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EDITOR'S NOTE

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creamy pint, a tasty dish, a long awaited haircut and a spring in their step... Killarney folk relished the reopening of many of their favourite haunts this week following the lifting of restrictions in Phase 3.

The town was bustling with locals and lots of Irish visitors who have chosen to staycation in Killarney, and why not, we have absolutely everything on offer to have the perfect holiday.

Killarney, the town in the Park has it all.

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RONAN'S PLIGHT HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DÁIL

"Please remember Ronan Foley Dungeel Killorglin – he has a 90 degree curve in his spine and he is in agony his is waiting for 20 months for an operation", these were the words spoken by Michael Healy Rae, TD at the first sitting of the new Dail at the Convention Centre in Dublin on Saturday last.

Deputy Healy-Rae was addressing the gathering of the members of the new coalition government when he specifically spoke to the new Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly.

"Minister Donnelly, and I respectively say this to you, if you can start off by looking into this case and trying to get this young man his operation I will be forever indebted to you for doing that", Deputy Healy-Rae said.

Speaking to the Killarney Outlook this week, Michael Healy-Rae said that he had hardly sat down on his seat after his speech when he got a text message from Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly to send him all the details of the case of the young Killorglin man. "I was delighted with the quick response from the new Minister and hope that he will do everything in his power to get the operation sorted as soon as possible for Ronan", Deputy Healy Rae added. The new Taoiseach Micheál Martin also contacted the Kerry TD in regard to the case following the Dail plea. Ronan is a student of the Special Education Unit at St. Olivers National Ballycasheen and is awaiting surgery at Crumlin Children's Hospital for scoliosis for the last 20 months.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook this week, Ronan's teacher Josephine Doncell gave us some insight into Ronan's school life.

"Ronan is a 14 year boy with Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy who has a curvature in his spine. That curve was 42° in March of 2018 and Ronan was living a pretty normal life. Coming to school each day (rarely missing a day of school) having fun with his friends in class and in the yard and working hard at his schoolwork. Even when the curvature progressed to 79° in October 2018 he was actually becoming more independent throughout the school in his motorised wheelchair, going from class to class on his own. He even did the Dublin City Marathon at the end of that month with his dad Tony who pushed him around the course with a group of staff from St Oliver's where they raised over €4,000 for the school.

That October the family were told that the curve in his spine needed surgical intervention and that it would happen within the next 4 months. Ronan continued to do all the things he loved in school and at home while we waited for the operation. He played the starring role of a monster truck driver in our Christmas play that year!

Unfortunately no news on a date for the operation was forthcoming and the months passed. When Ronan got back to school in September 2019 he had stretched as a young teenager but his body looked twisted in comparison to the relatively straight body he had before. He became uncomfortable much more easily in his wheelchair and needed breaks on mats on the floor of the classroom to stretch once or twice a day. Eating became a little more difficult because he felt full more quickly due to the pressure of the twist of his spine on his stomach. And boy, did he always love his food. One thing that hadn't changed was his quick wit and wicked sense of humour. He made us laugh, and guffawed at any funny comments we made. We had so much fun but we could see him finding sitting in his wheelchair doing his work so difficult. He never complained and his SNA Catherine Sheahan would have to guess when he was in pain and ask him if he was. We got quite a shock when he came



The Foley Family, from Killorglin. 14-year-old son Ronan (centre) urgently needs surgery. L-R Caroline, Ronan, Gavin & Tony Foley.

PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

#RonansOpNow



Michael Healy-Rae TD raised Ronan's plight twice at the sitting of the new Dail last Saturday.

back after Christmas in January of this year because he was in pain from early in the morning through most of the day. We found ourselves taking him out of the wheelchair and putting him on mats and eventually on beanbags to try and make him comfortable. We moved the whole class around so that he was included in the middle of the group all day but no matter what we did we always felt he was never fully comfortable. Mercy Clifford, an SNA working with Ronan, organised many of us to lobby the politicians before the general election and there seemed to be a push at many levels to get the operation done. We had great hope that the operation would finally be done in February

or March but it kept being put back and then the country went into lockdown. He worked with us during the lockdown and did lots of schoolwork at home but he found sitting and doing the work very difficult. Our Zoom lessons were difficult if they went over 45 minutes because he was in pain. He now needs to be lying down as much as he can during the day. He is either in his bed or on a beanbag. Therefore the independence he had is gone. His back and chest are even more twisted now than they were in March.

This is not the way a 14 year old boy should be living. He never complains about his condition. We had to teach him to tell us if he was not feeling great because he did not want to bother anyone. He wants to have fun with all his other friends, like all 14 year olds, but now cannot spend time sitting in the wheelchair which used to give him his freedom.

Ronan's parents do everything to make sure he wants for nothing but they have come up against a brick wall trying to get him this operation. It's time for Ronan's operation now.

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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

A dream job, a wedding in the offing and plenty of dinosaurs, Marie visits the Cronin Family

This week I visited another home of children emerging out of lockdown. The beautiful

newly renovated home of the Cronin family the original home of great granddad, the late Danny Cronin, Fossa.

Fionn(5) & Ben(4) were busy playing dinosaurs when I arrived "Mom is no good at playing dinosaurs Marie, she just can't move fast enough and we always catch up with her". They have hundreds. I was lost after Tyrannosaurus rex!!

Ben Cronin has had a Covid19 finish to his short year at Montessori teaching at Bellview Woods Child Care. He wanted to say a big Hi to his teachers Maura & Marlies "I miss them lots". Ben recently celebrated his 4th birthday at home in Fossa, just in the nick of time as restrictions eased, so he could invite 6 of his friends over for a social distancing birthday party. "It was the best day ever" Ben told me. Fionn (Jnr Infants with Ms Lyne at Fossa NS) was equally enthusiastic about the big day and the treats it involved. Mum Danielle told me "it was just so great to see them play with actual children instead of chatting on screens. I'm sure many parents will welcome the opening of schools and summer camps again. I try to read lots to the boys when I can and I am lucky to have plenty of reading material as I work for a local company called Educate.ie. It's local to Castleisland and I honestly have the dream job - meeting teachers and liaising with schools daily but with the stress of only two children Marie" Danielle laughed. Danielle is a Sales Rep for Educate.ie and has a huge network of schools & teachers throughout her area of Kerry, North Cork & West Limerick. "I worked as a manager for Penny's for years starting off in



Blanchardstown Dublin before returning home to Killarney. When I saw the position advertised I just went for it Marie and I'm so delighted I did. It means so much to me to work with a 100% Irish company". I had hoped to meet with 'hubbie to be' Rob, a HSE Counsellor who has recently opened his own onsite practice 'Aghadoe Counselling Services', but he was flat to the mat so instead Danielle & I discussed their soon to be wedding "A very special but tame affair at the Dunloe Hotel all going well next July Marie" Danielle told me. "Can the dinosaurs come to the wedding Mommy?" Fionn (who we thought wasn't listening at all,

just goes to show) asked. The jury was out on a dinosaur wedding as I left the Cronin house hold in Fossa. "Before you go Marie can you write to say Hi to my Nana & Granddad Mary & Mike Cronin next door and on the other side my Uncle Bernie & Auntie Katherine" Fionn asked. No problem Fionn and thank you for having me at your beautiful home in Fossa.

PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK L-R BEN, DANIELLE & FIONN (MISSING FROM THE PHOTO DAD ROB)

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From Norway to Kerry... The Eagles have Landed



A specially chartered flight brought the group of young birds from Norway to Kerry Airport. A group of young White-tailed Eagles have arrived in the south west, landing today at Kerry Airport from Norway. They hope to release young eagles at three sites, including Lough Derg, the lower Shannon estuary and Killarney National Park. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

A specially chartered flight brought the group of young birds from Norway to Kerry Airport as part of the latest phase of the reintroduction of the species in Ireland.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service will release White-tailed Eagles in Munster to bolster the existing population.

The White-tailed Eagles are being released again in Munster by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht's National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) as part of a Phase Two project to bolster the

small existing breeding population in Ireland. The new release phase aims to build on the successful re-establishment of this once extinct species over a three-year period (2020-2022) by releasing young eagles at three sites, including Lough Derg, the lower Shannon estuary and Killarney National Park. The mission involved moving the young eagles – who had been monitored for a number of months – from Norway. They were taken to a waiting chartered flight at Trondheim Airport, for transport to Kerry

Airport on a journey of four hours 20 minutes, and arrived this afternoon.

Former Minister of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Josepha Madigan, TD, welcomed the new arrivals: "This latest operation, under Phase Two of the conservation project, was an incredible team effort between the wildlife personnel both here and in Norway.

"Thanks to their logistical work, bringing the latest influx of White-tailed Eagles to these shores, the future is positive for the eagle, which had been extinct in Ireland for over a century.

The latest conservation intervention cements the work already done in bringing these graceful birds back to our skies, and I would like to express my appreciation for all involved in lending this hand to nature."

In 2020 it is planned to release 10 young eagles collected this summer in Norway split between the three Irish sites. These birds from this second release phase will provide an additional boost to the small Irish breeding population when they reach maturity.

Previously, 100 young White-tailed Eagles were released in Killarney National Park in County Kerry between 2007 and 2011. Birds from these releases subsequently dispersed widely throughout Ireland with first breeding in 2012 on Lough Derg, County Clare.

Since then a small breeding population of eight to ten pairs have successfully fledged 26 chicks with an additional six chicks likely to fledged into the wild in Munster in the next few weeks.

INCREASE IN PROPERTY ENQUIRIES IN KILLARNEY FOLLOWING COVID-19

While, the average price of a three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Kerry fell by 0.7% over the past three months, since reopening, agents in Killarney are reporting a sudden jump in enquiries from people in large cities who feel that they can now work remotely and are seeking higher end properties in one of Ireland's beauty spots.

In Killarney prices of the average three-bed sem saw a drop of 1.8% to €265,000 in the past three months while time taken to sell increased this quarter from 8 weeks to 10.

"While there has been a slowdown in the number of viewers due to Covid-19, all of our good properties are under offer," said Donal Culloty of REA Coyne and Culloty, Killarney.

"We have received a lot of inquiries from people



who may be able to move from the large cities to work remotely and are now looking at the higher end market.

"We find that the people who are making these inquiries want to move for a better quality of life and more space."

"Changes in the world of work are having an immediate effect on the second-hand housing market with a nationwide trend emerging of buyers looking to move 15 minutes outside of their urban location where they can get more space for the same money", said REA spokesperson Barry McDonald.

"We are finding that people are looking for three things – more space, gardens and a guarantee of better broadband, where transport was previously the highest priority.

"While the current outlook is positive, and there seems to be a lot of pent-up demand, it may be Q3 before we see the effect of Covid-19 on the market and on the outcome of mortgage approvals granted before the lockdown", he added.

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FAMOUS FIVE ARE OPEN FOR NEW RECRUITS

Centra.... for the way we live today!!.... a very different today to that of last February/March for these Famous Five. "We're minus Timmy the Dog Marie, but we're open to new recruits" Kate laughed.

L-R Ger Tomo O'Sullivan, Pat Culloty, Kate Lucey, Paudie Dwyer & Kieran Fleming, all great friends, who would regularly meet for a pint and a chat Jimmy Briens Bar, Fair Hill of a 'normal' day. The five are great friends inside and out of Jimmy's and it was the brain child of Ger Tomo to keep it all together during lockdown.

"These days it's more of a physical gathering outside The Fáilte Hotel nightly, before powering off to cover 8-10 kilometres in just over one hour". Not bad going at all, I thought. "We used to meet at Jimmy's but we found it too depressing" Ger Tomo laughed and so did I. They were all in great form when I met them after their walk but there was a little squabble just before I took the photo. A similar debate to that at Jimmy's. "Who's round is it?" asked Kate. The decision was made. It was Ger Tomo's pocket taking the hit, a decision that we reconfirmed by Centra's cone tender Ann, who works most evenings at Centra, New Street "I thoroughly enjoy the chats with them every night. I could time them!"

The famous five can be seen walking in most of

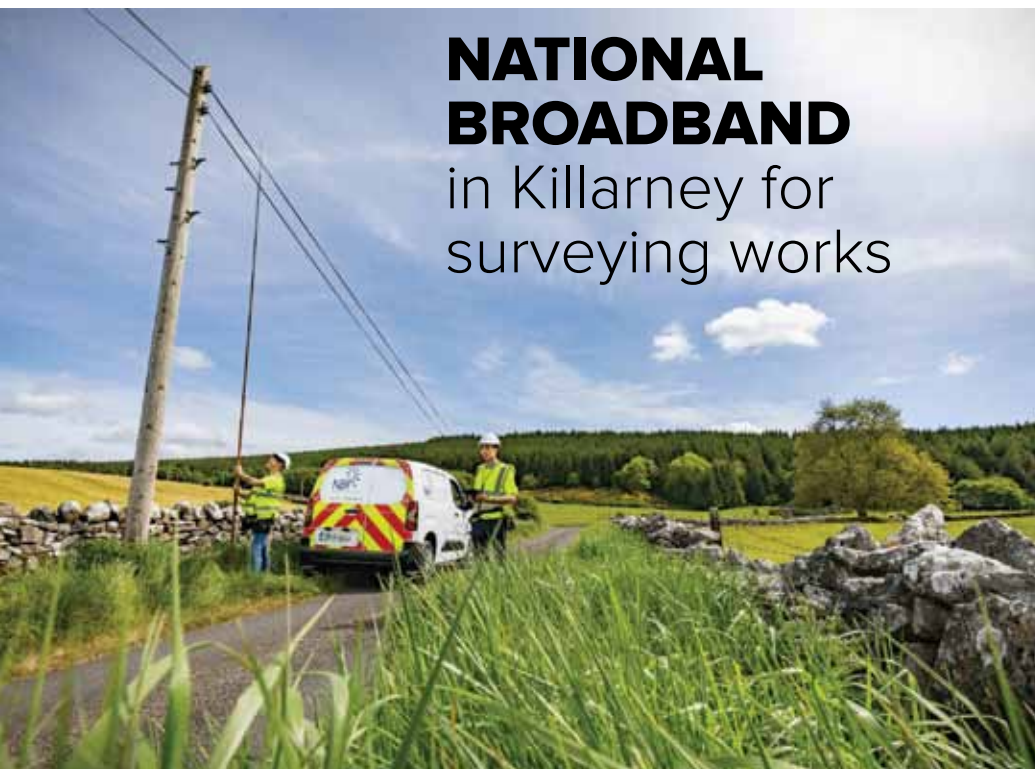


Killarney's National Park hot spots "We access all of our walks through the demesne but we could end up anywhere" Kieran told me. Isn't Killarney just the best possible place to have been locked down in. How lucky were we I thought. Kieran continued "Since restrictions lifted we ventured further a field to Rossbeigh & Kells and this weekend we are going to take a drive around the Ring of Kerry to celebrate a three and a half stone weight loss over all five of us". Wow, what a result I thought, whilst keeping up with friends over a walk and a cone.

Kate told me "We plan to keep going now while we're on a roll under our Chief Walker Pat Culloty". Now that's fighting talk Kate, keep those boys in line! So if you see them out and about be sure to 'egg' them on. If you know Kieran, Iarnróid Eireann's finest employee, you'll get that last one. Over & Out from The Famous Five & their cones.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK.

NATIONAL BROADBAND in Killarney for surveying works



National Broadband Ireland (NBI), the company working with Government to deliver the National Broadband Plan (NBP) is currently on the ground in Killarney with areas including Muckcross, Fossa, Kilcummin, Lissivigeen, Ballycasheen, Faha, Furies and Ballyhar.

This involves physically walking the routes and documenting images, notes and measurements of the poles, cables and underground ducts in each area. This will enable design solutions for the provision of a fibre network to every premises in the Intervention Area – a map of almost 537,000 premises nationwide identified by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCAE) as not being served with adequate broadband services.

NBI contractors have been on the ground since January surveying townlands in counties including Cork, Galway, Cavan and Limerick. In Kerry NBI have also been surveying in Tralee, Curraheen, Abbeydorney, Kilflynn, Furies, Castlemaine, and Ardfert.



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The Saoirse Foundation and Recovery Haven Cancer Support Service are among a group of Community and Voluntary Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises in Kerry will receive €368,947 in funding to help vulnerable citizens during Covid-19, according to Brendan Griffin TD.

Recovery Haven Kerry (Cancer Support House) Health and Well-being Services in Tralee has received €50,815 while the The Saoirse Foundation Company Limited By Guarantee received €188,359,

The Kerry TD said, "I am delighted that my colleague Michael Ring, TD, has allocated €10.5 million under Tranche One of the COVID-19 Stability Fund to a total of 179 organisations that provide critical services to those most vulnerable in society.

"The COVID-19 Stability Fund is intended to be a targeted once-off cash injection for organisations and groups delivering critical front-line services to the most at need in our society and in danger of imminent closure due to lost fund-raised or traded income as a direct result of restrictions to counter the spread of COVID-19.

"There was considerable interest in the Stability Scheme, and the funding being announced today is the first tranche, with further tranches due to be announced in the coming weeks.

"Community and Voluntary organisations, along with Charities and Social Enterprises here in Kerry have gone above and beyond in their response to the challenges presented by this pandemic and to assisting those most vulnerable in our communities, he added.



AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH...

Rosie Healy, organiser, presenting a cheque of €4,015 to Pat Doolan, Chairman of Kerry Hospice Foundation, Killarney Branch. from the proceeds of the inaugural Winter Solstice Charity Hike on the Paps of Anú in December. At the cheque presentation were from left, organiser, Donie Mulcahy, Mountain Guide, Paul Sherry, President Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Angela Curran, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Mary O'Donoghue, Landowner/organiser, Gemma Ring, Killarney Plaza Hotel, who hosted and donated very generously to the Coffee morning after the hike, and John O'Sullivan, organiser, Reeks Guiding Company. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



The Gleneagle welcomed their first guests Lilian and Sean back to the Hotel this week and it was a very special moment. The hotel was delighted with the lovely messages of support over the past few months and missed the fun and laughter that makes The Gleneagle so special. "We have worked very hard behind the scenes to make sure The Gleneagle is a safe haven for your return and we look forward to welcoming you back and hope to see you all soon", a spokesperson for The Gleneagle Team told the Killarney Outlook.

The Magnificent Seven graduate from Scallywags

The class of 2020 had a fun day back to graduate at Scallywags Pre-school in Muckross. Six girls and one boy returned to mark their 2 years of attendance.

"Since they came in first in September 2018 they have grown so much" Patricia Quigley told the Killarney Outlook. "Their now combined height difference is 97cm, so really, we have grown another ScallyWag!

From games and balloons, a BBQ and Muckross Creamery ice cream the kids had a fantastic time and made even more happy memories as they move on to bigger adventures.

Pictured with their teacher Scallywags proprietor Patricia Quigley are: Rianne Spillane, James Doody, Jessie Doolan, Olivia Lehinan, Molly Moriarty, Caoimhe Kenneally, Erin Mac Sweeney.



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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

THE SHOW WILL VERY MUCH GO ON FOR DENIS

I had the pleasure of meeting Denis Moroney with Killarney Musical Society before he became famous by appearing on the Late Late Toy Show singing his amazing version of the well known powerful & popular Irish ballads relating to young at old, 'Grace'. Denis is a student at Fiona Crowley Stage School in Killarney and travels from Killorglin weekly to attend. He has taken part in two musicals with KMS taking a lead role as Kurt in the Sound of Music in 2019. "I loved the individual training of a leading role and the buzz of the INEC stage but I equally loved the varied vocals of Joseph & his Technicolor Dream Coat in 2020 too. I just love when it all comes together. There is no better feeling being on that stage well prepared and bursting to perform".

"So Denis, tell me all, how did you wind up on the Late Late Toy Show to now, selling your very own charity single for the Peter McVerry Trust?" I was intrigued and so cut straight to the chase. "Well I applied like anyone else to the Late Late Toy Show with the help of my Mum Lyn. Would you believe the writers of Grace, brothers Sean & Frank O'Meara, emailed me after the show. I couldn't believe it. They said they were impressed and wished me a satisfying and successful career?" That didn't surprise me one tiny bit Denis. Sure Ryan himself hugged Denis after his epic performance, back when hugs were allowed.

Denis continued "I actually began recording

and designing the single cover with Mum before the Covid19 lockdown and it was due to go on sale over St Patrick's weekend. It didn't happen so we're doing it now instead" Denis told me. "So tell me Denis, why the Peter McVerry Trust?" I asked "I often think about how fortunate I am to have gotten through auditions with KMS and the unbelievable luck I've had to be on the Late Late Toy Show and how much excitement it's given my family. I thought how can I give back to other families so with the help of my Mom we chose the Peter McVerry Trust and that was it Marie". What a guy and what fantastic backing by Mum Lyn. Denis' single is on sale for €5 at Centra on New Street where all proceeds will go directly to the Peter McVerry National Trust Fund for the homeless and I'm told have many remote offices throughout Kerry or you can email Denis's own Facebook page at Denis Moroney Music for more details. "I want to say a big thank you to Centra New Street for helping me out" Denis said.

It was lashing rain (where's our lovely weather gone?) so we took shelter at The Killarney Outlet Centre for the Goggle part of Gogglevox. Denis & I chatted and he told me about his soon to be braces. I asked if the fitting of braces might impair his unique singing voice? "Not a hope Marie, Freddy Mercury himself put his massive vocal range down to his distinct over bite so who knows what's in store for me". So in the



words of Freddy Mercury I'm sure "The Show" will very much "Go On" for Denis Moroney. Watch this space!!! **PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK.**

Keep the parking spaces...

High Street Traders issue plea to the council



Business owners on High Street gather to discuss the change in street parking outside their premises. Picture: Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan

A group of over 20 traders on High Street were joined by politicians Cllr. Maura Healy Rae and Cllr. Niall "Botty" O'Callaghan on Monday evening to discuss the decision by the Killarney Municipal District Office to remove

15 parking spaces on High Street to facilitate the widening of footpaths to accommodate social distancing. The traders are concerned that they will lose business by this move and have issued a plea to the council

to rethink the plan.

"We are not against the widening of footpaths or making the town safe but we are concerned about our businesses" Pat Duggan from Eagers Newsagents told the Killarney Outlook.

"Removing the parking spaces and narrowing the carriage way of the street will make it very difficult for deliveries to take place", he added, "High Street is the exit for two major routes into the town, Muckross Road coming onto Main Street and Beech Road coming onto New Street, so all traffic from these routes will have to exit the town through High Street, which already sees traffic congestion", Pat added. As it is, all trucks that deliver to businesses in the town have to drive through High

Street.

The group are looking for cooperation from the council in managing the parking and have suggested parking spaces with a 15 minute parking zone in place. "This will enable you to park your car, pop into a shop, make a purchase and return within the 15 minutes, ensuring a constant flow of traffic and parking on the street", Pat added.

The traders also have no objection to the placement of seating on the pavement outside pubs and restaurants after 6pm. "This is something we would encourage as High Street has some great bars and restaurants, along with being a central hub for business in Killarney", he added.

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This includes all customer service desks at County Buildings and all of the council's Area Service Centres (in Tralee, Killarney, Listowel, Cahersiveen, Castleisland, Dingle, Kenmare and Killorglin) as well as the Environment Department at Maine Street, Tralee and the Motor Tax Office at Princes' Quay, Tralee.

Customers will be able to make applications and payments for services at all offices. Enhanced safety measures are in place, including hand sanitisation and recommended social distancing signage. There will be limits on the number of customers that can be accommodated in reception areas and a queue management system will be in place in the busier offices. Kerry County Council asks that

customers comply with these requirements and any directions given by staff in the interest of public safety.

In keeping with national public health guidelines, access within Council buildings will be restricted to customer service desk areas.

The Council is asking members of the public to continue, where possible, to use telephone, e-mail and online facilities to engage with the Council to minimise personal interaction and ensure social distancing.

The Council acknowledges the support and cooperation of the public as the new arrangements are put in place. Further information and contact details for all Council services are available on the Council website www.kerrycoco.ie

Killarney Green Party Representative Gives Thumbs-Up to Government



Killarney Green Party representative Diarmaid Griffin chatting to party leader Eamon Ryan during the election campaign earlier this year.

Diarmaid Griffin, the Green Party Representative for Killarney, has welcomed the vote for the Programme for Government

"The incoming Government will 'develop and promote Ireland as a long-stay tourism destination to spread tourism more evenly across the country' and indeed the county," he says. "There are great destinations in Killarney and Kerry for outdoor recreation such as hillwalking, rock-climbing and kayaking with our wide, open spaces and wonderful natural amenities. "We haven't come close to tapping the potential of outdoor and activity tourism, so the adoption of this Programme for Government is very welcome. The document specifically mentions Outdoor Tourism as an area that the next government will develop. This is particularly timely as our country is facing an economic, health and climate crisis.

"This sector will be pivotal to

kickstarting our tourist industry as it is easier to maintain social distance while enjoying the outdoors, the exercise is good for our health and immune system and these activities are good for our climate too. I applaud the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and Kerry County Council on the recent marketing campaign promoting this 'Space' we have to offer our Visitors.

"A new National Outdoor Recreation Strategy is proposed along with plans to liaise with the activity tourism sector to identify the interventions the State can make to support its expansion, including exploring the feasibility of a group insurance scheme."

"These actions are welcome and will benefit the Kerry area greatly. Promotion of the Agritourism sector is also welcome, as is the expansion the Walks Scheme to achieve a target of 80 trails nationally."

Captain Harry O'Neill using the digital scorecard.



NEW WAY TO PLAY AT KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB

This weekend Killarney Golf Club will be hosting the first competition since the COVID lockdown. It will be the Aghadoe Heights sponsored Singles Club Championship Matchplay Qualifier on the Mahony's Point course.

In order to adhere to Covid guidelines this will be the first competition in the history of the club to employ the use of a digital scorecard on a mobile phone, so that scores can be recorded and submitted without the need to hand in physical score cards or touch a communal computer station to enter the scores.

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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

Juggling on line jamming gigs with Seesaw for 6th class, **Kieran had a busy lockdown**



So who has been missing this friendly face of Killarney?

Most popular for entertaining us all with his band mates in Truly Diverse, Kieran Healy is a guy I wanted to visit for many reasons throughout my Covid19/Gogglevox project and here's how I began...

"So Kieran, what has life been like locked down with the beautiful Rhonda and working with her too"? Kieran Healy has kept himself busier than most during lockdown. Working full time for The Brand Geeks and keeping up music with his band mates remotely, Kieran has played a huge part in contributing silently, by assisting his wife Rhonda (6th class teacher at

The Holy Cross Mercy NS) & Fr Niall Howard, in compiling videos for the primary school students of Killarney Parish through the Seesaw home schooling app. The 6th Class students were just a few days away from making their Confirmation when the schools were closed in March. "Fr Niall was a breeze to work with, he's a natural, like the lads in the band, a 'one take' wonder" Kieran laughed. "Fr Niall was the only caller we had to our home in Aghadoe during lockdown. He is a great friend and such a wonderful natural speaker. So much so I think we should request 'Season 2' by popular demand". "Season 2 but not a second wave I mean"! Kieran quickly added. We laughed.

Working as a Business Development Manager with The Brand Geeks, Kieran said he was delighted to get back to the grind in the office in Killorglin, having spent the initial 8 weeks working from home. "A busy spot but sure even back at work all the way over in Killorglin, I was still working with Rhonda, we created the personalised bottles for the 6th class graduation gifts which I believe went down a treat".

Kieran Healy's absolute passion is music. He spoke to me about the band, Truly Diverse and how genuinely devastated they felt for couples, who at very short notice had to postpone their weddings. However, he was thankful that they were able to reschedule many of them. "I miss the lads - Anthony, Andrew, Brendan, Patrick, Sean & Tom but we've had great chats & jams online. We had great excitement during lockdown when our drummer Patrick got engaged to his now fiancée Bríd Nolan, luckily they know a fantastic wedding band he laughed.

As we prepped for the photo I chatted with Kieran's wife Rhonda, all the while listening to Kieran strumming his guitar. It was lovely to watch but I was full up of tea and chocolate biscuit cake from Kieran's twin cousins, Sara & Jodie's 18th birthday cake and needed a photo for the Goggle part of Gogglevox. And just like his bandmates, Kieran is also a 'one take wonder'..... one click and I was out the door, just about! Thank you for having me to your home in Aghadoe Kieran and Rhonda Healy.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK.

Sharing the sunshine on *hospice sunflower days*

Together for Hospice, the National Hospice Movement, would like to thank the public for your support and generosity on the 30th anniversary of Hospice Sunflower Days. The virtual fundraising drive was well supported nationwide but raised on average 85% less than the traditional annual event. The public are being invited to continue to 'share the sunshine' with www.togetherforhospice.ie open for donations, big or small, which will go directly to your chosen local hospice.

Hospice Sunflower Days aims to raise much needed funds for hospices and specialist palliative home care services across the country enabling them to continue to provide person centred, holistic and loving care to patients and their loved ones. Funds raised through the campaign are used to directly



support hospices and specialist palliative home care services allowing them to purchase new equipment, support frontline posts, upgrade current facilities and continue to provide their vital service.

To share the sunshine, please visit www.togetherforhospice.ie to make a donation to your local hospice service. Alternatively, you can make a donation by texting 'SUN' to 50300 to donate €4 to support local hospice groups across Ireland. Texts cost €4. Hospice Sunflower Days will receive a minimum of €3.60. Service Provider: LIKECHARITY. Helpline: 076 680 5278.



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Time to *explore* our own county



With restrictions easing we can now start returning to a more normal way of life and with this in mind, Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership, is delighted to announce a new walking initiative called *Kerry's Wellbeing Walks*, as a continuation of Kerry County Council's "In this Together Kerry" Campaign. Previous campaign elements included the Kerry Step Challenge, In the Bag and Let's Get Kerry Cycling initiatives. We can lose ourselves very easily in the humdrum routine of everyday life, and we need to stop the world, get off the treadmill now and again, and at times we need an occasional look in our wellbeing mirror. Kerry's Wellbeing Walks was devised and is made possible by the Sports Partnership collaborating with the wonderful

representatives of our local hillwalking clubs. The walks are commencing week beginning July 13th and will continue for 6 weeks. This is an invitation for people within and beyond the local communities, to join the walking clubs for a series of low-level trail walks, which are suitable for all fitness levels. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who would like to socialise and extend one's social circle by meeting new people and getting active while being outdoors in nature. The walks will take place in the Ballymacelligott, Dingle, Killorglin and Sliabh Luachra geographical areas courtesy of the Dingle Hillwalking Club, Ballymac-Glenageenty Ramblers, Laune Mountaineering Club and Sliabh Luachra Hillwalking Club. Anyone interested in joining the walks, all

information can be found on our website, www.getkerrywalking.ie; and Facebook page, facebook.com/getkerrywalking. The cost is €10 plus a small service fee for all six walks. This programme fee includes a neck buff and will aid in rolling out and expanding this initiative across our county. It's important that one must pre-register as group sizes are restricted to 15 participants in each location, so please sign up early to avoid disappointment. While walking with the clubs social distancing will always be maintained and need to be mindful and respectful of the requests of the walking leaders. We are not quite there yet but in this together we'll get through.

Pictured in Ballyseede Woods at the launch of Kerry's Wellbeing Walks are (back row) from left: Mary B. Clifford, Laune Mountaineering Club, Noel O' Neill, Dingle Hillwalking Club, Askea Calnan, Community Walking Programme Facilitator, Micheál MacGuidhir, Dingle Hillwalking Club, Bridget Moriarty, Laune Mountaineering Club and (front row) from left: Eithne Garvey, Dingle Hillwalking Club, Maurice Reen, Sliabh Luachra Hillwalking Club, Mary Pattwell and John Linehan, Ballymac Glenageenty Ramblers.
PICTURE: PAULINE DENNIGAN

OPENING NIGHT By Nicky Barry

*Tonight is my first night back, and it is very strange,
For since I was last in here, things are not the same.
It is over one hundred nights now, since I last had a pint,
And my first one was wonderful, a black outstanding sight.
The bar was very Spartan, with not a high stool to be seen,
And folks all looking sheepish, behind Perspex screens.
The bar staff looked like bandits, with masks up to their eyes,
And guys with grub in front of them, emitting weary sighs.
They only came in for a pint, or maybe two or three,
And a plate of fish and chips, they really did not need.*

*But anyway they struggled through, and got half of it down,
Meanwhile the clock was ticking, so they called another round.
As I like a little smoke, I had my pints outside,
And it was just like old times, with buddies who survived.
They all got through the lockdown, in their different ways,
Some had lost a bit of weight, and a few had gained.
One had discovered gardening, and was most enthusiastic,
For the miracle of growing spuds, left him totally ecstatic.
The bandstand was desolate, for not a song was sung,
But please God in three weeks time, we all will sing along!*

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Healthcare worker Mary Theresa and her Boys *have a busy lockdown*

How important are our Health Care workers and how would we ever have coped over the last four months without them. When Covid 19 hit locking us down to a 2km radius of our homes, advising us to stay home where possible, as scary as it was for us, our Health Care Workers continued to serve the community and do what they do best in caring for others.

I'd been following Mary Theresa Moriarty's instagram throughout, just love her two boys Timmy & Charlie J. Charlie J was full of questions about what I was writing down and how the heck it got from my note pad into the Killarney Outlook. "We are here to talk about your Mum, a very important member of our community" I told Charlie J. "We're not here to talk about Prince Charles you know Charlie?" Timmy added. "Marie, I call him Prince Charles because I have to wait on him hand and foot". We all laughed including Charlie J a preschooler at Bellview Woods Childcare. "Hi to DD & Samantha!! Can you write that down Marie?"

Mary Theresa is a Health Care Assistant out in the community. "So tell me about what life has been like as a HCA in Covid times Mary Theresa?" "Well, I kept all my clients which was so good for me to see them doing well daily. At the beginning of the pandemic one of my clients passed (non covid related) and it broke my heart not to attend the funeral" Mary Theresa told me. "Tell Marie about having to stay in your room Mom" Charlie J asked. "I felt ill" Mary Theresa said, "I was fearful I had Covid19 but the most worrying part was if I had, had I passed it on my my clients". Timmy interrupted to say "Yeah



Mom you remember the day we came back from a walk and you were jumping around outside and we were going crazy because you came out of your room". We laughed and Mary Theresa told me she had so much gratitude from her Line Managers & Occupational Health, as she was she was tested immediately and had the results were back within 24 hours. "Thankfully it was negative. You'd think 24 hours is a short space of time, not the case when you're looking at the same four walls, full of worry and FaceTiming the boys from upstairs. You have no idea of the relief and lift of anxiety I felt that day, more so for my clients than for myself. And I have to say I am so grateful to my sister Aileen who has helped me

out no end through it all" Mary Theresa told me. "And Nana" Charlie J reminded his Mom. "Yes Charlie J but we only got to see her again a few weeks ago". "Oh yes, we used to do drive by's to Nana's Marie" Charlie J told me "and I'd chase her around trying to give her a hug and she'd shout No No I can't give you a hug Charlie J" and he burst out laughing, we all did. "Aileen & Ian and baby Noah (9months) have been great to us" Timmy told me "And they're due another baby in December". What wonderful news. Permission to 'write that down' was granted. From a family of 5 girls (& 1 boy), the Moriarty sisters have all boys (so far) and nearing the point of a full 7 aside team in the coming years!!

Before I left I asked the boys what was their favourite thing about lockdown "doing the silage with Padraig Healy, that was my favourite thing because I would have been in Kilcummin NS with my teacher Mr Murphy otherwise" Timmy told me. How productive Timmy! "And what was your favourite thing Charlie J?" "Definitely my new iPad. I love it" he said. "Yes Marie, he even emails Mom to say thanks for the Cornflakes & Sugar when she's at work" Timmy told me. "Yes" Mary Theresa laughed "I get great emails from Charlie J at work, he keeps me smiling". I wondered if that was because he signs off as Prince Charles?? Thank you for having me Mary Theresa, Timmy & Charlie J.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK.

Joy in the Kingdom as Kerry Holstein Friesian Breeders launch Competition



Joy in the Kingdom as Kerry Holstein Friesian Breeders launch Competition for 2020. Pictured at the launch were: Back L-R: Michael Maunsell KHFC and Noel Scanlon Dairymaster Middle L-R: John Dillon KHFC and Liam Leen Dairymaster Front L-R: Maurice & Geraldine Harty Farm Owners & KHFC and John Harty Dairymaster. PHOTO BY DOMNICK WALSH

The farm of Maurice and Geraldine Harty was the venue for the official launch of the Kerry Holstein Friesian Breeders annual herd competition in conjunction with main sponsor

Dairymaster who are international leaders in dairy equipment manufacturing.

Due to huge interest from both the club and Dairymaster and abiding

by the new social distancing norm allows for the competition to go ahead. This competition aims to promote good production and conformation in Holstein Friesian herd.

The two categories, spring and autumn, are subdivided into senior, intermediate and junior sections with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category. Prizes include:

- Best overall cow based on KG's of protein production
 - Lifetime production cow
 - Highest conformation herd & production herd
 - Lowest Somatic Cell Count
 - Best overall heifer, junior cow and senior cow
 - Highest overall EBI herd
- The competition is open to pedigree

herds and although later than usual judging will commence the end of July by judges Damien Storen and Robert Helen.

The Dairymaster perpetual cup will be awarded for the overall best cow/heifer between spring and autumn herds, with the awards night taking place at a later stage, when suitable to do so.

Closing date for entries is Friday 3rd July 2020, all entries are to be sent to Geraldine Harty, Club Secretary, Ballylongane, Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry. For further information on the Kerry Holstein Friesian Breeders' Club herd's competition please contact Geraldine Harty on 087 8168281.



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Kev's 1000km adversity run for Downs Syndrome Kerry

The mind blowing task of a 1000km run is something that Ultra Runner and charity fundraiser Kevin Leahy of the Black Sheep Hostel, Killarney, has set himself.

Stretching from the wilds of the Iveragh Peninsula to the frozen ice of Yukon Canada, in aid of Downs Syndrome Kerry (DSK), Kevin has decided to do the run for a charity very close to his heart. Kevin's beautiful and vibrant little niece Emilie was born with Downs Syndrome and he hopes "to raise €10,000 for DSK, by running 1000kms, Adversity has the capacity to reveal character and spirit. Those living with downs syndrome are a testament to that"

The first of Kevin's three runs begins at sunrise on Saturday 11th July, at the Bronze Age Wedge Tomb at Coomakista, Derrynane. Kevin is also taking the honours to be the first ultra runner to set the time of a new running challenge - 'Ancient Warriors Trail' a journey of endurance and self discovery along the Iveragh Peninsula, Kerry Way, Cnoc na dTobar and MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Co Kerry. 120 km of trails, completing this run with a customary 'bang on the door' for a Pint at Kate Kearney's Cottage, Gap of Dunloe that night.

His second race is the spectacular Annual Kerry Way Ultra - a 200km, non stop endurance race on the 6th and 7th September, which traverses the MacGillycuddy's Reeks and Iveragh Peninsula, along ancient trails and coastal cliffs.

Kevin is no stranger to harsh conditions and demands, last year inspired the greatest Kerryman - Arctic explorer, Tom Crean, Kevin made world headlines by winning the famous Yukon 160 km Arctic Ultramarathon!



Ultra Runner and charity fundraiser Kevin Leahy of the Black Sheep Hostel, Killarney will take on a 1000km run for Downs Syndrome Kerry. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

His third and most daunting challenge in 2021 - the mammoth Yukon Arctic 700km Ultramarathon - a gruelling 10 day race of physical and mental adversity, with temperatures as low as -30°C! Speaking about the enormity of the event Kevin remarked "This time I will be setting my sights on the mammoth Yukon Arctic 700km ultramarathon to date, this will be by far my biggest running endeavour, requiring months of training, along with a tank load of mental and physical grit to get me across

that frosty finish line. I hope that during this challenge, adversity will be my greatest teacher. A sincere thank you in advance for your support." To donate to Kevin's amazing challenge please use the following link:

<https://give.everydayhero.com/.../kevs-1000km-adversity-run-f...>

To track Kevin's progress on the Saturday 11th July you can follow him and 'dot watch' <http://live.primaltracking.com/ancientwarrior2020/> and the Ancient Warriors Trail facebook page.

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Remote, online, face-to-face consultations for those considering a course one of the 4 campus locations at Kerry College of Further Education is now being offered.

Enrolment is now underway for a September 7th start and places are filling fast across their range of programmes. Kerry College offers apprenticeships, courses that link to employment or courses that open up progression routes to third level.

Kerry College Admissions Officer John Herlihy feels that in an increasingly online world, particularly after the COVID-19 shutdown where many felt isolated - the online clinics are

a positive thing:

"What we're finding is that although browsing for information and signing up for courses online is very convenient, people often just want to speak with a person or have a face to face on Zoom or FaceTime and have their questions answered that way. Sometimes, it's just more direct and easier to have a conversation".

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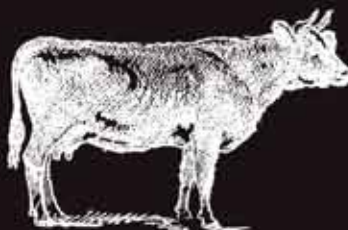
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Don MacMonagle and Conor Hennigan battling out.



Kevin Tarrant and Eddie Sheehy working on the Ballydowney. PICTURES: @NADASIMONNE.CREATIVE

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TIDY TOWNS VOLUNTEERS BACK IN ACTION

Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers were out in force on Monday night for the first time since COVID-19 stopped gatherings.

"We had our first trial run last night with four groups operating and rearing to go", a spokesperson for the Tidy Towns Committee told Killarney Outlook.

The group are back meeting on Monday nights at 6.30pm and to comply with the Safe

Kerry initiative they are asking people, where possible to bring their own gloves, hi vis and tools and to always maintain 2m distancing.

"Captains" have also been appointed to areas of town and if you want to join them they are as follows:

Derry O'Mahoney - Woodlawn, Muckcross Road and Kenmare Place .

Dermot Healy - Lisivigeen to Daly's Roundabout

Mike Murphy - Lewis Road, By Pass to Cleeney Roundabout, Allmans Terrace & Rock Road

Sean Brosnan - Port Road, Ballydowney and Mission Road Fern Garden.

Looking forward to meeting new volunteers as we slowly find a new normal!



The Hussey brothers working hard for the Tidy Towns Committee.



Mike Murphy, Denis Spillane and Sean MacMonagle hard at work.



Killarney Town, Spring Growth, Killarney Municipal District. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

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PARISHIONERS RETURN TO MASS

It is a source of great joy for many people that from last Monday 29th June congregations were able to return again in our churches. Praying together as a community and gathering for Mass is something that many Killarney people love to do and this week as restrictions were lifted, many were able to return to their place of worship.

"With the major restrictions of the past months it is wonderful how creative so many parishes have been: Mass and other liturgies broadcast on Parish Radio, Streaming over the internet, Facebook and YouTube; prayers and reflection pieces on the diocesan and parish websites; Sunday Mass on Radio Kerry, daily Mass on RTE news-now; support for the Grow in Love program for school children; phone contact with the sick and their carers, and with those confined to their homes", Bishop Ray Browne said in a statement this week.

"We all need to be calm, careful, and patient as we begin to gather again around the altar. Limited congregations due to the demands of social distancing could mean that not all will be able to enter the church for a particular Mass. What is the maximum number permitted in your local church?"

The following are practical points to keep in mind as we return to Mass:

Because the Sunday Mass obligation will continue to be dispensed for some time yet, why not join in a weekday Mass rather than Sunday?

Some people may decide to wait until things settle down before coming out to Mass.

Volunteers will be working to ensure matters work smoothly and in safety. Give a smile and full cooperation.

As those over 70, or even 60 need to be very careful, maybe their children or grandchildren can volunteer.

For safety from the virus, most important of all is that each of us takes personal responsibility for:

hand-washing on leaving home and returning
hand-sanitizing on entry to church and exit
social distancing at all times in church
wearing a face cover if appropriate



Mass Gatherings...Fr Kieran O'Brien, Adm, Killarney Parish, celebrates Mass with 40 parishioners at the Church of the Resurrection, on Monday, at the start of Phase 3 of the Covid-19 opening of Ireland, under HSE restrictions and guidelines, this is the first time parishioners can attend Mass since March 2020. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



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Phase 3 of the Covid19 ease of restrictions sees our churches reopening. Pictured at The Friary L-R Fr Liam, Fr Lars & Fr Anthony. Please note access is via the side entrance daily. PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN



Mass Gatherings...Sheila Goulding, Church Usher, presiding on Monday, as Fr Kieran O'Brien, Adm, Killarney Parish, celebrates Mass with 40 parishioners at the Church of the Resurrection. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



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NEW DAWN AT BALLYGARRY HOUSE



Ballygarry House returns to a New Dawn, The traditional handshake gets replaced with the signature hand on the heart gesture.



Hotel Proprietor Pádraig McGillicuddy has welcomed 135 members of staff back to work.

After a 15 week rest Ballygarry House returns to a new dawn and is delighted to re-open its doors and welcome back the team & Guests to the Hotel that has been 62 years in the McGillicuddy family.

"This year is the year of the Irish, all business will be home grown & it's going to be largely based on a quality product with value for money", said Pádraig. "We got plenty of work done on creating a message to satisfy consumer confidence through social media videos. We

launched a fun reopening video & we have had over 100,000 views which is a remarkable result. We also launched a video endorsing the measures we are taking to reassure the guest & instil consumer confidence in our Covid practices. Simple things like replacing the traditional Irish handshake with our hand on our heart gesture, a symbol of our love of all things hospitality"

Ballygarry ranks in the top 10 hotels in Ireland by Tripadvisor & has endorsed this message to the Irish Market. "This will be an exceptional year where the business will do well to breakeven but the priority has been to keep our

team together, trade out of it & look forward to a really prosperous year next year. The cost of the pandemic in lost revenue to the hotel is €4,000,000 which some can be recovered but it will be a challenge. Thankfully we entered this shutdown in a very strong position so we'll rise stronger than ever from it."

With Kerry Tourism generating over 420 million for Kerry which is the main form of employment in the county. Pádraig is keen to get Ballygarry back to previous trading levels. The future is bright, bookings are coming in, people are keen to get out & enjoy some dining that doesn't require the shopping, preparing, cooking & cleaning ritual that everyone has had to endure for the past 100 days. Weddings are looking really strong towards the end of the year & next year will be an exceptionally busy one & possibly our busiest ever for weddings as all transferred to a future date.

Pádraig stresses the necessity & importance of the lockdown and how it helped slow down the speed of the virus in and around Kerry & Ireland. Ballygarry itself has retrained all staff, re-written its hotel policies and standard operating procedures in line with & beyond government guidelines so they can assure their guests and staff that safety is the number one priority.

A Live Q&A for the Hospitality Industry



A Live Q&A for the Hospitality Industry with Tara Kerry of Fáilte Ireland will take place today, Friday July 3rd from 10am to 11am.

The event is free and you can register on www.eventbrite.ie

Tara Kerry is Registrar & Accommodation Development Manager with Fáilte Ireland and also lead the Fáilte Ireland team who

developed the guidelines for re-opening. Join Tara for a Live Q&A for the Hospitality Industry in Kerry to address any queries you may have for your business on the current Guidelines, and to assist your business.


'Fáilte Ireland, in collaboration with industry groups, has created a series of guidelines for re-opening tailored to the various sectors of the Irish tourism industry. The guidelines are designed to support business owners and management in every step as they tackle the challenges specific to their industry.'

Link to Guidelines: <https://covid19.failteireland.ie/>

Constructive talks at Muckross House



Senior Department officials met the Muckross House Trustees on Monday of this week. In a statement issued on Tuesday, both parties said that it was a very constructive engagement and there is commitment from both parties to ensure and affirm the future of all operations at Muckross and those employed there, which includes the Traditional Farms.



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"We could all do with a Lisa in our life"

GENEROUS GUESTHOUSE HOST INVITES HEALTHCARE WORKER TO KILLARNEY

Following the harrowing documentary on RTE on Monday and Tuesday night of this week, "RTE Investigates - Behind the Scenes at St. James Hospital COVID ward" a Killarney Guest house owner, Ciara Roche reached out on social media to try to locate a healthcare worker called Lisa Connolly who featured on the show on Monday night.

Lisa stole the heart of the nation during the programme. She was a carer to a man called Paddy who was 97 years old and had no family, she was with him during his COVID 19 battle and always sang a lullaby about Killarney to him. When Paddy passed away, Lisa travelled to Sligo where Paddy was from for his funeral. Speaking to Killarney Outlook this week Ciara said she was compelled to find Lisa and offer a holiday in Killarney.

"It has to be one of the most heartbreaking and harrowing programmes I have ever seen- and one lady really stood out for me- Lisa Connolly. Her kindness and love for Paddy just blew me away. What an incredible angel", Ciara said.

After watching the RTE investigates programme on Monday night I just couldn't

get Lisa Connolly out of my head. My mum passed away very suddenly on the 27th February and after watching the programme I count my blessings that she passed away before the pandemic hit. All I could think about was those poor families that could not be with their loved ones when they died. All of the doctors and nurses were incredible but Lisa was such an inspiration-she showed such compassion and kindness to Paddy in his last few days. I just wanted to give a little something back to her. Instead of trawling through Facebook trying to find the 'right' Lisa, I put up a post looking for help in finding her. Within minutes Lisa contacted me-oh the power of FB. She's trying to organise some time off work to come down to Killarney and I really can't wait to meet her. Lisa seems to really have touched the nation going by the amount of comments on FB, the best being, 'we could all do with a Lisa in our lives'. Lisa and her sister are staying with Ciara at Killaran House on August 14th and 15th and are sure to get a great Killarney welcome.

FRONTLINE STAFF HONoured BY THE COUNCIL

OUTGOING CATHAOIRLEACH ACKNOWLEDGES EFFORT OF FRONTLINE STAFF DURING COVID CRISIS

Members of the Garda Síochána and representatives from the University Hospital Kerry were this week acknowledged for their commitment, dedication and hard work during the coronavirus emergency. On Monday, the outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Niall Kelleher, presented a 'Cathaoirleach's Acknowledgement' to the management of University Hospital Kerry, representing health service personnel across the county, and to the management of An Garda Síochána to acknowledge the work of their members.

'As Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council during a very difficult and challenging period for our county, I was anxious, before I left the role, the pay tribute to those on the frontline who have helped to combat this unprecedented pandemic. Staff across the health and community services as well as policing and the emergency services have shown immense dedication and professionalism in their approach to the current crisis,' said Cllr Kelleher.

'I was pleased to present a certificate of the "Cathaoirleach's Acknowledgement" to the management of University Hospital Kerry as well as the Chief Superintendent of An Garda Síochána and her colleagues as a token of the appreciation of Kerry County Council and my council colleagues.'



Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Niall Kelleher makes a presentation to Chief Superintendent Eileen Foster.



Outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Niall Kelleher makes a presentation to presentation to Fergal Grimes and Amanda Coulson, UHK.

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Kerry welcomes its new Cathaoirleach

CLLR PATRICK CONNOR-SCARTEEN ELECTED CATHAOIRLEACH OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

'Meitheal' approach will help Kerry recover from COVID-19 pandemic – Cathaoirleach

Fine Gael councillor, Patrick Connor-Scarteen has today been elected Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council at the local authority's annual meeting at the Kerry Sports Academy at IT Tralee.

Cllr Connor-Scarteen represents the Kenmare Municipal District and is the 65th person to hold the position of chairperson of the council. The 43-year-old solicitor and financial adviser works as an auctioneer in the family business in Kenmare. He has been a member of Kerry County Council since 2008.

During his term as Cathaoirleach, Cllr Connor-Scarteen said he would prioritise the economic recovery in the county as well as a number of issues including the promotion of Kerry as a safe destination, greater transport linkages with the rest of the country, support for digital hubs and remote working facilities in

Kerry, environmental protection and the progression of work on the new County Development Plan.

Cllr Connor-Scarteen said he was optimistic for the future in County Kerry:

'Our economy has been hit badly by the COVID-19 emergency, however we have great people in this local authority and in the various business, voluntary and community sectors throughout the county. By taking a 'Meitheal' approach we will lead Kerry to a stronger position than it was ever in before. Kerry people will get through this by putting on the Kerry jersey, by working together, supporting local, buying local and taking a 'Kerrycation' instead of a vacation. Despite the present difficulties we have a lot to look forward to and a lot to aspire to,' he said.



Cllr **Brendan Cronin** Elected Cathaoirleach Of Killarney Municipal District

The new Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District is Cllr Brendan Cronin.

The annual meeting of the Municipal District was held this week at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre.

Cllr Cronin (Independent), from Ballyhar, is a former Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District and has represented the Killarney Electoral Area since 1999.

Following his election, Cllr Cronin, who was Leas-Cathaoirleach for the past year, said that the hospitality industry in Killarney was facing its greatest ever challenge. He expressed confidence however that the expertise, knowledge and ability existed locally to rise to that challenge. He said that visitors are welcome to come back to Killarney and



Kerry as the local authority and other agencies continue to work together to make it a safe place to visit and stay.

Cllr Marie Moloney was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District.

The election of Mayor/Cathaoirligh for each of the five Municipal Districts took place this week and they are as follows:

Tralee Municipal District

Mayor – Cllr Terry O'Brien

Deputy Mayor – Cllr Jim Finucane

Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District

Cathaoirleach – Cllr Seamus Cosáí Fitzgerald

Leas-Cathaoirleach – Cllr Bobby O'Connell

Kenmare Municipal District

Cathaoirleach – Cllr John Francis Flynn

Leas-Cathaoirleach – Cllr Dan McCarthy

Listowel Municipal District

Cathaoirleach – Cllr Michael Foley

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SEAT AT THE CABINET TABLE FOR NORMA FOLEY

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry appointed as Minister for Education

Norma Foley, Fianna Fail TD for Kerry, was last Saturday evening appointed by Taoiseach Micheál Martin as the new Minister for Education and subsequently received her seal of office from Uachtarán na hÉireann, Michael D. Higgins at Dublin Castle.

"It is a tremendous honour and privilege to become the first female Senior Minister from Kerry following my appointment as Minister for Education last weekend at Government buildings in Dublin and to secure a Cabinet position for The Kingdom", Minister Foley said on her appointment in a statement to Killarney Outlook.

"I am looking forward to getting on with the work of the new Government immediately and meeting the challenges we face in this sector with a positive and proactive approach on all matters.

She added that one of the particular challenges facing her in the new role is the reopening of schools as we journey through the current Covid-19 pandemic.

"I'm very keen that would happen. But I'm very keen that would happen as a consequence of engagement with all stakeholders and also acting on the very best public health advice available to us", she said.

Ms Foley, a teacher until recently in Presentation Secondary School Tralee said she



Norma Foley TD pictured at her new office at the Department of Education.

"values the expertise, talent and input of all the stakeholders in education and as Minister said her goal will be to work in a collaborative spirit of engagement.

Finally, she wished to place on record her gratitude to all who have taken the time to contact her through phone, email and social media in the past week wishing her all the best in the new position: "Sincere thanks to all those

who have sent lovely messages of support across all the various platforms in recent days, I've been overwhelmed by the wave of support and really appreciate it. I acknowledge the huge responsibility bestowed upon me but assure the people of Kerry that I will do my absolute best for our County and indeed our Country.



Clr Norma Foley, with her Mother Mrs. Foley, Elected to Dail Eireann, on the 8th Count at the Kerry Count Centre, Killarney in February. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

Norma Foley, TD Minister for Education

Norma Foley, TD was appointed Minister for Education five months after her election to the Dáil for the first time. She nominated her party leader Micheál Martin to be Taoiseach.

While it is widely known that Micheál Martin is said to prefer TDs to have done at least a term on the backbenches, the new TD

who is a teacher at Presentation Secondary School in Tralee proven to be an impressive performer and has worked very hard at the Covid-19 committee in the questioning of witnesses.

Norma Foley is the daughter of the late Fianna Fail TD Denis Foley and took the fifth and final seat in the General Election in February.. She has been involved in politics all her life and has represented the people of Tralee on Kerry County Council since 1994, topping the poll in the local elections last May. She is married to Denis Maguire a teacher at Presentation Secondary School, Milltown.



Norma Foley, TD addresses the Dail as the new Minister for Education.



First day on the job.... Norma Foley TD Minister for Education pictured on her way to the Department of Education.



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KILLARNEY GETS BACK

Killarney Outlook meet some of the

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A birthday treat with a difference for Linda Eviston with her family as the Eviston House Hotel reopens as part of Phase 3 Covid 19 ease of restrictions L-R Patrick Eviston, Linda Eviston, Noel Lucey & Alannah Eviston.



Back in action at Julies Barber L-R Paudie Leahy & Owner Julie Healy.



Looking forward to reopening Killarney Phibrow Studio by Josie McCannon, on Park Road again (L-R Josie McCannon & Sheena Murray).



Kitty O'Sé's, College Street reopened as phase 3 of the Covid19 restrictions eases this week L-R Kevin Tierney & Elaine O'Mahony.



Service resumed at the Killarney Avenue Hotel where popular waitress Nina looks forward to meeting her regular customers at the Kenmare Rooms this weekend.



Wild Cafe, Main Street opened it's doors on Monday as phase 3 of the Covid19 easing of restrictions begins L-R Marie Brosnan Cronin, Michael O'Connor & Megan Brosnan (Missing from photo Manager Breda Cronin).



Betty Walsh takes a day off from Moos & Minis to enjoy a long awaited hair appointment with Sean Taffee on Tuesday as phase 3 of the Covid19 restrictions are eased a little more.

BACK TO BUSINESS

businesses who reopened this week

by Carroll O'Sullivan



Seanie O'Donoghue enjoying a long-awaited cup of coffee as a regular at the International Hotel on Monday as phase 3 of the government restrictions of Covid19 were lifted L-R Proprietor Tracy Coyne, Seanie O'Donoghue & Catriona White.



Delighted to be back. Manna Cafe & Bistro reopened their doors on Monday as Phase 3 of the Covid19 ease of restrictions began L-R Mother and son Catherine & James O'Connor.



A one stop shop at the iLash & Beauty Lab, Chapel Place houses hair & all things beauty, as phase 3 sees the return of our beauty salons & hairdressers L-R Laura Kearney (The Hair Lab), Niamh Counihan (Niamh's Beauty), Amanda Keane (The Hair Lab) & Shauna Breen (iLash Lab).



Delighted to be back at Salon B as the Covid19 restrictions ease allow us to visit our hairdressers & beauticians in phase 3 L-R Hairdresser Martina Vidos, Beautician Niamh Walsh & Owner Brenda O'Brien.



Open for business at Revive Cafe, New Street as phase three of the Covid19 restrictions eased on Monday L-R Rose McKenzie Vann with her assistant Adele.



All smiles at Killarney Outlet Centre as Centre Manager Paul Sherry enjoys a cuppa with O'Brien's Sandwich Bar Manager Jennifer Leane.



Famous for his warm welcome to the Killarney Avenue Hotel, Manager Denis McCarthy, welcomes customers back to dine at the hotel.



Open for business at Kittys Kitchen, New Street as phase three of the Covid19 restrictions eased on Monday L-R Myra Healy, Owner Fahd Aouhab with customers Mary O'Connor & Dan Clifford.



Hair we go... Geraldine Harrington-Doran, Newstrands, New Street, Killarney, delighted to be opening her hair salon on Monday morning, with HSE restrictions and guidelines in place, even happier to be getting her hair styled is Eileen O'Callaghan of the Fáilte Hotel, Killarney. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



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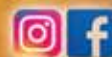
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Main Course /Dinner Style

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Sides

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MESSAGE TO 6TH CLASS

Congratulations to all the pupils graduating from Fossa NS.

You simply have been extraordinary role models for all the children in the younger classes.

6th class discipline and behaviour sets the tone in the school and I think the atmosphere of kindness, tolerance and good humour palpably evident throughout the school has been cultivated by your exemplary behaviour.

You were the driving force and we deeply appreciate it.

Best wishes to all of you as you enter the next chapter of your life. Remember to keep a positive mind set, dream big, work hard and practise at least one act of kindness each day. Thank you again for being a wonderful class, your parents should be very proud of you because all of us in Fossa School certainly are.



Congratulations!

Sarah Louise Ahern, Ronan Bennett, Ryan Brady
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 Molly Collins, Emmet Daly, Jamie Daly, Lauren Dennehy, Ruby Gaffey,
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 Brooke Lynch, William Lyons, Kate McCan, Gareth McCarthy
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KEEL GAA CLUB

RETURN TO PLAY

We are delighted to welcome back our U12s, U14s, U16s, Minors and Senior teams. We look forward to seeing them in action in the near future.

WALKING TRACK

The walkway has reopened to members of our community. We ask that you adhere to the Government guidelines while using the walking track especially adhering to social distancing. Due to the GAA guidelines the clubhouse facilities will remain closed until the 10th of August. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their co-operation and patience in adhering to the restrictions.

KEEL GAA CLUB, STORIES FROM OUR PEOPLE

Work is underway on an exciting new book telling the story of Keel GAA Club from the many perspectives of the people who make up our Club. The aim of "Keel GAA Club, Stories from Our People" is to capture what the Club means to the many people who have been involved in any way over the years, both on and off the pitch. It is hoped that the book will be brought to publication later this year, including contributions from as many people as possible with connections to Keel GAA Club. Players and members past and present, men and women, volunteers at every level, supporters, sponsors, Scór participants, referees, umpires, sandwich makers, grass cutters, ticket sellers, our global diaspora, new residents of Keel... all are welcome and encouraged to contribute once Keel GAA Club means something special to you. Contributing couldn't be simpler: 1. Please answer any or all of the questions outlined below and return your response by email to keelstories@gmail.com or by direct message by Sunday, July 19th. Provide as much detail as you would like. Your answers will appear under your name in the book.

2. As an additional option, we are asking you to look through your photo collection and select any images, old or new, that you would also like considered for inclusion in the book, preferably including a photo of yourself. Where possible, please also include details of the image, such as names, date, location and the name of the photographer. Don't forget to name people from left to right and indicate the back/middle/front row where relevant for group photos.

Please feel free to share the news and help spread the word and ask anyone that you think would be interested to make contact. This is a celebration of the people of our Club as well as being a fun way to record some of our Club's history. All proceeds from the book will go towards the future development of Keel GAA Club. Your contributions will be greatly valued and appreciated and thank you for being part of Stories From Our People.

Questions:

(Please answer any or all as appropriate)

-What is your earliest memory of Keel GAA Club?

-What is your happiest memory of the Club?

-What is your favourite away venue to visit with Keel and why so?

-What Club do you most like visiting Keel?

-Who was the greatest opponent that you saw play against a Keel team and can you give any details of the match?

-What is the greatest performance that you remember seeing by a player for Keel?

-What is the funniest moment that you remember seeing when a Keel team was playing?

-What for you is Keel GAA's greatest achievement on the field of play?

-Have you volunteered in any way past or present? If so, what was it like?

-If you played, is there a game that you were part of that stands out in your mind and why so?

-Also for players, who was/is your favourite team mate to play with?

-As a player, did/do you have a favourite trainer and why so?

-For older contributors, has training and match preparation changed much since your time as a player?

-Can you explain what the Club means to you, how you feel about it and how important it is to you?

-For people involved or with an interest in Scór at Senior or Scór na nÓg level, please tell us your memories and please tell us when you were involved, what act or acts you were part of, if you had success, how you found the experience and any special memories you have from Scór.

Name: Address:

Contact Phone Number: Contact e-mail address:

For further information, please contact:

William Evans, 086 387 2611

Ailís Murphy, 087 960 7177

Brendan Griffin, 085 889 2939

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EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

CONDOLENCES

The Board extended its Deepest Sympathies to families & friends of following; sean (john) sweeney RIP Beaufort brother of pat sweeney (Fossa) former Chairman of East **KERRY GAA BOARD**

Mike O'Connell RIP castleisland uncle of former Kerry footballer Mosie Lyons.

Mary Reidy RIP Castleisland

Mother of Denis Reidy former Referee.

John Kennedy RIP Annascaul brother in law of late Ned O'Shea Of O'Sheas Hotels Dublin.

Ar dheis De go rath a anam.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE NEWS

FUNDRAISING DIRECT DEBIT RESUMPTION:

It is wonderful to see things returning to pre Covid normality. The sight of our footballers on the training field over the weekend brought much joy to management, players and their families. Now more than ever, we need all our facilities up to spec as every footballer tries

to make up for lost opportunities due to the pandemic restrictions. With this in mind, we will resume our direct debit in our 'Friends of Milltown Castlemaine GAA Fundraiser', with the first payment re-commencing on this Wednesday, July 1st 2020. As a club we are eternally grateful for your financial support in the past and we look forward to it continuing as we conclude phase 2 and embark on phase 3 of our development. As we return to club activities, we applaud all those who stuck rigidly to the guidelines and we particularly commend our executive who have worked tirelessly over the past number of months to ensure the return to training and games is safe and smooth, adhering to the many necessary regulations set out by our government. We look forward to the cooperation of all those using our facilities to ensure the holistic well-being of all in our community and beyond.

POST LOCKDOWN COMPETITION:

We want you to tell us what you are most looking forward to going back to after Lockdown. You can draw/paint a picture of it or send on a photo (with a caption or short explanation) on 'What's App' to Deirdre on 086/1703332. Please ensure that all entries are appropriate.

We have a lovely selection of prizes on offer including club kits of socks, togs and training tops. Entries will be entered into a draw and the winners will be selected at a later date. Good luck to all.

OPENING OF BUSINESSES

Continued success to all the businesses that have reopened this week. We wish you all every success.

GET WELL WISHES

We wish all those in our community who are ill a speedy recovery. We know the past few months have been a particularly difficult time to be ill. Now with restrictions easing, we hope you will be able to enjoy the company of friends and neighbours to cheer you up when the chips are down.

SPA GAA NOTES

2020 UPDATED CLUB CALENDAR

Kerry Co Board sent a revised fixtures calendar to clubs last Friday, with games starting on July 18th/19th. There have been some changes to procedures, venue planning, timeline for notification, result on the day etc to best proceed with competitions under the 'new normal' for the remainder of the year. The revised fixtures schedule is available on the Spa GAA or Kerry GAA website and important information for each competition is outlined there. The main points for Spa in the Intermediate Championship is that Round 1 has been brought forward to July 25th/26th and this year only there will be 2 teams qualifying in each group instead of one. Details of date, venue etc will be confirmed in the coming weeks. Spa are grouped with Currow, Na Gaeil and Glenflesk and our Rd1 game will be against Currow. The draw for this year's Senior County Championship will be made on Terrace Talk on Radio Kerry this Monday night June 29th.



GOOD LUCK TO ALL BUSINESSES RE-OPENING THIS WEEK

Good luck to all businesses opening up again this week! The message is clear: SUPPORT LOCAL business, community, suppliers, jobs, economy etc as Ireland begins the road to recovery. This is a 'new normal' for many business owners and staff so please be patient and follow the recommended guidelines in social distancing, face coverings etc

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Moynihan RIP, Upper Tiernaboul. May he Rest in Peace.

CLUB REGISTRATION

Final call for club registration as Spa re-opens. Registration is open on our website spagaa.com or the registrars will also be at the clubhouse this Tuesday June 30th from 7.30-8.30pm for anyone that would prefer to register in person (social distancing guidelines will be in place). Any queries pls contact Ger, Sean, Donagh or Shona. Anyone who has not registered yet is asked to do so as soon as possible. With limited access to GAA grounds going forward, only registered members/players will be allowed to access the walking track, playing pitches etc.

SHARE THE POT

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Spa GAA Share The Pot draw. The second draw took place last Friday and winner Donal Claffey shares the pot of €470 with the Club. If you haven't already signed up, you can still get your name in before the next draw on Friday July 10th. It is €10 per ticket to be included in next 4 draws (€2.50 into the pot for each draw) and at each draw the Club & winning ticket share the pot 50/50. Visit spagaa.com to play or contact Club Officers to get your name in. **The usual Spa Lotto remains suspended for the foreseeable future and the expiry dates of annual tickets and online tickets will be extended to compensate for weeks when Lotto is not held.

COMPULSORY E-LEARNING MODULE FOR RETURN TO GAA

A reminder about the new eLearning module has been created to inform those involved with the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Clubs on the safe resumption of Gaelic Games activities. The module must be completed by anyone entering club facilities, especially players, team personnel, parents/guardians of underage players, Covid Supervisors and Club Officers. The module takes 20 minutes to complete and can be taken at any time on any laptop or mobile device. Participants will have to declare on their Health Questionnaires that they have completed the module. The module can be accessed at: <https://courses.gaa.ie/Covid19ClubEd> The programme aims to protect the health and welfare of all those involved in Gaelic Games and minimise the risk of transmission of Covid-19 in local communities.

GAA ROADMAP FOR RETURN TO PLAY

The GAA announced the new roadmap for a return to play for inter-county teams last week. Full details available online but main points for the Kerry footballers are as follows:

*Football Championship will revert to



Spa GAA team - winners of the 1985 O'Donoghue Cup Championship; Front L-R: Paul O'Donoghue, Mike McAuliffe, Seanie Kelliher, John Cahill (Mascot Patrick Cronin), Philip Spillane, James Cahill and Mike Dennehy Back L-R: Bernie O'Riordan (Trainer), Dave Herlihy, Mike Casey, Gerard Morris, Tim Regan, Pat Casey, Pat Cronin and Dan Kennedy Missing from photo: Mossie Cronin.



Spa Muckross U14 Camogie team from 1980 that won the Co Finals in Fitzgerald Stadium

provincial knock-out format

*No qualifiers

*Finish on the day for ALL championship games (extra time if needed of 10 mins per half and then to penalties)

*No Junior Football Championship in 2020

*Rd6 & Rd7 of Allianz National Leagues to be completed in October - top team in each Division to be declared the winner (No Finals to be played)

*U20 Football Semi-Finals & Final to be played

*2020/2021 Provincial & All Ireland Club Championships will NOT take place

*Minor Football Championship will be straight knock-out with no Quarter Finals - and will NOT be played alongside the senior

*Post Primary competitions to run to Provincial Final level only (No All Ireland at any level)

*Munster Senior Football Championship Semi-Final 1: Cork v Kerry and Semi-Final 2: Waterford/Limerick v Clare/Tipperary

CÚL CAMP

The Kerry GAA Cúl Camp in Spa (for children aged 6-13) will take place from August 3rd - 7th 2020. Bookings open on the national website www.kelloggsclubcamps.gaa.ie. This year all registrations must be done online and the numbers at camps will be limited. Parents will NOT be able to register on the morning of the camp.

VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE

Help is still available if anyone needs it. Kerry Community Volunteers (tel 1800 807 009 / text 50555 / email covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie) OR to contact the club directly: Patrick (0876332773), Michael (0858213027), Conor (0872565142) or Deirdre (0851216359).

THE GATES OF SPA GAA CLUB ARE OPEN AGAIN

As the GAA receives the green light to return to activity, Chairman Michael Cronin has re-opened the gates of Spa GAA Club. We are delighted to be able to welcome back our members, but we are advising everyone that there are new procedures in place at the Club in line with national guidelines to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. The first group to return to training were our senior squad, with other groups scheduled for return over the coming weeks. All coaches and management teams will be given allocated times and are asked to advise all players of the new guidelines for a safe return to football for everyone.

SPA ARCHIVES

Thank you to everyone who continues to send in photos, programmes, newspaper clippings etc of Spa over the years! We are going through our history of teams, events and members over the years, and they can be found on our website (spagaa.com) or our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). If



you have any old photos, newspaper clippings, programmes etc, please send them on to 0851216359 (text or what's app), email pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or private message our Spa social media pages.

ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact Deirdre at pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

THANK YOU

Thank you to all members for their support and patience over the last few weeks.

COVID 19 RETURN TO PLAY

The GAA Health Questionnaire must be filled out by all players (adult) and parents of players (Juvenile) prior to the first training session that you attend. The link is below. Please print or take a screenshot when complete.

<https://returntoplay.gaa.ie/>

2020 MEMBERSHIP

2020 membership can now be renewed online. Follow the links on our social media accounts or search for Furies GAA via the "Find My Club" Button on www.clubforce.com or download the clubforce app. Alternatively, you can make contact with Club Secretary Kevin Cronin, Peter Costello, Paudie O'Sullivan Hurling or Fiona Walsh or any club officer/ Mentor or Member and they will be able to give you further details. All players must be registered before playing or training.

COISTE NA NOG

Academy Training returns to the pitch in Farranfore after the Covid Restrictions with U8 & U10 on Saturday next the 4th of July at 10.30. All new player welcome. All players are reminded to bring their own water bottles. Parents are encouraged to drop and go. Remember No



Great to see all the girls back in training today. Thanks to all our volunteers who kept everybody sanitized and all the paperwork in order. Great first session thanks to all the girls for coming back. Training continues every Monday evening in Spa GAA grounds at 6.30 pm. We welcome all new registrations for our future camogie stars.

membership/No Health Questionnaire - No play. U6 will return at a later date TBC.

JUNIOR PREMIER

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

To remind everyone Furies were drawn in Group 3 of the Junior Premier Championship with Keel, Listry and Finuge. The re-fixed dates have been published and it will see Furies take on Listry in a neutral venue on the weekend of the 25/26 of July. Depending on this result we take on the other two teams, the following 2 weekend. All venues, times and dates to be confirmed. Top two teams in each group to advance to quarter finals.

HURLING

Hurling Training returns in Farranfore on Thursdays at 7 pm. A number of limited places

are still available for the Kellogg's GAA Hurling Cul Camp happening in Farranfore between Mon 3rd Aug and 7th Aug. For more details check out www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/.

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

Killarney Camogie Club train every Monday evening at 6.30 pm in Spa GAA grounds. We have started back training after the Covid layoff. we cater for girls u8 to u16. we are a young club and very excited to be back training and welcome any girls in the killarney region to come and try Camogie.

OUTLOOK GOLF

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

COMPETITIVE PLAY NOW PERMITTED

After our clubs were permitted to resume casual play for members on Monday May 18th and those from further afield were permitted to play from June 8th, we are delighted now that some competitive forms of play are permitted from last Monday.

The lockdown was probably a 'blessing in disguise' for grounds committees in getting courses into peak condition although maybe a little rain would have been welcome as the grass started to turn brown. It is encouraging to hear of new members signing up across clubs as well and seeing a few faces of yesteryear return!

Full and official advice on how to proceed

in Phase 3 is detailed on the Pitch & Putt Ireland website currently. Please note during competition that for clubs opting to leave the flagstick in that if the ball is at rest against the pin with the new apparatuses attached to lift the ball out of the cup that the flagstick must still be moved (with a putter) to allow the whole ball drop down below the circumference and be deemed holed.

The County Board is currently considering a proposal from the NEC to run the County Strokeplays across the country before the end of July. We will be meeting in person during the middle of the month to discuss everything in further detail but we do expect not only the County Strokeplay but also the County Matchplay to take place this year once public

health guidelines allow.

Phase 3: We are now open to green fees as well as members as of last Monday. Bookings still can be made through Aidan O'Donoghue (086 3364705) and we are open from 12pm-8pm (weekdays) and 12pm-6pm (weekends).

Competitions: Sunday draws for club members aged 15 or over are back from this Sunday with draws at 9.15am & 11am.

Membership: Please contact either Aidan or Margaret B Looney (087 9265747) for more information regarding same. Costs are- Single Adult: €135, Family (two adults and three children under the age of 18): €240, U16/OAP: €80. Membership valid until March 1st 2021.



Be Responsible - Be Safe



MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

RETURN TO ROWING

This week saw the commencement of Phase 3 of the government roadmap including permission for all sporting activity to resume. For rowing, the key change has been the restart of crew rowing while we still implement measures in relation to hygiene, sanitisation of equipment and distancing. Rowing Ireland has also provided an updated protocol for Phase 3 and club activities will continue to be aligned with these guidelines. Access to our indoor facilities will continue to be restricted. Despite some mixed weather this week, it was great to see the return of our larger boats and we look forward to lots of rowing over the remainder of the summer.

KILLARNEY REGATTA

Last Sunday, June 28, the rowing clubs of Killarney were due to assemble for the 235th staging of the historic Killarney Regatta. As with all large events, the fixture could not proceed amid the ongoing fight against COVID-19 and it remains to be seen if a rescheduled fixture will be possible in 2020. There was a break in the staging of the regatta from 1963 to 1966 however the regatta has run annually in each of the 53 years since.

SPORT IRELAND GUIDANCE ON RETURN TO SPORT IN PHASE 3

Sport Ireland has today issued guidance on the return to sport in Phase 3 of the Government's Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business, which applies to all sports from Monday, June 29th.

The guidance, agreed by the Expert Group on Return to Sport, encourages a gradual and inclusive approach to the resumption of sporting activity.

RETURN TO SPORT

Announced on June 19, the amended Roadmap for the Reopening of Society and Business in phase 3 presents a significant acceleration of sport in its return. Previous restrictions on travel will no longer be in place from June 29th.

While phase 3 allows for the return of all sport, National Governing Bodies of Sport are encouraged to continue to adopt a gradual and inclusive approach, catering for all levels and abilities in equal measure.

COMPETITION AND TRAINING

The return to training and competition should be on an opt-in basis, with participants taking personal responsibility to decide whether they are happy to return.

It is important that athletes are not be penalised if they wish to opt-out of training at this stage in the Roadmap. They should be encouraged to communicate their concerns to their club and/or National Governing Body so that they can be addressed.

The return to competition should be slow with consideration for the period of training completed prior to any scheduled matches/competitions. Individuals, especially high performance and professional athletes, may have maintained a level of fitness throughout the restriction, however the risk of injury will



Killarney Rugby Club who were in the Semi Finals in The Sligo Sevens 1996-1997 Season Front Row Niall Dennehy, Frank Moynihan, Mike Nash, Damien Casey, Mike O Callaghan, Back Row Mike Purtill, Denis Reen Capt., Tadgh Kelly, Eamon O Callaghan, Patrick Donoghue, Ger Maher.

be increased. Those leading the delivery of their sport will need to account for this risk and tailor

training accordingly. Minimising the spread of Covid-19 and the occurrence of injury will be critical. Contact permitted, should be limited to training and competition only. Strict physical distancing protocols should be in place outside the field and adhered to at all times.

Covid-19 measures should be incorporated into all competition/procedure documents to form a normal part of the sport's delivery. This should include the appointment of a Covid-19 Safety Officer, to ensure public health guidelines are adhered to, and appropriate mechanisms to assist with contact tracing.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPORT BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR OLDER PEOPLE

Whilst mitigating the risk of Covid-19 is more challenging for those who require assistance in their sport participation, steps should be taken including:

Consider DATE (distance, activity, time, environment)

Ensure daily symptom checks

Limit the number of participants

Limit the duration of the activity

Consider the contact (proximity, direct touch, equipment sharing) and minimise where possible.

Train outdoors

Consider the use of PPE for assisting the participant (for example, if they require assistance getting onto a bike). It is accepted that the use of PPE during sporting activities is not generally advised, however its use is promoted outside of field of play, where guidelines suggest.

Avoid slipstreams where possible

SUMMER CAMPS

The Expert Group on Return to Sport has issued three key points for clarification in relation to the operation of summer camps

from June 29:

NUMBERS

The restriction on numbers ('15') is lifted. However, caution is advised, as additional personnel will be required to monitor risk arising from Covid-19. Additional consideration should be given to the safeguarding recommendation (under 12s ratio 1:8, 12s and over ratio 1:10). The availability of space will be a factor in the numbers of participants.

OUTDOOR/INDOOR

Summer camps should be based outdoors with limited access to indoors in case of weather or the need for diverse activity. Indoor activity must be done under strict protocol and acknowledging the extra risk associated with indoor activity. The numbers accommodated for outdoor activity should give consideration for the necessity to move indoors at some point during the day (weather dependent).

Contact: Summer camps may allow a certain degree of contact in their activity in the sporting context. Organisers should observe good contact protocols off the field of play and be aware of the intensity, duration and nature of the activity that involves contact.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HSPC) has issued specific guidance on the return to sports activities for children and adolescents. That guidance can be downloaded here.

SUPPORTING CLUBS AND GOVERNING BODIES

The Covid-19 restrictions have meant organisations across all sectors have not been in a position to offer their usual range of activities and programmes. This has resulted in many National Governing Bodies of Sport, provincial associations, clubs and groups taking a financial hit due to reduced commercial income, membership fees, gate receipts etc.

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA NEWS

Written by: Michael O'Mahony | Email: momahony14@gmail.com

SHARE THE BUCKET

The Gneeveguilla Community Development Council in association with the Gneeveguilla Basketball club had our weekly draw for our share the bucket on Friday evening 27/6/2020.

The jackpot was € 229..and our winner was Jane Collins. Congrats Jane

Guaranteed winner every week, go to our Facebook page to find out how and where you can play. REMEMBER if YOU are not in you can't win <https://www.facebook.com/gneeveguilla/> Draw takes place every Friday eve @8:30 pm on Facebook live

GNEEVEGUILLACOMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL in association with the Gneeveguilla Basketball Club held our weekly Draw for our share the Bucket on Friday evening 26.6.2020. jackpot €229. the winner Jane Collins congratulations jane Guaranteed winner every week go to our Facebook page to find out how and there you can play.

RETURNING TO MASS ATTENDANCE IN RATHMORE PARISH

Masses with attendance will take place in Rathmore Church beginning Monday 29th June for two weeks initially until Sunday 12th July. A maximum of 50 can attend. The following is a list of groupings for each day.

Mon. 29th June 7pm All Ushers/some Eucharistic Ministers/family members of Mass intention (This Mass has full attendance and is closed for booking) Tues. 30th June 9.30am Daily Mass attendees Wed. 1st July 7pm Shrone Area / Family members of Mass intention Thurs 2nd July 7pm Knocknagree Area Fri. 3rd July 7pm Gneeveguilla Area Sat. 4th

July 7pm Rathmore Area / Family members of Mass intention

Sun. 5th July 11.30am All areas & Family members of Mass intention Monday. 6th July 7pm Families from all areas Tuesday 7th July 9.30am All areas & Family members of Mass intention

Wednesday. 8th July 7pm Shrone Area & Family members of Mass intention

Thursday 9th July 7pm Knocknagree Area / Family members of Mass intention

Friday 10th July 7pm Gneeveguilla Area & Family members of Mass intention

Saturday 11th July 7pm Rathmore Area & Family members of Mass intention

Sunday 12th July 11.30am All Areas & Family members of Mass intention

We have the online booking system opened for the next two weeks. If there is a particular Mass that you wish to attend and you are not from the particular grouping for that night/day please check online & phone booking and if there are seats available you can book these. We ask that family members for the Mass intention use the booking system. We ask that you make separate bookings for each household e.g. book two seats if there are two from household going.

How to make a booking?

1. Because of greatly reduced numbers you MUST book your place. Please do not turn up to the Church if you have not made a booking. Either



Donal O'Sullivan "The Cleaning Doctor" Kilcummin Killarney and his son Thomas collecting his new 202 Reg Opel Movano van from Pat Ahern and Barry Ryan Aherns Castleisland.

online or by phone

Phone the Parish Office during Office Hours 0647761669 or phone Janice (064)7758219 between 2-4pm Monday and Tuesday

a. Go to the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie b. Use the "Click for Booking" tab on the top left-hand corner.

c. Once you enter the Booking click the "BOOK NOW" tab

d. Click the "Select" the date which you require.

e. At the bottom of that page click the + button to the number you wish to book for.

f. Click "NEXT" tab

g. Enter First Name, Last Name, Country - scroll to (Ireland), Phone No, Email, Confirm email

h. Tick the box for "I acknowledge that I have read and"

i. Then click the "PURCHASE" tab (NB there is no cost) and your ticket will be emailed. (No need to print)

More information next week on Returning to Mass - In the meantime -

Let us continue to look out for one another and find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

RE - STREAMING SERVICE:

Our apologies to all for the technical issues with the Streaming System this past week. This fault was with our provider and we are doing our utmost to ensure that it does not continue. We continue with our streamed Masses from Rathmore Church especially for the elderly and vulnerable who do not wish to attend. The dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and Holydays of obligation remains in place until further notice. You fulfil your obligation by attending on any day.

CONDOLENCES

SYMPATHY: To Batt & Denny Rahilly & Nuala O'Riordan, Shanbally on the

death of their niece Tina Lordan, Maynooth, Kildare who passed on Tuesday 23rd June. Ar she is De go rath a nam.

TUREENCAHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Boherbue Traditional Indian Yoga Centre & Spices Centre, Church View, Boherbue. The Spices centre is opening on Thursday July 2nd in Boherbue. Opening hours: Monday to Sat 11am to 5 pm. Sun 11:45 am to 4 pm. We provide wide varieties of whole spices, ground spices, curry powders, ready to eat Indian snacks and fresh Indian vegetables and fruits, suitable for vegans, vegetarians, and non-vegetarians. We conduct Indian cookery classes. Yoga classes are restarted from 18th June. Venue: Boherbue Comprehensive School field. Time. Monday to Friday 7:pm to 8pm.

Prior booking is essential. Suitable for beginners. Please bring Yoga mats. For details: Contact Simon Pachikara -

0873379121, (029)76409, (029)76337

KNOCKNAGREE GAA & JUVENILE CLUB

Lotto: No's drawn: 5.6.8.13.

No Jackpot Winner.

Yearly Ticket: Donal Bradley, Cullen

€50: Joan Collins, Knocknagreeha

€50: Anthony Murphy, East End, Rathmore

€25: George Dobbins, Gneeveguilla

€25: Cathal Fitzpatrick, Newmarket

€25: Tim O'Leary, Park, Knocknagree

€25: Joan Carmody, Gneeveguilla

Next week's Jackpot: €15,200.

Facebook Live

Don't forget you can play online, follow the link in all our social media sites

NOTES

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

FOSSA NEWS

Written by: Shane Kelly

LOTTO

Great news Fossa GAA Lotto resumes next Sunday night July 5th. Jackpot €7,200.00. Tickets on sale from usual outlets during the week.

CÚL CAMP

Cúl camp dates for Fossa GAA 17th - 21st August.

RETURN TO PLAY

As all teams are returning to training please ensure that all players and mentors have the E module done before you return as it is mandatory, if anybody has difficulty in doing this pls ask any committee member for help.

FIXTURES

Fossa Seniors begin with the Junior Premier

C'ship in a neutral venue v B'duff Sat/Sun July 25/26, then play the following two weekends St Pats/Blennerville and Gneeveguilla. Two from the group go forward to quarter finals this year.

KILCUMMIN NEWS

Written by: John Moriarty

CEMETERY MASSES

The Holy Cross Cemetery mass will now take place on Wednesday 29th July and the Old Kilcummin Cemetery mass is on Wednesday the 5th August. Both masses are at 8pm. Please spread the word.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Support Team for Implementation of Covid 19 guidelines for our parish church. Thanks to all the volunteers who have come forward to help implement the new Covid guidelines so we can all go to mass safely. However, in order to adhere to the strict guidelines we urgently need more volunteers to help out. Please contact Siobhan at the Parish Office if you are interested. Your help will be much appreciated.

KILCUMMIN GAA

Kilcummin GAA club are looking forward to being back to full operation shortly. Minors and

seniors are back training while juvenile teams will return very shortly. However it is still very important to adhere to Covid 19 restrictions policies as the virus is still a real threat in our community and the safety of our patrons is our priority. Electrical working has started in the new building and will be available for viewing in the near future. Anyone interested in buying a Brick to be included on the "Wall of Champions" should contact a club executive member for details. The club have always greatly depended on Lotto sales for day to day expenses and while that is suspended the huge running costs must still be met. The club is running a "share the pot" to offset some of these costs. Details are on facebook and on our website on how to play online but a sheet is also available in the Post Office. Please support. The winners will get 50% of the POT and the draw will be made

each Friday live on Facebook.

ACCORD

ACCORD are now offering over the phone counselling for couples, individuals & family members during this time of unprecedented stress & pressure during these weeks of COVID-19. Call: 01 5313331.

KILCUMMIN N.S. JUNIOR INFANTS ENROLMENT 2020/2021

If you know of any child who intends to start Kilcummin National School in September 2020, please advise them to contact Kilcummin National School by email at kill43163@gmail.com. Enrolment application forms are now available. Book lists and other relevant information will be forwarded by email, due to the government directed school closure. We look forward to hearing from you. Keep well and safe.

Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle launches 'Finish Line Fantasy Challenge' for 4th July 2020

With the increase in numbers of cyclists in Ireland since Covid-19 hit, organisers of The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle have launched a #FinishLineFantasy challenge in an effort to further encourage cycling amongst the Irish population, and to encourage participants to recreate their own finish on Saturday July 4th 2020, marking the original date of the 2020 cycle.

The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle organisers have not one, but two prizes for the winners of the challenge. The grand prize is a brand-new road bike sponsored by O'Sullivan Cycles, Killarney to the value of €1,000 as well as entry for the 2021 event, a jersey and a neck buff for The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2021 (#ROKCC2021). The runner up will also receive entry to #ROKCC2021, a jersey and a neck buff. To enter, participants are asked to take a photo of their recreated 'finish line' with family or friends, share it on Saturday 4th July 2020 on their social media channels, and tag the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle with the hashtag #FinishLineFantasy. They are also encouraging creativity and humorous photos while of course adhering to social distancing guidelines. Winners will be announced Tuesday, 7th July 2020.

For more information and terms and conditions of the 'Finish Line Fantasy' challenge



visit www.ringofkerrycycle.ie or follow The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle on Facebook or Instagram @RingofKerryCharityCycle or Twitter @ringofkerrycycle #ROKCC2021 #FinishLineFantasy

If anyone wishes to make a donation and support the charities can do so through www.gofundme.com/f/rwgtub-ring-of-kerry-charity-cycle-finish-line-fantasy



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

LIVERPOOL ARE CHAMPIONS

I'm not a Liverpool supporter, but no-one could (or, in fairness, has attempted) to begrudge them finally ending a 30 year drought to claim their 19th league and first Premiership title. They are the first team to hold the Premiership, European, and Club World titles at the same time. I won't go through how it was won – I'm sure most of you know by now – but suffice to say that it was done in style all the way. Instead, I've mused over Liverpool's historical and emotional connection to Ireland. Liverpool was always the most Irish of English cities.

Liverpool FC – Irish Connections

In the 17th century, the likes of Galway was one of the biggest ports in European trade. But the expansion of colonisation, especially towards South and Middle America, and the rise to imperial prominence of England's navy saw the likes of Liverpool and Portsmouth expand hugely. The Industrial (and simultaneously, agricultural) Revolution of the early 19th century saw a huge increase in shipping. Like Constantinople before it and New York after it, you could hear any accent, any language, eat any cuisine on Liverpool's bustling streets. Unlike Ireland, there was plenty of work, and Irishmen could reach that work. Before the Great Famine, Liverpool's Irish population was already estimated at 17%. Liverpool was the first stop along the way of most of the Irish who emigrated at that time. Many went on to the States, but not all. Ulster Road, Belfast Road, Killarney Road and Donegal Road still exist in Liverpool. After World War II Liverpool had been bombed more than anywhere except London and it needed rebuilding. Ireland had almost no economy or employment for young people, who flocked to the city. The 2008 crash saw emigration to Britain rise again by a whopping 20%. Nowadays an estimated 60 - 65% of Liverpoolians have Irish ancestry. Dr. Michael Holmes of Liverpool Hope University has called for Liverpool to become an Irish county (70% of the city refuted Brexit).

The famous 'scouse' dialect is believed to be a combined polyglot of mostly Irish accents. 'Scouse' itself was a reference to lobsouse stew, made mainly of hard tack and bully beef, that originated in Scandinavia but was hugely consumed by sailors. On the Liverpool docks, you ate lobsouse and were a 'scouser' or you went hungry.

Not all who came were poor. In 1860 Robert Samuel Graves emigrated from New Ross in Wexford to Liverpool to run the family's shipping company. In 1861 he became Mayor and in 1865 he became MP and put through a proposal to develop a sportfield outside the city. Robert had grown up beside 'Anne's Field' in New Ross near Rosbercon Castle (its name was actually the 'abhainn' field, i.e. nearest the river) and chose



John Aldridge.

the name for this new development. Anfield Lane.

Right from the start, there was a very, very good soccer team there. Everton Athletic. They were among the best sides in England. Following a rent dispute in 1892, they purchased and developed Goodison. This left Liverpool businessman and Lord Mayor John Houlding holding a now worthless lease. Undaunted, Houlding set up a team to play in Anfield called Liverpool FC after the local rugby team (who are now St. Helens). They wore blue and white until 1896. The iconic Liver Bird was added to their badge in 1901. Their first Director of Football, John McKenna, was Irish. So was their first manager, William Edward Barclay, who had been Everton's manager, but stayed on at Anfield to manage the new team. In their very first season they beat a team called Newton Heath 2-0 – Newton Heath later became Manchester United. In 1963, their second season back in England's top flight, Gerry Marsden of Gerry and the Pacemakers presented a copy of his forthcoming cover of Oscar Hammerstein's 'Singing in the Rain' from the 1945 musical 'Carousel'. It was played on the team bus on an away tour and the likes of Tommy Smith loved it. By the 1965 FA Cup Final, fans were singing it in the stands. Celtic played Liverpool that year and brought the song back to Parkhead.

The list of Irish players at Liverpool goes all the way back to Elisha Scott (the keeper made 468 appearances over twenty years; it would have been more but for World War I) and Billy Lacey (the Everton transfer became a huge fan favourite). A 1923 match report about him said "As for kicking Lacey as a hobby, I can assure you it's a waste of time, the boy is made from Solid Rock. Dynamite could not shift him off the ball." Irish players have donned the red jersey right from the start up to the present day, including Steve Heighway, Mark Lawrenson, Ronnie Whelan, Michael Robinson, Kevin Sheedy, John



Phil Babb.

Aldridge, Steve Staunton, Ray Houghton, Phil Babb, Jason McAteer, Darren Potter, Ritchie Partridge, Steve Finnan, Robbie Keane..... goalkeeper Caoimhín Kelliher is the latest Irish wunderkind at Liverpool.

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry are reigning champions, have an incredible minor and U21 pedigree behind them, and will be further bolstered by the addition of a formidable Rathmore side. In the circumstances, an away draw to Feale Rangers should be comfortably managed – I am unabashedly among those who feel that the two North Kerry teams should amalgamate. Together they would form very formidable opposition, but it would be a huge surprise to see either on their own reach the latter stages.

That's not the tie to savour, of course. No, the tie of the round is unquestionably the Black and Amber derby. Crokes would have had the better of Stacks for most of their recent clashes, but it has always been a close run thing. Both sides have bucket loads of experience and have produced brilliant minors in recent times. Killarney Legion and Kerins O'Rahillys is another tricky one, but I think Legion have that little bit more depth, with some great young players coming onstream.

Kilcummin will be away to a Mid Kerry outfit whose reality has not lived up to their potential in recent years. Kilcummin will have to defy the odds, given that they narrowly escaped relegation last year, but Kilcummin are past masters at that art.

Kenmare, who are now an East Kerry club, at home to Shannon Rangers? What's the young lad's name again? Sean O'Shea? Is he any good? Look, this really should be Kenmare fairly comfortably. St. Kierans will be a big, strong team with some real cutting forwards,

but despite serious struggles with population decline (very, very serious, unfortunately, clubs are struggling more and more to field underage teams and fill senior panels), South Kerry are genuine dark horses for the championship, in my opinion. St. Brendans are another team that I would be keeping a very close eye on – Na Gaeil have been an absolute revelation in recent years (their league relegation had more to do with unavailability of county players than anything else) and Ardferit are emerging from a transition period with some young talent starting to blossom.

To be honest, I'm hugely looking forward to the championship, whether in person (hopefully spectators will be able to attend safely) or online.

Mid Kerry vs Kilcummin

Feale Rangers vs East Kerry

Dingle vs Templenoe

St. Kieran's vs South Kerry

Kenmare Shamrocks vs Shannon Rangers

Killarney Legion vs Kerins O'Rahillys

Dr. Crokes vs Austin Stacks

St. Brendan's vs West Kerry

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Munster SF 1: Cork v Kerry

Munster SF 2: Waterford/Limerick v Clare/Tipperary

The game will again be played in Pairc Uí Caíomh. Cork came back to give us a good fright after Kerry got a blistering start in last year's All Ireland Final, highlighting a tendency to cough up goals too easily. This time around Cork are the reigning minor and U20 champions and will be even more potent. Kerry will have the advantage of tough league games against Monaghan and Donegal coming into it, while Cork should have comfortable enough wins in Division Three. That may not be the disadvantage to Cork that people think – professional soccer has seen a big increase in injuries on the return to competitive action and intensity, never absent from GAA games, may be more costly than ever, especially with players obviously torn between club and county duties. That's been a nettle that the GAA have been terrified to grasp in any meaningful way for a long time, and the announcement that they won't be punishing county teams for training breaches is, well....not courageous, to be nice about.

The GAA have also said that they rejected the idea of an open draw (I would absolutely love it!) because it would lead to some very one-sided games. Unlike, for example, that nailbiter between Dublin and Westmeath in the Leinster quarter-final. I'll buck the trend and say that Dublin could come through that one with a bit of luck....

Dublin's Jack McCaffrey joined the senior panel in 2013 and hasn't lost a championship game since (he took a year out in 2016 to travel). McCaffrey has opted for this year, and the flying doctor at wingback will be a huge loss for Dublin. Personally, I like to see a player with the maturity to see past the trees of competitive football to the forest of real life (the amateur game demands an unhealthy labour and pressure nowadays, in my opinion) and wish him the best of luck.



Jack McCaffrey.

Referee David Gough is also opting out of this year's championship. The joke is going around that it means that Dublin are missing two key players for the championship, McCaffrey and Gough. There's a bit of wit in it, but it's a bit cringy as well – we lost games in recent years to Dublin because they are simply an incredible football team and a credit to themselves and to the game, not because of David Gough or any other referee. To me, claiming otherwise demeans the Kerry jersey.

Should Kerry win Munster, they will face the Connaught champions in the All Ireland semi-final. In short, it's very much like the old days when we were kings – Kerry could win the All Ireland in just four games. Mind you, Cork being Cork, we could also be out after just one...

MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Electric Ireland Munster Minor Football Championship Draw

SF 1 - Kerry v Cork

SF 2 - Clare/Tipperary v Limerick/Waterford

Kerry had a superbly talented team last year and, without begrudging champions Cork or semi-final victors Galway, were just caught on one of those days. To be truthful, I'm glad that the long winning sequence came to an end; I felt that it was becoming a burden on very young shoulders. I for one would much prefer a reversion to the U18 age group at the grade. I also think that the change of underage grades from even (U16, U14, U12) ages to odd (U17, U15, U11) ages will see young players turn to other codes (U11 is non-competitive, while the fact that girls aren't allowed to play past U12 on mixed teams, leaves a number of Kerry clubs struggling to field at the age group). I also think that the drop-out rate for non-elite 18 and 19 year olds, already far too high, is going to increase. Motion 31, which essentially meant that counties would have to follow Central Council policy on age guidelines, got through Congress with just a 68% majority, that's with Croke Park putting all its formidable weight and votes behind it. It had been proposed and rejected repeatedly at ground level several times

in recent years, including in Kerry.

James Costelloe and his players have put in a colossal amount of work, even in isolation, and I'll tempt fate by saying that Kerry should have enough to get past what will be a formidable Cork side and go on to win Munster.

MUNSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

This is Kerry's first time putting in a minor hurling team into the Munster Championship since 2014. Kerry had been well out of their depth at that level for several years beforehand. I remember the hurlers well that year – Crokes were very strong in minor hurling at the time but football commitments meant that only Aaron Murphy was on the panel. Kerry had a good team at the time, the likes of Jack Goulding, Jordan Conway, Michael O'Leary, Brandon Barrett, Fionan Mackessy...Darragh Shanahan is now a Dublin hurler and club All Ireland winner. Kerry manger Ian Brick (now Kerry Camogie Manager) confided privately to me beforehand (he has always been a gentleman to deal with) that he didn't expect to win against Cork but that, given the talent his squad had and the work that they had put in, he was hoping to stay within ten points of them. Kerry were absolutely hammered that night by 5-26 to 0-9, with Iniscarra's big Sean O'Donoghue giving a phenomenal display. Clare dismissed us in the subsequent play-off by 6-25 to 0-11. I can see Cork edging a tight Munster Championship this year, giving the improvement at schools and Rebel Óg level in the county, but Tipperary will be right up there. To be honest, the gulf between Minor B and Minor A championship is the difference between Mangerton Mountain and Mount Everest. Fingers crossed and the best of luck to Kerry...

QF 1 - Kerry v Tipperary

QF 2 - Cork v Clare

SF 1 - Waterford v QF 1 winner

SF 2 - Limerick v QF 2 winner

FAI CLUB MARK FOR KILLARNEY ATHLETIC



Officials at Killarney Athletic include: Back Left Martin Muldoon (Juvenile Sec) Basil Sheeran (Treasurer)
Front Left Diarmaid O Mahony (senior Sec) Ger Nagle (Chair) Mike O'Shea (vice Chair).

Killarney Athletic has become the latest club to win the FAI Club Mark. This award is given to grassroots clubs based on best practice in the governance, management and administration. Killarney Athletic was the first soccer club in the East Kerry region. It was founded away back in 1965 by Garda Don Harrington, a young Guard from Cork City who was stationed in Killarney. This came about after Don observed youngsters from various parts of town playing soccer on the streets of Killarney. Don has overseen the growth of the club from its humble beginnings to the community enterprise it has become and is an annual visitor to this day.

The first underage Academy was set up in 1992 for children from U10 upwards. The club organised the first ever FAI Soccer Clinic in Kerry in 1992, which was held in the hallowed grounds of the "Áras" pitch. Irish Internationals Paul McGrath, Mick McCarthy and Alan McLoughlin (scorer of the vital goal against Northern Ireland that qualified Ireland for the 1994 World Cup) visited the ground at the time to add their support of the event. In 1993, the club moved to Woodlawn where facilities have been developed and improved on an ongoing basis ever since. The modern clubhouse and two grass pitches have been augmented with the opening of an All Weather Training Pitch. The Club won its first ever league title in 50 years in 2017 and completed a league and cup double that year.

As well as their senior team, Killarney Athletic also has a senior B Team, Youths and U.17 competing in the leagues and cups.

The club's underage section is particularly strong. During the past season, 2019/2020, Killarney Athletic had 17 teams competing in the Kerry School Boys & Girls League Divisions as follows:

U.10 – 2 teams	U.11 – 2 teams	U.12 – 2 teams
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U.13 – 3 teams	U.14 – 2 teams
U.15 – 2 teams	U.16 – 1 team

The Girls teams compete in the ...U11 – 2 Teams and U17 leagues.

Due to the "Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown", it resulted in the early finish of the 2019/2020 season. However, the U12 Premier and U13 Premier teams both won their respective Divisions as did the U14 Division 1 team. The U.15 team were runners-up in Division 1.

We have enjoyed a lot of success over the years especially last season

2018/2019, where the juvenile teams competed in six Cup competitions, winning three of them. They were the U12 Cup and U.12 Shield and U13 Cup champions. The U13s & U14s also won their respective Leagues that year.

The U.11 team reached the Final of the Bernardo's Cup in June 2019 and this team went onto further success when they became the first team from outside Dublin to win the DB Sports Cup in August 2019, which is a highly rated and prestigious Cup competition played in Dublin with competing teams from all over Ireland.

Within the juvenile section, there is an Academy which caters for children up to 10 years of age. They receive coaching from qualified coaches, several of whom have UEFA Coaching Badges.

Killarney Athletic has a very dedicated number of committed coaches, some of whom were former players within the club and who are now passing on their vast experience to these young players.

The Academy has grown substantially in the recent past and caters for large numbers of children who enjoy the superb facilities with both grass pitches and the recent addition of the Astro training pitch in 2018.

The Club have had some juvenile players attend Irish Squad training in Dublin over the past few seasons and this is testament to the calibre

of coaching. The club also had representation on the Kerry teams in the national U13 and U15 league of Ireland over the past two seasons.

Some notable achievements by former Killarney Athletic Academy players include the following....

Michael Moloney who captained Ireland in U.16 teams on five occasions

in 2003/2004.

Diarmuid O'Carroll who signed for Celtic FC in Scotland in 2003.

Brendan Moloney who signed for Nottingham Forest in 2005. Brendan has now returned to Killarney Athletic to pass on his experience and skills as a Coach.

There have also been some notable achievements by the U17 Players on the Kerry District League U17 team who were part of the squad who got to the final of the All Ireland Mark Farren Cup and the final of the SS Airticity U17 Shield.

Club chairperson Geraldine Nagle and her fellow officers put a huge amount of work into winning the FAI Club Mark, but she stresses that it wasn't about her or them. "While obviously it didn't suit anyone, the lockdown actually gave us an opportunity to work on our application for the club mark. My daughter Tara worked very hard with me all through to complete the application. There was a lot of work involved and we are lucky that so many people pitched in. My fellow officers Martin Muldoon, Mike O'Shea, Diarmuid O'Mahony and Basil Scheerin as always were fantastic. I simply couldn't name all the great people who have been involved in this, it's a huge list. I've been involved with Killarney Athletic for over twenty years, I just took over as Chair last June 12 months, and these are the best people I have ever worked with. We have always said that there is no rank in Killarney Athletic, we are all equals here. Unity is strength....where there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. I have always said that we are an ordinary club with extraordinary volunteers."

The FAI Club Mark is a testament to all the hard work, dedication and commitment by everyone involved in Killarney Athletic where we will continue to develop and strive for excellence.

A Special Thanks to Darren Aherne for all the Help and Encouragement going forward for the Club Mark Award. To the Kerry District League and Kerry Schoolboys/Girls League for their support and to Colin in the FAI for all his guidance and support through the process. We would like to especially thank, our wonderful Committee and our coaches that give tirelessly of their time to the development of the blues senior and underage, our amazing groundsmen, and the parents always there to help."

BY: JIMMY O'SULLIVAN DARCY



ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

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Closing date for application is Wednesday July 8th.

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KILLARNEY CELTIC

PITCH OPEN

Following the lifting of restrictions ,Killarney Celtic is now open for pitch rentals, please contact Mary on 086 6485809.

Killarney Celtic will run a Soccer tots programme starting on Saturday July 4th from 3-4pm.

Soccertots is for boys and girls aged 4-6 years and will run for 4 weeks. Registration on the day and costs €10.

Players must bring their own labelled water bottles.

No carpooling.

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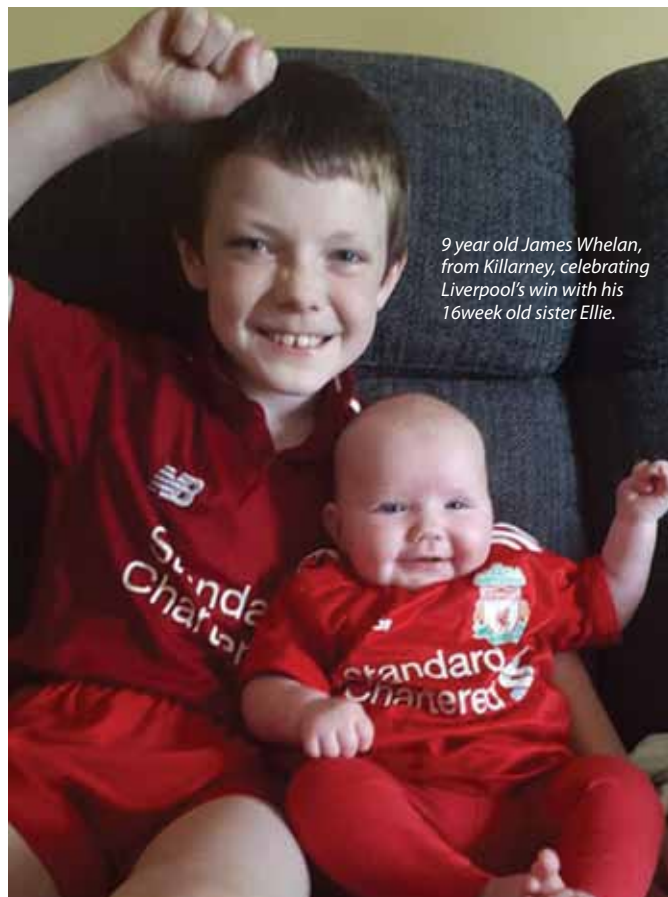
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After the Kerry No. 2 Brigade staged two successful ambushes in the first half of 1921, the Headford ambush in March and the Bog Road ambush in May, the Volunteers planned two more ambushes in Castleisland and Killorglin in late June 1921. The first ambush in Castleisland was the first of the two ambushes to take place. The IRA had expected the British Army to pass through a side road from Brosna to Castleisland. Over eighty men occupied a carefully selected spot along the road and waited for their orders to attack the incoming British Army. One half of the group had shotguns and the other half held rifles. It soon emerged that as the British Army neared the ambush site they were informed of the IRA's presence. They took a different route to Castleisland and the ambush did not go ahead.

A second ambush took place in Castleisland on the eve of the Truce, 10 July 1921. The Volunteers received information regarding the British Army and their plans to take over the library in Castleisland. The Volunteer's took the decision to burn the building. The Column took up their positions on the main street as valuables were removed from the library. Shooting ensued on both sides and the fighting continued for forty minutes. The British Army suffered four fatalities with three injuries while the IRA lost five of their men.

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Psychologist John Bowlby defined attachment as a 'lasting psychological connectedness between human beings' and attachment theory can help us to understand the ways in which we connect with others – particularly those who are emotionally significant to us. We develop our attachment style in childhood – and the way in which our parents and/or caregivers responded to us will impact on our relationships. For example, a child who believed that the only way he/she could be loved was when they were doing something for others, may grow up believing that they need to earn the attention and love of others. Adults who believe they are inadequate and unworthy of love may have learned this in their early years – which will inevitably lead to difficulties in their relationships. They may believe that the other will leave them or that they are going to disappoint the other – leading to them clinging to the relationship and/or getting jealous easily.

However, the good news is that with awareness we can discover our own attachment style and learn to cultivate healthier relationships. Some of the ways in which we can bring more awareness to our relationship patterns include the following:

1. Bring your awareness to your bodily sensations. How do you feel in your body? Being aware of this can help you to understand how you are feeling and/or thinking.
2. What thoughts are you thinking about you/ the other? How do these thoughts impact on your feelings and emotions?
3. Which emotions do you struggle with - how do these emotions affect your thoughts and beliefs about yourself?
4. Are you overly self-critical? Can you show yourself some self-compassion, support and care the way you might a close friend or a small child?
5. Learn to communicate more directly about your thoughts, feelings and needs. Once you become aware of what these are – then you can express them more fully to others.

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader "pleasant words are like honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24). Everyone needs to be encouraged in life. Some people never hear words of praise or compliments from those they love. Instead, many go through life only hearing words of condemnation and constant criticism cursing them and their future. This Scripture is interesting. The Hebrew language in which it was originally written has much broader meaning than English does. The word 'pleasant' here not only means delightful, but comes from a root which translates as 'stave'. Stave relates to the structure of a building - that is the timbers that hold it up, and, it also means the lines upon which musical pieces are written. A 'honeycomb' is the internal framework holding up the beehive in which the bees live and store their nectar. It's where they make their honey to sustain them through long hard winters, and it's where they lay and store their larvae - the next generation. Finally 'health to the bones' translates as one's inner most being. Now let's tie all these words together. Basically the Lord is telling us here that our words have the power in them to build up and sweeten a person's life in such a way as will strengthen and sustain them, and reproduce fruit for generations bringing health to the very innermost parts of them. It's easy to see the effects of praise and people respond to encouragement. No one likes to be spoken down to, but many people are callous with their words and they don't even hear themselves. It's important to note: we are not talking about flattery here. Flattery is a dangerous trap and often comes forth from people's mouths that are smiling at your face, but driving daggers into your back. Be careful of those who flatter because there is another agenda going on there (Psalm 5; Proverbs 26:24-28). But it is important to compliment and praise others from a sincere heart with no ungodly motive other than to support, encourage and love them. When we go through difficulties, it is people who cheer us on that form the buttress and framework for success in our lives. But those who criticise and find fault and point the finger of judgement only tear down. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat the fruit of it" (Proverbs 18:21). Friend, live as a life giving builder!

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O Most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. (Make request). O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in this necessity. There are none, that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then publish it and request will be granted to you. This prayer must be published in thanks giving for favours received. And thanks to the universe.
L.O.C

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

Oh gentle and loving St. Anthony in whose arms the infant Jesus love to linger, one word from you and my prayer will be answered oh speak that word and the gratitude of my heart will be yours.

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