' on Sunday afternoon in Ballyseedy, Tralee. After a close encounter which ebbed and flowed throughout, nothing could separate the sides and the final score was 1-9 to 1-9. The lads have 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 defeat so far in the competition.

Round 6 will take place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6th when Milltown/Castlemaine play host to Spa 'B' at 7:00pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. All support is welcome for the players and management.

KELLIHERS TOYOTA CENTRAL REGION DIVISION 3, ROUND 3 RESULT AND ROUND 4 FIXTURE: MINORS (U17S)

Milltown/Castlemaine's Minor side (U17s) travelled to take on Ardfert away last night, Monday, April 29th in Round 3 of the Central Region and fell to a six point defeat with Ardfert running out 4-08 to 1-11 winners.

Round 4 will take place on Monday, May 6th when Milltown/Castlemaine are away to Annascaul/Lispole at 7:00pm. All support is welcome.

MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: Final Fixture - Cillian Burke Represents Milltown/Castlemaine GAA

Best wishes to the Kerry Seniors Squad and Management especially Milltown/Castlemaine's Cillian Burke who will be in action for the Kerry against Clare in the Munster Senior Football Championship Final next Sunday, May 5th at 1:45pm in Cusack Park, Ennis. Tickets are available online at the following link: <https://am.ticketmaster.com/gaa/munstersfc>. They are also available to purchase in Supervalu and Centra shops across the county.

U7 BOYS

Milltown/Castlemaine's U7 Boys are training at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown on a weekly basis. Training takes place at the moment on Saturday evening's at 5:00pm. For more information please contact Colin McKenna on 087-0687653.

GAA 4 ALL

Milltown/Castlemaine's GAA 4 All training takes place weekly on Wednesday's at 5:45pm at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. For more information please contact Danny McClure on 087-6536631.

MC MINIS

Training commenced on Saturday 6th April in the Nagle Rice Community Centre at 9:30am and will continue weekly at the same time. This age group would be for boys born in 2019 and 2020 (Parent/Guardian required to be in attendance to assist) and for girls born in 2018, 2019 or 2020 (Parent/Guardian required to be in attendance to assist). For more information please contact Caitlyn Corkery on 087-2471416.

U8 GIRLS

Training is on Saturday mornings at 9:15am at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. This age group is for girls born in 2016 and 2017. For more information please contact Derry O'Sullivan on 087-7550401.

U9 BOYS

Training is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15pm at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. This age group is for boys born in 2015

and 2016. For more information please contact Garry Murphy on 087-9432746.

U10 GIRLS

Training is on Monday evening's at 6:00pm at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. This age group is for girls born in 2014 and 2015. For more information please contact Tommy Cronin on 087-1227099.

Well done to our under 10 girls who played a challenge game against each other on Sunday morning in beautiful sunshine, with some great skills and team work on display.. well done to the coaches and families for their continued support

U12 GIRLS

Another superb performance by our Under 12 girls at home to Furies last Tuesday in the third round of Go Games. Continuing to develop and go from strength to strength weekly.. Thank you to Furies for a sporting contest. Thank you also to the coaches, families & supporters!!

U13 BOYS

Training is on weekly for both the Green and White teams. For more information or if you are new to the area and would like to join please contact Haulie Clifford on 087-6932126.

U13 BOYS: COUNTY LEAGUE PHASE 1 CONCLUDES - COUNTY CHAMPIONS IN DIVISION 1

Huge congratulations to the Milltown/Castlemaine U13 Green team and management who were crowned County Football League Division 1 Champions in Phase 1 on Sunday evening following a 5-12 to 1-10 victory over Na Gaeil. They also beat John Mitchels 5-12 to 1-08 on Friday evening to round off a good couple of days.

Our White team also concluded their campaign by making it four wins from five group games after a 4-17 to 1-07 victory against Na Gaeil on Sunday evening.

Phase 2 will begin for both teams on Sunday, May 12th but no fixtures have been released yet.

U14 GIRLS

Huge congratulations to our Under 14 girls who secured a lovely win on the road to St Pats in Blennerville on Sunday evening on a score line of 3-6 to 1-7 in the second round of county league.. Well done to the team, coaches and for the families for continued support of our girls, and to St Pats for a sporting contest.

U15 BOYS: LEE STRAND COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIVISION 3B, ROUND 5 RESULT AND DIVISION 3B AND 9A ROUND 5 FIXTURES

They have now qualified for the County League Semi-Final but fixture details have yet to be confirmed for next week. The semi-final will take place at home on Wednesday, May 8th at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. Time also to be confirmed.

Milltown/Castlemaine 'B' will take on John Mitchels 'B' on Friday evening, May 3rd at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown in Division 9A at 6:00pm.

Well done to both teams and management and keep up the great work.



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Positive stress is a great motivator for the State Exams



By Billy Ryle

ANXIOUS

With the state exams now less than five weeks away, candidates may become anxious about their performance. A level of anxiety is normal and focusses the mind on the challenge ahead. Almost all exam candidates, irrespective of how laid back they appear, feel nervous. It's the body's way of dealing with a stressful experience. How you deal with this nervous energy is the critical issue. If you channel it in a positive direction, it will give you the vitality to cope with the demands of the exam.

ATTITUDE

A positive mental attitude is a considerable aid around exam time. Be confident in your ability to do well. Don't be discouraged by other students appearing to know more than you do. Aim to perform to your own capability, not to compete with others. Make positive statements about yourself. Banish all negative thoughts from your mind. Think well of yourself and of your readiness to achieve success. Be determined to do your best, no more, no less.

SUCCESS

Success is a product of positive thinking. By motivating yourself towards your goals, you will redouble your effort and improve your performance. Have items in your study environment to spur you on. Place a statement of your objectives, such as your target grades, in a conspicuous place. An occasional glance in their direction will encourage you.

NEWSWORTHY

Exam stress becomes newsworthy every year because of the assessment system used in the state exams. For the most part these exams are terminally assessed. In effect, two years of work is examined by means of written papers in June. Not enough credit is given to the candidate for consistent work over the two years. Continuous assessment is not sufficiently utilised although

proposals to have assessment components worth 40% and a terminal written exam worth 60% of the total marks will significantly reduce reliance on final exams. The major problem with the current exam system is the increased level of stress it causes in some students around exam time. Despite all that is written about exam stress, students continue to show that they are excellent exam performers and use stress as a stimulant rather than an affliction.

POSITIVE

The stress experienced by the majority of exam candidates is positive stress. It concentrates the mind wonderfully. You realise that the forthcoming exam is making increased demands of you. However, your application to study and revision provides you with the resources to meet these demands. Positive stress provides you with the motivation to prepare for the exam. It will sustain and stimulate this motivation until the exam is over. Properly controlled stress will activate hidden resources of energy and application in you. It's important to control the stress and channel it into positive energy.

DISTRESS

It's only when you haven't the resources to meet the demands of the exam that distress or negative stress becomes an issue. Exam distress is a rare occurrence in young people and can easily be confused with normal exam anxiety. The present cohort of young people is highly skilled and well able to cope with the demands of the exam. Distress, when it does occur, is disruptive and may interfere with your performance if it isn't counteracted.

NETWORK

An effective way of managing distress is through utilising your social support network of people who care about you. If you need emotional support approach someone in whom you have

confidence. That person may be a teacher, a parent or your guidance counsellor. All you need is the advice of someone who will put the exam in perspective for you and who will help to boost your self-confidence. It all goes back to having a positive mental attitude and to realising that anxiety and stress should be channelled in your favour.

CHECKLIST

- Exam nerves are the most natural thing in the world
- Almost all students feel anxious in the weeks before an exam
- A positive mental attitude is an aid to quality study and exam performance
- Make positive statements about yourself
- Banish all negative thoughts from your mind
- Believe that your best will be good enough
- Success is a product of positive thinking
- Positive stress is a motivator
- Channel stress into positive energy
- If you need emotional support, go and get it
- Many people care about you and want you to do well
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12 noon on the 7th May
- The Leaving Cert Computer Science written exam takes place on Wed., 22th May
- The state exams begin on Wednesday, 5th June
- Leaving Cert exam results will be released on Friday, 23rd August
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Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra TY student Eoin Cashman, who came 2nd in All-Ireland ARTiculation public speaking competition at the Bernal Institute in UL this week.



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1st cousin's Kieran Collins and Miriam O'Keeffe from Hollymount N.S. Rathmore, celebrating their First Holy Communion Day in the sunshine in Muckcross.



Attendees, enjoying the first birthday celebration of the Pop Up Gaeltacht at the end of March, the next one is tomorrow Saturday the 4th of May in Courtney's Bar on Plunkett Street at 7.30pm



Working Staff and Staff from the Past with General Manager of UHK Mary Fitzgerald University Hospital Kerry (UHK) commemorated its 40th anniversary with a heartfelt celebration, honoring the dedication and commitment of past and present staff members. On April 25, the hospital hosted a series of special events at its Rathass site, inviting all who have contributed to its legacy over the decades. As the sun set on this memorable occasion, there was a sense of gratitude and optimism for the future of UHK. The anniversary celebration served not only as a tribute to the hospital's rich history but also as a testament to the unwavering dedication of its staff members, whose tireless efforts continue to shape the legacy of excellence at University Hospital Kerry.

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There is also a wide range of flowering plants for shade. A good example is an *Astilbe*, an *Astilbe* has a good range of flower colours and foliage to choose from. An *Astilbe* has a good range of flower colours and foliage to choose from. Sometimes when an area is shaded, the ground can be quite dry – even in the winter time. A good plant for this would be a plant called *Vinca Minor* which is an evergreen flowering ground cover plant. But remember to water until established.



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"... But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing Love for ever and ever. For what You have done I will always praise You (for You have rescued me and kept me safe). In the presence of Your faithful people I will hope in Your Name, for Your Name is Good." (Psalm 52:8-9)

Welcome back dear student, the olive tree in the Bible symbolises: (1) Hope and Safety in God's Promises - the dove brought back an olive leaf to Noah after the flood (Genesis 8:11). (2) Peace - 'extending an olive branch' for reconciliation. (3) Longevity - there are olive trees in Israel hundreds of years old. (4) Eternity - its leaves are evergreen, and its wood is strong and enduring. (5) Fruitfulness - the oil is a precious commodity valued for thousands of years to light lamps, cook with, and for medicinal purposes. (6) Prosperity and Provision - the olive tree thrives even in desert conditions - it is robust and deep rooted, producing abundant harvest (Jeremiah 17:8). (7) Fertility and Blessing - God promises the people who walk in His ways will be blessed with children and will live to see their children's children (Psalm 128). (8) Salvation - Isaiah chapter eleven prophesies the coming of Yeshua - Messiah Jesus (the Shoot of Jesse), bringing God's Wisdom, Counsel, Power, and the Knowledge of His Glory to this earth.

Jesus taught that a tree is known by its fruit (Matthew 7:15-23). Note in the Scripture above that the olive tree is symbolic of a person flourishing in the Presence of God, in intimate relationship with the Lord, and this relationship is based upon His unfailing Love or Lovingkindness - known as 'Chesed'. The Hebrew Word (pronounced Hess-ed) means covenantal, unbreakable Love and Mercy. In ancient times 'Chesed' was entered into by two parties as an everlasting agreement, always sealed in blood. The stronger party upheld the Covenant supporting the weaker partner, even at great cost to himself. The Lord Jesus brought us the New Covenant - based upon God's Mercy and Loving kindness, not works (Hebrews 8:8-12; Ephesians 2:4-9).

The New Covenant was sealed with the precious Blood of Jesus, God's Son, Who gave His Life so that whoever will believe in and obey Him, will be saved from the consequences of sin - which is death and separation from God forever in hell (Romans 5:5-6; Romans 6:23). His Blood still speaks for us upon the mercy seat in Heaven. God doesn't require one to gain favour with Him by just being 'a good person', or doing nice things for others, but through believing only in His Son Jesus the Messiah, acknowledging Him as Lord, and repenting of and turning from sin (John 3:16; Mark 16:16; John 14:6). God's Chesed is spoken of throughout the Scriptures. It's vital to understand the true meaning of this Covenant with our beautiful God. He is the stronger partner! He knows our weaknesses, yet His Love is unconditional (Psalm 103:14-18). 'Agape' Love is quite different from 'fickle' worldly love. In order to save us Jesus laid down His Life, putting into action the greatest Gift ever given - forgiveness and right standing with God. Messiah means 'Anointed One' - the Anointing was done with sacred oil from the olive tree. To produce oil, the olive must be pressed upon with incredible pressure. The Lord Jesus was pressed with suffering beyond what any human being ever endured to deliver the Promise of His Spirit for us (Isaiah chapter 53; Luke 22:44). How privileged we are to know and serve Him! March For Life this weekend in Dublin - Bank Holiday Monday 6th May at 2pm - please support it.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: For those in our parish who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, e.g. 25th, 30th, 35th 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th or 60th, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at the 6.15 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday May 25th. Please spread the word also to those who were married in our parish and are now living elsewhere. You might kindly contact the Sheila in the Parish Office with the details of your Anniversary before the 17th of May.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Golden Jubilee Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on August 29th-September 3rd 2024 Led by Bishop Ray Browne & directed by Fr Nicholas Flynn, Direct flight from Kerry Airport, 5 nights full board €925, Assisted Pilgrim €740, Transfers & Insurance included. Enquiries & Bookings to 086 9318976 or Email; pilgrimage@dioceseofkerry.ie

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COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY

For those who would like to fulfil the second of Our lady's requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace and salvation of souls. The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on Sat. 4th May commencing at 8.45am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Devotions will begin with the Fatima intentions and prayer. Followed by the Rosary at 9am. Mass at 9.30am then 15 mins meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary in St. Brigid's Chapel.

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Ask St. Claire for three favours, one
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believe or not. Publish on ninth day.
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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
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Say six times daily for nine days. Your
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**NOVENA TO THE
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You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you
shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock
and the door shall be opened to you. Relying
on these promises, I come with confidence
during this novena to beg of you the favours
that I need (make request). From whom shall
I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart
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Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your
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O Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in
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