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FROM THE EDITOR

As we celebrated St. Brigid's Day and the arrival of Spring, we have a busy magazine for you this week.

A young teacher has issued an appeal for funding to get treatment for Lyme Disease in Germany, the Green Party have appointed an new chairperson and a hilarious new play is set to tour Kerry.

The Franciscan Friary has presented €2,785 to Trocaire this week, its all systems go for the Wander Wild Festival and Liebherr has received a gold sustainable rating.

Killarney Valley AC have launched a series of inter club matches, there is lots from the GAA world including the trip to Croke Park on Sunday for Gneeveguilla GAA Club.

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ALMOST €58,000 RAISED AS TEACHER LAUNCHES APPEAL FOR FUNDING FOR TREATMENT

A teacher at St. Brendan's College in Killarney issued a heartfelt plea to help her get to Germany for treatment and is overwhelmed with the response as at the time of going to print, almost €58,000 had been raised.

26 year old Karin O'Shea is from Kilgarvan and in April 2021 she was diagnosed with Lyme disease.

The only treatment option open to Karin is to travel to Germany to get treatment and as the costs aren't covered by private health insurance or cross border schemes Karin's only option was to create a gofundme page to raise the funds.

"I was diagnosed with Lyme disease in April 2021 and need funding to get treatment in Germany and this is the only option left to me", Karin said.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection, transmitted from the bite of an infected tick. If not treated early, the infection can spread to your joints, heart, nervous system and brain. The disease has had a devastating effect on Karin.

"I know that this will be a shock for some people to hear about how serious my situation has become. However, this is now my reality. This is a diagnosis that has deeply affected every single aspect of my life. My Lyme disease went undiagnosed for 12 years. I was given the label of Fibromyalgia and I managed these symptoms. Life was normal", Karin added.

However, in October 2020, Karin experienced a severe deterioration in health. After exhausting

every avenue with her GP and countless consultants, undergoing x-rays, scans, MRI's, hospital admissions, she still had no answers.

"I sent my bloods to Germany to test for Lyme disease. The results came back positive. They also showed chronic immune suppression.

I began attending Dr. Lambert (Infectious Disease Specialist in the Mater Hospital, Dublin). I was on a treatment plan of up to 5 antibiotics a day for several months.

Unfortunately, this was unsuccessful due to late diagnosis. This treatment also came with severe side effects and is the only available treatment in Ireland", she added.

"It has done immense damage to my immune and nervous system. I have debilitating neurological symptoms which include excruciating nerve pain, migraines, head pressure, short term memory loss, episodes of body paralyses and tremors which include slurred speech, fainting, loss of balance, extreme exhaustion, insomnia and nausea. Being aware of your own body and brain depleting daily is utterly terrifying. It strips you of your dignity. Never-ending pain is grueling beyond comprehension. Every day tasks that would typically be easy to accomplish have suddenly become near impossible. I reunite with friends and family when I'm able. These days are vital for my own mental health however they set me back physically and I am left paying for this for several days after, confined to the four walls. I am now mostly housebound".



The only option left for Karin now is to travel to St. George's Clinic in Germany for a month of intensive treatment, followed by a 6 month rehabilitation plan. The cost of the intensive treatment is upwards of €35,000 for a 4 week stay in the clinic. This does not include travel, post-treatment care, and further appointments. "My private health insurance nor the cross border scheme can assist in any of the costs involved as Chronic Lyme disease is not recognised by the Irish State. I have spent upwards of €6,000 on medical treatments already and I had to give up my job in St. Brendan's College Killarney indefinitely", the devastated teacher said.

Karin has nowhere left to turn and is asking for support to enable her to get her life back.

"I very much wish I could afford this treatment without burdening anyone else. Therefore, any donation big or small is hugely appreciated", Karin said.

If you would like to donate to Karin's fundraiser you can do so at <https://gofund.me/b4dd23ff>

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I wish to highlight the plight of Karin O'Shea, a 26 year old girl from Kilgarvan, who is a personal friend of our family and is best friends of my own daughter Theresa, I even brought her to school. This girl has gone around here in this country undiagnosed with Lymes disease for more than 12 years, the problem is that the department here doesn't recognise Lymes or won't accept results of blood tests or diagnosis from Germany or other countries. Testing in Ireland is inaccurate, we have only one specialist in this country who can only offer antibiotics, Irish patients have no other option but to seek treatment abroad, which is not covered by the Cross Border or Treatment abroad scheme because GPs here are not allowed to sign off on it. There is

not enough education about ticks in Ireland, many going around undiagnosed as not everyone comes out with bul'seye rash more must be done to education people about other symptoms such as muscle pain, tiredness and headaches, as early diagnosis can make a huge difference in curing this terrible disease. This lovely girl's whole life is in turmoil she has had to give up her teaching job in St. Brendan's college in Killarney. The cost of 4 weeks treatment for her in Germany is €35,000 and she has to embark on a Go fund me campaign to help her get this treatment.

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TRAGIC DEATH IN KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK By Anne Lucey

An area near a popular woodland walkway was sealed off yesterday morning at Fossa, Killarney and a man was pronounced dead.

Emergency services were called to an incident which occurred shortly after 7.30am alongside the N72 and Fossa Walkway near the Golden Nugget Pub and Killarney Golf Course.

Killarney Gardai are investigating and are treating it as a tragic incident.



The Fossa Way from the Golden Nugget to the Golf Club was closed to the public on Thursday morning by An Garda Síochána.

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Walk on the wild side: At the Gap of Dunloe, making plans for the Wander Wild Festival in Killarney, were chef Dela Torre, (left), Michael Crawley, Simone McCarthy and Ciara Treacy. The festival will take place from March 25-27. Picture: Valerie O'Sullivan



KILLARNEY TO TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Killarney will fully emerge from lockdown with a vengeance in the coming weeks when the town plays host to the long-awaited Wander Wild Festival, the first post pandemic festival event on the Wild Atlantic Way. Ireland's undisputed adventure capital is preparing to take a walk on the wild side with an innovative and exciting programme of events for outdoor enthusiasts, culture and food aficionados and those anxious to make that great escape.

The Wander Wild Festival in Killarney will run from March 25-27 inclusive and it will see the unprecedented limitations of the past two years banished to distant memory as springtime is enthusiastically embraced with pageantry, passion, drama, adventure and action-packed workshops.

Offering a great escape in Ireland's most spectacular adventure playground, with a contemporary and extensive line-up of events, Killarney will come alive with a full-on programme and large numbers of visitors are expected to descend on the town to join in the fun.

On the opening night of the festival, at 6.00pm, a spectacular opening equinox parade through the streets will dramatically celebrate the death of winter and the birth of spring and the flickering flame of a new dawn

will illuminate the town.

The adventures on offer throughout the weekend will include mountain hikes, kayak and boat trips on the lakes, a guided national park cycle, a photography workshop, orienteering, lake walks, rock climbing and abseiling adventures, night nature walks and a short film festival while plans for an exciting trail race are also at a very advanced stage.

A really novel and fun feature will be sunrise dips in the water at Dundag, yoga sessions at a fabulous wellness hub and great activities for children. An exciting town centre food trail will focus on the authentic tastes of Kerry food and drink and there will be music and fun in lively venues right through the weekend.

A number of high-profile guest speakers have been lined up to share their life experiences, including gifted writer and storyteller Michael Harding who is expected to explore rituals, love, the ocean, the human spirit – and chest pain.

"The Wander Wild Festival is a really fantastic opportunity for people to mark the declining pandemic by escaping for a few days to enjoy our awe-inspiring park, mountains and our town, among friends old and new," said organising committee chairman Pat Chawke.

KILLARNEY ATHLETE AND COACH TO ATTEND

PARALYMPICS IRELAND TOKYO 2020 AWARDS

Jordan Lee and his coach Tomas Griffin along with the rest of the team that represented Ireland at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will gather in Dublin Castle today, Friday, 4th February for the Paralympics Ireland Tokyo 2020 Awards Ceremony.

Athletes, coaches, and support staff of Team Ireland will be joined by An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, Minister Catherine Martin, Minister Jack Chambers and Japanese Ambassador to Ireland Mitsuru Kitano to celebrate the fantastic achievements of Team Ireland in Tokyo.

The Paralympics Ireland Tokyo 2020 Awards will represent the first time that the full team that competed at Tokyo 2020 will have been able to come together. The event will celebrate the achievements of the entire Irish Paralympic Team, who returned home from Tokyo with seven Paralympic medals, a host of Personal Best performances and some amazing memories for those that were in attendance and those who

watched on from home.

The Tokyo 2020 Awards will recognise the achievements of the Team Ireland athletes and staff in a number of categories including Outstanding Male Performance, Outstanding Female Performance, Outstanding Debut Performance, Young Paralympian of the Games, and Outstanding Contribution to the Irish Paralympic Team (Athlete and Non-Athlete).

The Awards will also recognise the achievements in other areas including Outstanding Media Contribution to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and Best Photograph of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Also presented on the night will be the President's Award, Irish Paralympic Order, and an inductee to the Paralympics Ireland Hall of Fame.

The event will be presented by RTÉ's Daráine Mulvihill and will be live streamed on the Paralympics Ireland website from 3pm on Friday, 4th February.



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Students at St. Brigid's Secondary School enjoyed a fun day to celebrate their 15th anniversary of the signing of their CEIST Charter.

Ms. Lucey kicked off Ceiliúradh celebrations at the School with the lighting of the CEIST candle on Tuesday morning last.

Both students and staff are thrilled to mark 15 years since our CEIST Charter was signed.

The vision of CEIST is to provide a compassionate and just society inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The core values of CEIST are intended to support and nourish the lives of the people who are at the heart of our schools – students, staff and parents. These are the members of the school; their rights must be respected and their responsibilities should be performed in a manner which promotes the spiritual development of each person, achieves quality in teaching and learning, shows respect for every person, creates a sense of community and is founded on compassion and justice. These values can only be lived out if students, staff and parents work together for the common good of all. In CEIST schools processes should be put in place to deal with areas of conflict and disagreement so that the dignity of all members of the school can be protected.

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These values include:

Promoting Spiritual and Human Development

Achieving Quality in Teaching and Learning

Showing Respect for Every Person

Creating Community



Principal Mairead Lucey pictured with Ms. Neary and Ms. McElligott and students Tara Donnelan and Holly Power.

Being Just and Responsible

To celebrate this important day there are numerous activities planned for today, which include 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students going to the Cinema, TY students will be climbing Strickeen, LCA students will be going to the The Caddyshack for a spot of golf followed by hot chocolate, 5th years will enjoy a walk and some pizza and 6th years will be enjoying afternoon tea.

SHARON SETS UP NEW KERRY CONCERT CHOIR

with Sharon to be part of the main music theme!

Sharon, a classically trained soprano with a master's degree in Early Music and Chant, and PhD from the Irish World Academy, University of Limerick, is setting up a new exciting adult choir 'Kerry Concert Choir' – First ten-week term commences on Monday 7th February, from 7.00pm – 9.00pm, at Killarney Racecourse, Ross Road. No previous experience necessary.

Sharon's professional engagements include, soloist in Handel's Messiah, Fauré's Requiem and Bach's St John's Passion most notably in St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin. Previously she set up Pro Nuova, a contemporary liturgical music group. She has received many scholarships and awards over the years including a Fulbright Scholarship to study music in the US, which led to performing at a UN conference. Performances also include appearances at the NCH, on national television, on many RTÉ religious affairs programmes, singing for Pope Francis, for state events such as the annual 1916 Remembrance Service and funeral of former President Patrick Hillery.

Sharon is gifted with an impressive range of repertoire spanning from medieval chant to the modern day. For more information about Kerry Concert Choir please email kerryconcertchoir@gmail.com or Call or text 087 6077344

A classically trained soprano who has also worked on a major TV series is setting up a choir in Killarney.

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Sharon also performed in the gripping TV Series 'Vikings' - That garnered millions of dedicated fans around the world. The accomplished soprano Dr. Sharon Lyons, now based in Kerry, famously sang the haunting 'Sacrifice' in Season 1, Episode 8, a blend of improvised Celtic and Latin sounds. Sharon appeared live in the traditional pilgrimage to the temple in Uppsala scene. MVG (Mad Viking Games) has just signed a contract

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Do you think you have some ideas about what to do but aren't exactly sure? Perhaps you are sure what you need to do but for one reason or another haven't quite got round to acting on those thoughts or ideas. If so, coming along to the Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-op (KSEC) "Reduce Your Energy Costs" roadshow could help. The next event of which will be held in Killarney on the 16th February in the Killarney Heights Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

The LEADER funded roadshow events are delivered by energy consultant Colm Ó hAonghusa and are free to the public and comprise three main parts.

During part 1 which will kick off on the 16th February Colm will go through various free or low cost actions you can take in your home to reduce your energy wastage and your energy bills. At this session participants also receive free energy saving tip mini guides to take home. In part 2 which will be held on Wednesday March 2nd back in the Killarney Heights Hotel, Colm will cover information on renewable energy

and what is involved in retrofitting your home.

For part 3, Colm will also be carrying out free home/business visits, where he will walk and talk property owners through actions they can take with specific regard to their own property. Participants who fill in a questionnaire regarding their property and return it by the second session will be eligible for consideration for a free visit.

If you would like to join us for the Killarney leg of the roadshow booking is essential.

You can book your ticket via KSEC's Eventbrite page <https://bit.ly/342Tbce>. Any questions regarding KSEC or the events can also be directed to Sylvia Thompson, KSEC Secretary, e-mail: info@ksec.ie or Anne-Marie Fuller, KSEC Chairperson amfuller@ksec.ie

Information is also available through Facebook: @kerryenergycoop and KSEC's website www.ksec.ie



Pictured are: Mary Jo Quigley, Sylvia Thompson, Anne-Marie Fuller and John Walker



There was great fun and excitement around Presentation Castleisland last week as the school celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year was Living Life to the Full and the school rose to the occasion, organising a number of events throughout the week, culminating in a spectacular flash mob dance on Friday afternoon.

Celebrating Grandparents

"We decided that this year we would encourage our students to live out the theme", Religion teacher Ms. O'Connor said. "Students read reflections over the intercom each morning to mark the thought for the day. Two days stood out for us in particular during the week. On Wednesday, Grandparent's Day was celebrated, and we organised a photography exhibition where the students could share how they have been creative, active and involved and how they have managed to remain connected to their grandparents during Covid."

Flash Mob Dance

Friday's theme was Moving Forward Together.

"We see our school as having a great tight knit community spirit" Ms. O'Connor said, "and we wanted to do something which would include the wider Presentation Community also". As a result, the Religion, PE and Wellbeing departments got together to organise a flash mob dance to the song 'Blinding Lights' in the school's front yard on Friday afternoon. The whole school community was involved - all staff and pupils. Some former students even returned for the occasion. The students practiced during their PE classes and the staff practiced at every available opportunity at break and after school, much to the amusement



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WITH A DIFFERENCE IN PRESENTATION CASTLEISLAND

of the students.

Celebrating life

The video of the school's dance has gone viral on social media. Principal Mr. Dargan said "We wanted to mark the idea of living life to the full with our students by encouraging them to be active and involved, and to express their creativity, gifts and talents. It was wonderful to have the Presentation Sisters join us for the event, as the whole school danced, laughed and lived life to full". Mr. Dargan added "The student experience is at the heart of what we do at Presentation Castleisland. It is important that students enjoy and look forward to coming to school, and go home every day with a smile on their faces. Catholic Schools Week this year certainly fulfilled that objective for us, and we look forward to organising similar events again".



Students from Presentation School in Castleisland pictured enjoying Catholic Schools Week

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It's the talk of the town.....

With Anne Lucey



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

THE ICONIC STRAWBERRY TREE

The biggest Strawberry Tree in Ireland may not be in Killarney at all, I was shocked to discover last week.

It is at the back of Newman House, the original UCD, where the great cardinal and founder of the Catholic University composed "The Idea of A University". (We could badly do with re-reading that fine essay, to recover the ideals we once aspired to for third level education).

I had gone to the building which is now the Irish Museum of literature on the southern side of Stephen's Green to muse over writing. I left thinking about trees.

Then again trees and academies and literature are never far from each other. James Joyce dreamed up Molly Bloom under the branches of the Strawberry Tree, I would guess. His graduation picture is taken under the neighbouring ash tree.

Moya Cannon who was well known at Killarney poetry readings during her time as writer-in-residence here is reflected, readers of The Killarney Outlook will be interested to know.

Back to the trees: we are constantly of late hearing from environmentalists about the "majestic" oak woods of Killarney and the "ancient" yew woods and how important they are in the European context.

Yet the delightful strawberry tree is far nearer, and I would say dearer, to the old stock of Killarney.

We have a fine old hotel The Arbutus Hotel called after it; during the 1990s one of the best rated restaurants in Ireland was The Strawberry Tree in College Street; and in the 1950s and '60s the children here had no more favourite drink than the locally made Arbutus Orange, direct from the Killarney Mineral Water Factory.

There is a lovely café table under the giant arbutus in Dublin and their big problem each morning is brushing away the gold and red berries, the waiter told us as we sat out in the fine weather of last week.

The berries, out now, along with the flowers, are perfect for jams as well as drinks - and even alcohol in Portugal.

It has a beautiful red peeling bark and is closely related to of all things the rhododendron, I discovered.

It is as native a tree as any, was far more widespread once upon a time and was used for making charcoal. It is listed as of



the seven shrub trees in medieval Ireland. But there is very little about it. It is as overlooked in Irish history as it is now in Killarney! It might be time to start planting it in the back garden.

ST BRIDGET TO BE RECOGNISED WITH A BANK HOLIDAY



Kate O Leary, Eve Culhane and Ava O' Sullivan pictured at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School on St. Brigid's Day - February 1st with their St. Brigid's Crosses.

For years, to be a biddy was not exactly a term of endearment. A "right auld biddy", could be applied to women of all ages. And to men too, at times.

There was no equivalent term for men. I have no recollection of "a right auld paddy", for instance.

I am not suggesting we should all go around disparaging men, simply to balance things up.

The new balance is in a new respect for Bridget and this St Bridget' Day/ Biddy's Day has been more marked than usual.

Next year, 101 years since women were airbrushed out of the foundation of this State, and everything else, it is to be a bank holiday. Remarkably few secondary schools in Munster, outside a scattering in Kildare and Leinster, are called after her. With the exception of our Killarney St Brigid's I know of no other in Kerry. What a proud day that will be in 2023 for the Killarney secondary school and all those who sail in her.

But I hope the celebrations of St Bridget's Day next year will not be too serious and pofaced.

I predict there will be a lot of debate about whether to call her Brid/Brigid/Bridget and how her name must be properly spelled. The Tuiseal Ginideach and all the grammatical regulations will all be thrashed to bits, too, no doubt.

This week already, there are attempts to paint her as a "a major figure" in pagan festival of Imbolc; She is also been shown as a fearsome, dreadfully sad and severe icon. But in the folk memory in the shadow of the Reeks where she still lives a bit, the true Bridget always had a bit of "divillment", and fun, attached to her. And her anger was never for long.

The funny approachable Bridget of Bridget

Jones's Diary might be nearer the true picture.

TOURIST MATTERS FOCUS ON SHORT TERM LETTINGS

The council have confirmed to Councillor Brendan Cronin that on foot of the planning enforcement warning letters to 183 Airbnbs in Killarney MD, last year, two planning applications have been made to change the use of a dwelling to a holiday home for short term letting. Some 94 files are closed for various reasons. And the remainder - in other words 87 properties - are active and "are being pursued" by the local authority.

I have been trying without much success to isolate exactly how the council is going this whole business. I still am not sure how the properties have been selected, or whether they are wholly within what is no longer the old urban area.

I have been trying to get the context and to find out the full rundown on properties that have planning permission to operate for tourist letting, not only in Killarney but in the whole of Kerry.

I have also been trying to get the numbers in the various categories of B&Bs, guesthouses and hotels which would seem like basic planning information.

I resorted to a Freedom of Information Request. And indeed, there are no numbers because no planning register is kept by Kerry County Council which "captures" this, to use the council's parlance.

"There is no register available of properties that have planning for short-term letting nor is there a requirement to have one. For 2021, a total of 49 properties registered with Kerry County Council. There is no breakdown per Municipal District," was the response on the short-lets.

I still can't fully understand what is going on here.

It is probably fair to assume that the warning letters in Killarney have led to the first ever planning register for tourist accommodation and that all 49 are in Killarney.

The recent meeting of the council in Killarney heard from the head of planning enforcement how the letters have been sent in Killarney because council has "a statutory duty to enforce short term letting arrangements".

Killarney is a rent pressure zon the letters went to properties that could be available for long term letting, and the council was taking a reasonable approach, Ger O'Brien said.





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Mr O'Donoghue continued "Our recent success is not the end, it is just a step along the path. We continue to foster a culture of responsibility to the environment and personnel at all levels of the company. Our Corporate Responsibility Policy reflects our long term strategic goals including defining targets for quantifiable KPIs across emissions, energy and employee health. We are signatories to the United Nations Compact on Human Rights and as part of the Liebherr Group we are participating in a group wide sustainability drive, reflecting a further commitment to the future of our planet with more transparency across our supply chains."

KERRY GREENS APPOINT NEW CHAIRPERSON

Paul Bowler has been appointed as the chairperson of The Kerry branch of the Green Party at its recent AGM and the its four local electoral area reps – Anluan Dunne (Tralee) Diarmaid Griffin (Killarney) Peadar Ó Fionnáin (Dingle) and Cleo Murphy (Kenmare) – were reaffirmed at the meeting.

"We have four strong local area representatives and I'm looking forward to supporting them, while also engaging with the wider membership," said Mr. Bowler, a native of Lixnaw and a social care worker

"Our Kerry membership increased over the past year, and I'm interested in hearing from anyone who would like to be part of climate action and social justice in this county. We have room for people in policy, campaigns, and issues – as

well the political arena."

Mr. Bowler also pointed to the work Green Party in Government.

"Our ministers are performing well, bringing forward developments in public transport, organic farming, and active travel to help us make the necessary changes to mitigate against climate change.

"Ministers Roderic O'Gorman and Joe O'Brien have also been progressive on social and community issues respectively. Minister Catherine Martin has been effective in supporting the tourism industry, so vital to us here in Kerry, through Covid, and Minister Malcolm Noonan has been a regular visitor to the county

"We will shortly be announcing the Town Centres First strategy, which the Green Party

pushed to have included in the Programme for Government. Kerry needs life brought back into its towns and villages. Milltown has already been earmarked for Town Centre planning and I'm looking forward to more supports for towns around the county."

Paul Bowler can be contacted on 087 799 8487 at paulakerryman@gmail.com



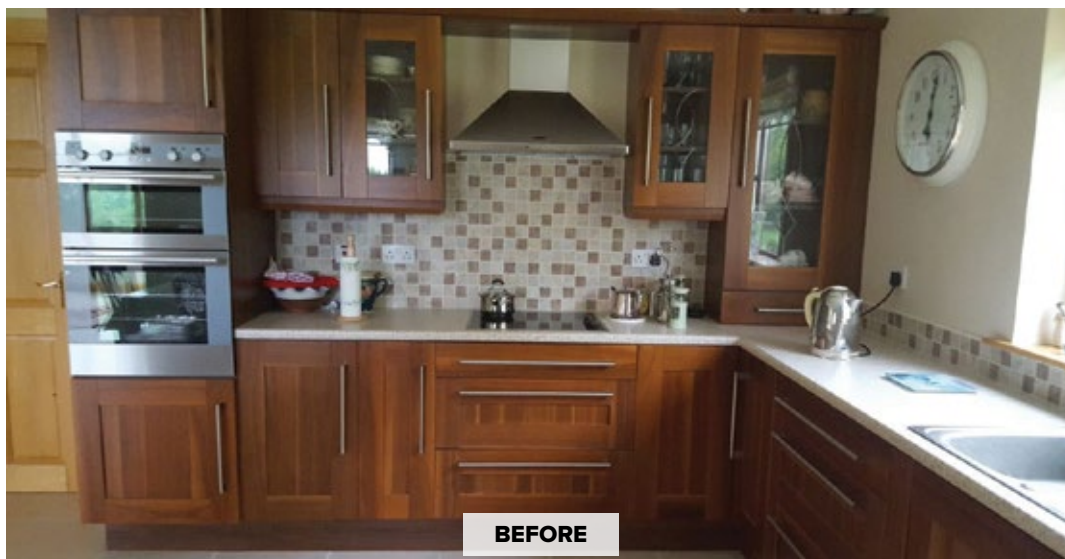
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MAYOR LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND 2022

Kerry County Council has today announced the first of three community funds which will provide significant financial supports to community and voluntary organisations and projects across the county. The 2022 Community Support Fund was launched today by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Jimmy Moloney and details will be announced over the next two weeks of separate funding streams to support some operational costs for community groups as well as investment in festivals and events in the county in 2022.

Community groups can now apply to the Community Support Fund through the Kerry County Council website and the closing date is Monday, 21 February. A total of €750,000 is being made available through this year's scheme. The fund, which is now in its eighth year, has supported over 2,500 projects since 2015.

Cllr Moloney said: 'I warmly welcome the provision of this funding for community groups. Over the past few years, millions have been invested in worthwhile projects and initiatives across the county and which have enormous benefits for every community in the county. I would encourage voluntary and community groups to apply at the earliest opportunity.'



Pictured at the launch of the Community Support Fund for 2022 in Listowel are from left; Cllr Jimmy Moloney, Cathaoirleach, Kerry County Council, Joan Flavin and Rose Wall, Listowel Business & Community Alliance and Mike Scannell, Director, Economic & Community Development, Kerry County Council. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

There are four main categories eligible for funding this year including:

Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities
Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects
Community Economic Innovation
Community Tourism, Festivals and Events

Queries should be referred by email to the Municipal District which groups are applying to or by contacting the Community and Tourism Department at Kerry County Council on (066) 7183680.

Over the next two weeks, Kerry County Council will publish details of the new Community Activities Fund as well as the Festivals and Events Fund for 2022.

FORMER PRINCIPAL OF ST. BRIGID'S PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL PASSES AWAY

There was widespread sadness in Killarney last weekend when the death of Sr. Peter (Mary) Horan, a sister at the Presentation Convent, Killarney was announced. Formerly of Brosna, Sr. Peter passed away peacefully in the loving care of the staff of Our Lady Of Lourdes Care Facility, Kilcummin, Killarney.

Sr. Peter was born in 1928 and entered the Presentation Sisters in 1947. She started teaching in 1949 as a primary teacher and then worked as a secondary teacher of French, Latin and Irish here in the Pres from 1954 to 1974. Sr. Peter travelled to Zambia in the 70's and was the first nun from Kerry to be a missionary with the Holy Rosary Sisters. During her time in Zambia, Sr. Peter taught secretarial skills and needlework and epitomized the Presentation ethos always working for those disadvantaged. Sr. Peter

was asked to come back to the Pres in Killarney as Principal and held this role from 1978 to 1982.

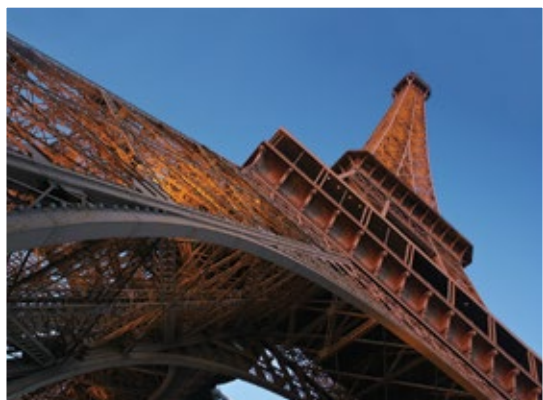
"By all accounts, she was a formidable lady and will be forever remember by the Pres community", a statement from the school said.

Sr. Peter's requiem mass took place on Monday 31st January in the Cathedral at 10.30am. The student council attended the mass and held a guard of honor afterwards.



SEAMUS CAPTURES THE WINNING SHOT FOR JANUARY COMPETITION

With the theme of "Low Angle", Killarney camera held their January competition with the focus on an eclectic range of subjects photographed from low angles. Well done to all who rose to the challenge and to Seamus Long the winner in the Unrestricted category and to Deirdre Donohue, in the Novice category.



"I have many photographs of the Eiffel Tower from my many visits to Paris over the years. This time, I wanted to get something out of the ordinary and decided to photograph it from underneath one of

the arches to create a dynamic composition. I took the photograph in the evening, just after the artificial lights on the tower were turned on but with effective natural light still in the sky," Seamus said.

Top three in each category

Unrestricted category:

1st Place: Seamus Long, Image 15, Eiffel Tower, 175 points
2nd Place: Ade Desbrow, Image 17, Mycena, 173 points
3rd Place: Tina Costigan, Image 11, Tangerine Dreams, 168 points

Novice category:

1st Place: Deirdre Donohue, Image 2, Uprooted, 163 points
Joint 2nd Place: Eamon Fleming, Image 20, Lola the Showgirl, 161 points
Joint 2nd Place: Eoin Foley, Image 14, Lighting The Way, 161 points
3rd Place: Conor Healy, Image 7, Roches Point Lighthouse, 154 points

See our blog post for a link to all the images on Flickr.

<https://killarneycameraclub.ie/2022/01/28/2022-jan-low-angle-theme/>
The Club continues to meet fortnightly on Thursday night via Zoom. Hopefully in the coming months we can return to physical meetings. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining can email secretary@killarneycameraclub.ie.



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The Biddies are back...

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The Biddies are back...After 2 years members of Kilgobnet Biddy Group, Beaufort, Co Kerry, met at Kilgobnet National School and marched to Sheehans Cross, and onto Kissane's Shop in Beaufort. The tradition of the Biddies is one of the oldest and most colourful customs in Ireland, a blend of pagan and christian pageantry, held on the 1st February each year. Heralding the beginning of Springtime and honouring St Bríd the patron saint of the farming community.

Pictured on right: Mike Coffey, Captain, left, and Michael Leane, holding the Brideog, met at Kilgobnet National School



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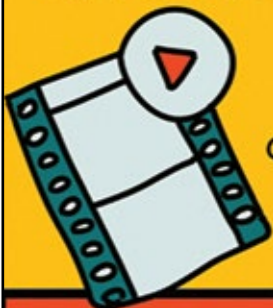
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NEW PLAY PROMISES HILARIOUS STORYLINE AT THEATRES THROUGHOUT KERRY

After almost two years, audiences throughout the Kingdom are set to enjoy a brand new play from Killarney playwright Ray O'Sullivan which will hit theatres all over Kerry next month.

'Weight Watching' is the latest original play by renowned playwright and actor Ray O'Sullivan and tells the hilarious but real-to-life story of Donie and Kissandra, two characters who appear to have nothing in common except a desire to shed pounds.

But temptation and life's cruel hand throw a spanner in the mix, leaving Donie and Kissandra with much more on their plate than they could have ever imagined.

The play embarks on its 'Back To Normal' tour next month, with performances in Castleisland, Banteer, Killorglin, Abbeydorney, Killarney and Bantry.

It's the third original play to hit the stage from O'Sullivan who has already found huge success with two previous plays, 'The Rise and Rise of the Healy-Raes' and 'A Papal Blessing'.

O'Sullivan himself also stars in his latest play, along with the hugely talented Mary Hickey who, in 2014, did Kerry proud when she was the county's representative in the International Rose of Tralee.

For his latest play, O'Sullivan has joined up once again with writer and journalist Aidan O'Connor as director, who also directed sell-out tours of 'The Rise and Rise of the Healy-Raes'.

"There were times over the past two years, with all that's been happening, when I genuinely thought that this play might never see the stage. Now that audiences are finally getting to go to theatres again, it gives all of us



a huge sense of excitement," Ray O'Sullivan said.

Director Aidan O'Connor said that through his latest play, once again Ray O'Sullivan has proven his natural gift of storytelling.

"Ray has a unique and natural ability to take stories from an idea to a full theatre production. But above all, it is Ray's deep appreciation of character, relationships and insight into the human condition which makes all of his work a pleasure to direct," said Director Aidan O'Connor.

Weight Watching opens at the Ivy Leaf Theatre, Castleisland, at 8pm on February 17. Performances will also be held at The Glen Theatre, Banteer (February 19), CYMS Killorglin (February 24), Abbeydorney (February 26), INEC Acoustic

Club (February 27), and Westlodge Hotel Bantry (March 5).

Tickets can be booked with Ray on 087 2279657 and directly with INEC@0646671555.

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KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAUNCH NEW WEBSITE AND SCHOOL APP



The launch of a brand new website and school app platform took place this week at Killarney Community College.

Designed to meet the digital demands of a modern school, the new platform is contemporary, vibrant and responsive. The school website, updated daily, provides a unique, evolving window into life at the school. The integrated app is a unique development and a very important source of communication, allowing the school community to stay up to date with the latest school news, messages and upcoming events. The App is easy to use and navigate and parents can easily manage school absences.

A big thank you to Kerry Footballer and teacher David Clifford who took time out to officially launch the new digital platform this week at the College.

L-R Principal Stella Loughnane, Kate Luccini, teacher David Clifford, Christopher Healy and Irene Rudea

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By Billy Ryle

What a difference a year makes! Just twelve months ago unemployment figures made for shocking reading. 20% of the national workforce was out of work. Kerry's unemployment rate of 25% was the worst in the country. Kerry's workers were also worst hit by the pandemic with a staggering 45% on State benefits. Counties, like Kerry, which are highly dependent on tourism and retail, were devastated by the lockdown.

Lo and behold, the Central Bank's first quarterly bulletin of 2022 paints a much rosier picture and forecasts a budget surplus in 2023, two years earlier than had been predicted. The Central Bank forecasts that the Irish economy will boom for the next three years as we leave the pandemic behind. The economy has gathered strong momentum and is expected to provide full employment by 2024, much earlier than previously expected. Employment is set to grow by about 7% to 2024, driven by a record number of women in the workplace, probably as a result of wage increases and more flexible working conditions. It is expected that the jobless rate will fall to 5.8% in 2022, to 5.3% in 2023 and to 4.6% in 2024, which the Central Bank defines as full employment. The Central Bank did strike a note of caution as the country gets close to a position of full employment. Labour shortages are already beginning to emerge and the job vacancy rate has reached the highest level on record.

These figures are great news for college applicants, those interested in apprenticeships and those going directly into employment after the Leaving Cert exam. Opportunities were never better for those with a strong work ethic and a skills' set to meet the demands of a thriving economy. There will be a job for everybody who is willing to work. College applicants are acutely aware of employment opportunities in a buoyant economy. They are buying into the notion that the jobs market is their oyster if they are well educated with a marketable qualification.

College applicants are opting in large numbers for science, engineering and information technology courses. Science is riding the crest of a wave with attractive jobs available in industrial, medical and research science. In the current 'green wave', environmental, agricultural, marine and physical sciences are employment friendly.

The acceleration of social media platforms, artificial intelligence, data analysis, automation and digital communication during the pandemic has forever changed long established business practices. Many more business transactions are taking place online so the demand for courses in analytical and digital skills, e-business, software and coding skills has increased.

The critical need for housing and infrastructure will result in strong demand for courses in civil, mechanical, electrical, environmental and structural engineering, architecture, quantity surveying, valuation surveying, property management and auctioneering.

Front line healthcare workers – Doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses, Physiotherapists and allied health care staff were the heroes of Ireland's battle with the virus. Demand for all courses in health sciences will be at an all-time high this year.

Civil and Public service jobs showed how resistant they are to unpredictable economic circumstances. Every civil and public service worker remained on the State payroll while thousands of private sector workers depended on a variety of pandemic payments. Thankfully, after two difficult years, private sector employment, in areas like tourism, retail and hospitality, should make a strong recovery in 2022.

With so much emphasis in the jobs market on skilled and well-qualified personnel, college

applicants are aware that their chances of employment are considerably increased by a competitive qualification. The demand for skilled crafts people is at an all-time high for those who would prefer to 'earn and learn.' Young people are looking at the skills' set needed in the work environment of the future. They realise that a strong work ethic, high-digital skills, adaptability and a passion for one's qualification makes one more employable in a rapidly changing work environment. The bounce is back in the economy so carpe diem!

CHECKLIST

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- Labour shortages are already beginning to emerge
- The job vacancy rate has reached its highest level on record.
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In between the Celiúradh Ceist Celebrations students were busy making St. Brigid's crosses to mark the patron saint today. Pictured at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary on February 1st are Sara Bozek, Caoimhe O' Halloran and Lily McCarthy



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GIFTS OF LOVE CARDS RAISE €2,785 FOR TROCAIRE

The sale of Trocaire Gifts of love cards at the Friary during the month of December has raised an amazing €2,785.

The new Gifts of Love collection includes water filters (€40) and emergency water supply (€20) to support communities in developing countries hit by ongoing drought. The broad range of gifts also include dignity packs to help young girls out of period poverty (€10) and mental health support for women and children traumatised by the ongoing conflict in Gaza (€50).

"It has been an amazing success". Anne Marie O'Leary from The Friary Office told Killarney Outlook.

"We have decided to keep the sale of the Gift of Love cards going and are also selling beautiful blessed rosary beads for €5 each. These are made at a project in Uganda by the Mkikko Widows Support Group which is run by the Irish Franciscan Sisters and supported by Trocaire. The proceeds go directly to the widows and would make a beautiful gift for someone", she added. When you buy a sustainable and ethical gift from the Trócaire Gifts range, you receive a beautiful card with details of the Trócaire Gift. The gift is



Pictured at The Friary on Monday are from left: Sue McDonough, Joan Wright, Anne Marie O'Leary and Fr. Eamonn O'Driscoll.



The Rosary Beads are still for also for sale at The Friary Gift Shop.

sourced in the country and given to a family in need. A family in need receives the gift, helping them change their lives.

The gifts aim to ensure that people don't reach the traumatic point where they have to rely on emergency humanitarian aid and gives people the opportunity to buy a meaningful present from as little as €5 that will change the life of somebody in dire need.

There are 21 Trócaire 'Gifts of Love' to choose from ranging in price from €5 (soap for families in Sudan) to €1000 (repairing a well for communities in South Sudan.)

"We have decided to continue to sell the Love

Cards as there has been lots of interest from people who have given the gifts for birthdays presents, so we are hoping that everyone will continue to support this wonderful project" Anne Marie added.



ST. BRIGID'S DAY EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR ADAPT

Over 20 people gathered on Tuesday 1st of February to celebrate the Feast Day of Brigid at an event hosted by Kerry Walker of The Nature Hub in Beaufort.

Those in attendance at the charity gathering sought to revive some of the traditions and customs of Brigid a.k.a. Mhuire na nGael. The day marks the beginning of spring in the Celtic calendar and is also known as Imbolc. Spring is an important time in nature as

the dormancy of winter begins to stir. As the days get longer and Covid restrictions are lifted there is a sense of hope and new beginnings in the air.

The gathering allowed attendees to socialise and share insights into what Brigid's Day means to them while crafting a traditional Brigid's Cross from soft rushes.

Some attendees hadn't made a Brigid's cross in many, many years but were able to do so eventually through the assistance of oathers. The outdoor event was a great success with attendees enjoying the scones, cake and company. €500 was raised for Adapt Kerry- Women's Refuge and Support Services.

Catherine from Adapt Kerry was in attendance and said 'I am so happy to be in such a beautiful setting here in The Nature Hub surrounded by supporters of our charity. All donations are most welcome to help us continue our vital work as the only Women's Refuge in Kerry'.

'It was wonderful to share this natural space today with people of all ages and revive the traditional crafts and customs of Ireland in a community setting' says Kerry Walker who hosted the event.





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St Patrick's Day Parades



Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill has asked Kerry County Council to be as generous as they can possibly be, in response to any applications received by them from local Parade Committees, Chamber Alliances, etc, for funding of St Patrick's Day Parades and festivities which have been missing from our calendars for the past two years due to Covid-19 restrictions.

"This years St Patrick's Day Parade will be extra

special in communities all over Kerry due to the lockdown restrictions being recently lifted and people need to plan now to have it all arranged in time" stated Councillor Cahill.

"In addition to lifting the restrictions, the Government has designated Friday 18th of March as a Bank Holiday, so the festivities will be over a long week-end, Thursday to Sunday. This can be a joyous celebration for everyone, as we emerge out of lockdown restrictions at all different levels" said the Deputy Mayor of Kerry County Council and Cathaoirleach of Kenmare Municipal District.

"Kerry County Council can contribute to this being a St Patrick's Day to remember by supplying funding to local organisations to mark our new freedom. We are all looking forward with confidence to our recovery, both on the health and business front and St Patrick's Day 2022 is where it starts" said Councillor

Cahill.

"I received confirmation at this month's Municipal District meeting that the Community Support Fund will be launched and opened to applications next week and St Patrick's Day Parades and festivities will be grant aided. This is wonderful news and I would advise all organising committees and Chamber Alliances to apply and help make this year's Parades in our towns and villages extra special for the people of Kerry and all visitors to the county" stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"I would like to extend my thanks in advance to Martin O Donoghue, Area Manager and Director of Services Housing and Human Resources and to Siobhán Griffin, Development Officer at Kerry Community & Voluntary Forum for their cooperation and understanding" added Councillor Cahill.

FULL IN-DEPTH REVIEW NEEDED OF IRISH TOURISM OFFERING says MEP Kelleher

- Average spend is not as high as it could and should be -

Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher has said that the re-opening of society and the economy should prompt an in-depth analysis and wider discussion on Ireland's tourism offering into the future.

"Data from before the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic indicated that tourism contributed just over \$6 billion to the Irish economy. While this is an important source of income for businesses, communities and the State, we need to look at how we compare to other countries to ascertain if we are maximising our potential.

"Iceland, a small and quite isolated country, received €2.9 billion in 2018 from tourism with just over 2 million visitors. Ireland, while having 9 million visitors, only received double that amount (€5.8 billion).

"Something is going wrong in the sense that visitors to our shores aren't spending as much as other people visiting other markets. This needs to be investigated and a plan put in place to ensure that our massive tourism numbers bring increased spending.

"We have an amazing tourism offering - there is no doubt in my mind that we can match any country in the world but something is not working if we aren't generating as much income as other countries.

"The average tourist spend per day in Ireland is €72, according to Tourism Ireland. This compares poorly to an average spend of roughly €140 in Iceland.

"We need to know why our incoming tourists aren't spending as much as visitors to other countries. High visitor numbers mean very little if they aren't spending money and supporting and creating jobs.

"This is the time to start investigating and analysing. Consumers, and their preferences, have been affected by the pandemic. Their priorities have also changed I believe. I think Tourism Ireland and the Irish Government should take the time and investigate where we are, re-evaluate our markets and potential visitors, and plan to grow our tourism market and tourism spend," concluded Kelleher.



FUNDING TO RESUME FOR KERRY MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen has welcomed the news that following his motion at the Municipal meeting Kerry County Council confirmed, funding will resume and be made available for Kerry mountain Rescue in 2022.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen asked what support and assistance can Kerry County Council give to Kerry Mountain Rescue.

The reply to his motion was: The Council acknowledges the very significant work and important role fulfilled by Kerry Mountain Rescue. The Council has had a long

association with them and financial contributions have historically been made to this organisation and it is hoped this will continue. The Council will engage further with Kerry mountain Rescue on this issue.



BEAUFORT WATER MAINS

Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill has welcomed the fact that further improvements will be carried out to the water supply in Beaufort this week as Kerry County Council, on behalf of Irish Water, begin the replacement of 400 metres of water mains from Green Road to Loe Bridge.

The Deputy Mayor of Kerry County Council and Cathaoirleach of Kenmare Municipal District has consistently lobbied Irish Water over the years in regard to the

continuous water outages in Beaufort.

"This is welcome progress in solving the chronic water supply problems endured by the people of Beaufort over an extended period and is not before time" "Kerry County Council also advise that 'On completion of this 400M length, a further plan will be put in place for the works in the vicinity of The Beaufort Bar'. This is more good news to see the progress continuing" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

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Aidan Joy (Health and Safety Officer + Woodwork/Construction Studies teacher at Castleisland Community College) pictured in the new upgraded Woodwork room in Castleisland Community College.

In 2021, Aidan Joy (Woodwork Teacher and Health and Safety Officer for Castleisland Community College) along with Teresa Lonergan (Principal) were successful in their application to the Department of Education and Skills for funding to replace the dust extraction system in the woodwork room.

Specialist engineers were contracted by the school and Kerry ETB to carry out an in-depth analysis of dust capture and procedures within the room. The upgrades received provide a healthier environment for students.

The full list of upgrades include:

- State of the Art Primary Dust Collection (associated electrical work)
- Centralised wood chip collector for Panel saw/Bandsaw/Planner Thicknesser (x1)
- Non-Centralised fine dust Coral Grindex collectors with Hepa Filters

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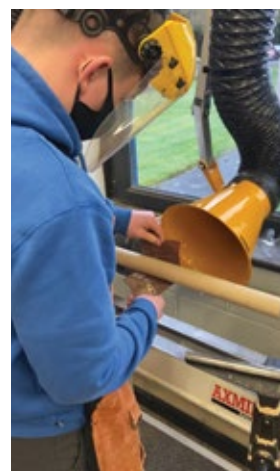
- Festool CTL 26E (with Hepa filters and boom arm) which connect to an array of portable power tools - Routers/Jigsaws/Dominos/Belt and orbital sanders.

These Festool vacuums also assist in vacuuming as opposed to brushing the classroom at the end of the school day - ensuring an exceptional clean work environment.

State of the Art Secondary Dust Collection (associated electrical work)

Suspended from the Ceiling - Jet Air Filtration Systems (x3) - for any dust that may become airborne.

These upgrades are only found in new school buildings and it is a credit to Aidan Joy, Teresa Lonergan, Padraig O Sullivan (Kerry ETB Building Officer) and Mary O Mahony (Egan Safety Solutions) for achieving this state of the art Woodwork/Construction Studies classroom.



Junior Certificate Woodwork student Kian Downey. Kian is using a wood turning lathe with a state of the art Hepa Coral Grindex and Coral swing arm for fine dust capture.

‘NEW LEAVING CERT ADJUSTMENTS WILL LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR STUDENTS’ - ASTI President

The ASTI has said it will support the new arrangements for the Leaving Certificate 2022 and in particular the changes announced to this year's written exams.

A critically important change announced today is the introduction of measures to ensure that aggregate Leaving Cert results in 2022 are no lower than last year.

"This will provide students with a level playing field as they progress to the next stage of their lives," said ASTI President Eamon Dennehy. The ASTI called for additional adjustments to written examinations in line with 2021. These adjustments will now be implemented.



"Our 2022 Leaving Certificate students have come through extraordinary challenges and much uncertainty over the past two years. It is essential that these students are provided with a Leaving Cert examination which is student-centred and responsive to the challenges they have experienced during the pandemic."

Mr Dennehy added that today's announcement gives clarity to students and teachers and provides for improved adjustments and greater choice in written exams.

"Students and their teachers can now have the confidence that the exams will be fair and transparent and will take into account the unique circumstances of the Leaving Cert 2022 cohort."

SELF-SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

Self-scheduled appointments are available for booking on [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie) for Covid-19 booster vaccinations for the public to book in Kerry over the next few days.

People can book appointments at vaccination centres on [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie) at this link:

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The Kerry Vaccination Centre is at the former Borg Warner site at Monavalley in Tralee and the Eircode is V92 HT21.

Appointments are available to book over the next few days as follows:

- On Thursday February 10th and Sunday February 13th - for people

aged 12 and older for 1st & 2nd vaccination doses and for people aged 16 and older for booster vaccinations.

It's important that you do not go to a vaccination centre if you have Covid-19; if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have been told to restrict your movements.

It's also important to check your eligibility online on [hse.ie](https://www.hse.ie) before you self-schedule your appointment, bearing in mind that you need to wait three months (at least 90 days) after your first round of Covid-19 vaccination before you can get a booster. If you had Covid-19 since you were vaccinated, you should get your booster dose at least three months after your positive test result.

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1 egg to glaze

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Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Lightly dust a flat baking tray with some flour.
2. Put the wholemeal flour into a large mixing bowl. Sieve the cream flour, salt and bread soda into the bowl. Mix the ingredients together with your fingers, or a wooden spoon.
3. Next rub in the butter/margarine, then mix in the sugar and mix together.
4. At this stage, put the lightly dusted tray into the oven to preheat.
5. Finally stir in buttermilk to make a soft dough. if u think the mix is too dry you can add a little bit more milk, Turn onto a lightly floured surface and gently knead for a few seconds. then Cut out scones with a scones cutter or a flour dusted plastic cup
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3 garlic cloves
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2 tablespoons rapeseed oil (30g)
½ lemon
1 teaspoon wholegrain mustard (5g)
½ teaspoon honey (2.5g)
120g goat's cheese
75g baby spinach leaves
salt (optional) and freshly ground black pepper

Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F. Cut the peppers in half, then remove the seeds and cut into slices. Break the rosemary into tiny sprigs and lightly crush the garlic cloves. Finely chop the sun-dried tomatoes.

Put the red peppers, rosemary and garlic in a large baking tin lined with parchment paper and drizzle over half of the oil. Toss until evenly coated and then season with salt (optional) and pepper.

Spread out in an even layer as possible and then roast for 20 minutes until cooked through and lightly golden, turning at least once or twice to ensure they cook evenly.

Meanwhile, make the dressing. Squeeze the juice from the lemon - you'll need 2 teaspoons and put in a screw-topped jar. Add the wholegrain mustard and honey. Season with salt (optional) and pepper, then shake well to combine.

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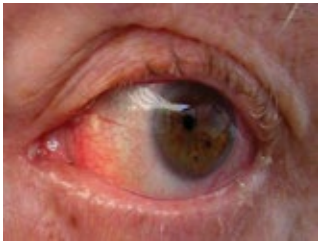
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Glaucoma may not have symptoms and this is why it is very important to have regular sight tests. Risk factors
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is being damaged. Eventually your central vision can be affected. This can be described as tunnel vision because it feels like looking down a long tube. It's important to have regular sight tests as open-angle glaucoma often does not have symptoms.

TREATMENT
Open-angle glaucoma is usually treated with eye drops which reduce the pressure in the eye. You will need to use these daily. Occasionally people with open-angle glaucoma need surgery to control the pressure.

SYMPTOMS
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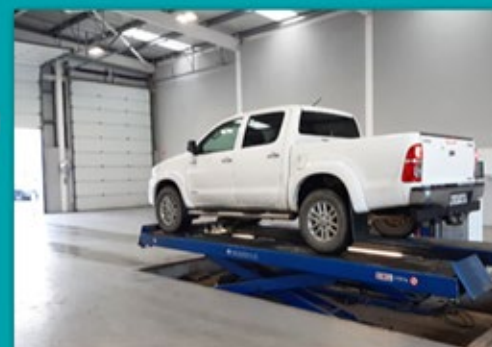


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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Irish University Indoor Championships were held last Saturday in Athlone. Ciara Kennelly represented DCU in the High Jump and claimed silver with a jump of 1.75 m. Sarah Leahy represented UL in the 60m where she came 3rd with a PB of 7.53sec and in the 200m where she came 2nd with a PB of 24.70 sec. Sarah was also on the UL Relay Team winning gold in 4x200m relay.

The National Masters Indoor Championships were held last Sunday. Mike Murphy flew the flag for Killarney Valley AC coming 3rd in the 60m M55.

All returning athletes must be registered before they return to training. All new members are welcome to join. Just visit the website killarneyvalleyac.ie where you will find all information on Training Schedules and How to Join.

Email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com for any queries.

Please keep an eye on your emails and also check our facebook/instagram page for any updated information on training.

Fia Whelan and Ali O'Donoghue who were on last week's Terrace Talk with Donal Barry discussing all things girls rugby and the big win for the U16's.

RESULTS

U14 Boys: Killarney Red 22 - Killorglin 7

U14 Boys: Killarney Black 15 - Abbeyfeale 30

U16 Boys: Killarney 13 - Bandon 12

Seniors: Killarney 7 - Tralee 10

FIXTURES

U18 Girls Development Bowl: Killarney V Bantry Bay, Saturday @ 12:30pm (Aghadoe)

U16 Girls Cup: Dolphin/Midleton/Youghal V Killarney, Saturday @ 11am (Town's Park)

U14 West Munster Conf A: Castlesisland V Killarney, Sat @ 12pm (Cragreens)

U14 West Munster Conf B: Killarney Black V Listowel, Sunday @ 2:30pm (Aghadoe)

Girls U14 Development Bowl: Fethard V Kilalrney, Sunday @12 (Fethard)

Seniors: Junior League Conf. E: Killarney V Castlesisland, Sunday @ 2:30pm (Aghadoe)



Sarah Leahy represented UL in the 60m where she came 3rd with a PB of 7.53sec and in the 200m where she came 2nd with a PB of 24.70 sec. Sarah was also on the UL Relay Team winning gold in 4x200m relay.

KILLARNEY RFC NEWS**MINI**

Last Saturday our Minis traveled en masse to Ballydavid to take on our friends at Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne for matches at U8, U10 and U12. Some amazing rugby on display and a huge thank you to the players, coaches and parents who travelled down to support. A wonderful day for all and a huge thanks to Gary Curran and all at RCD for the fantastic hospitality following the matches. Training continues this Saturday at Aghadoe for all ages and new players always welcome. Details: Liam Murphy 087-4145662.

TERRACE TALK

Well done to Diarmuid O'Malley, Anne Gabbett,



Members of the Killarney Rugby Club Under 10s who travelled to Ballydavid last Saturday.

KILLARNEY VENUE FOR MUNSTER BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

President of Munster Badminton Michael McGrath with Helen Browne and Samira Hayes (right) with winners Deina Vesko & Brid Murphy (left)



Ethan Tritschler with President of Munster Badminton Michael McGrath

Kerry hosted the Munster Senior (Premier) and Grade E Championships Closed in Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre on 30th January 2022.

Kerry did extremely well with Deina Vesko starting us off by winning the Ladies Grade E singles. Paddy Redmond reached the semi-finals of the Mens Grade E Singles coming up against a very strong Ethan Tritschler who went on to win.

Deina Vesko then went on to win the Ladies Doubles with Brid Murphy beating Samira Hayes and Helen Browne in the final.

To finish with a treble Deina Vesko then won the Mixed Doubles with

partner Paddy Redmond. On the other side of the draw Helen Browne and Cathal Donovan fought a good battle in the semi-finals of the Mixed Doubles.

Kerry also played their part in the Premier division with Edel Kenny and Ciara O'Connor reaching the semi-finals of the Ladies Doubles and Fergal Hannon in the semi-finals of both the Singles and the Mens Doubles. Thanks to our own Rita McCarthy for co-ordinating a well run Championship with Trudy Kennedy.



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ROSS GC (GENTS CLUB)

On Sunday Jan 30th our President Michael J Casey, Lady Captain Breda Farrell and Captain Donie Broderick held their Drive ins.

This was a great day with pleasant weather, the course in excellent condition and over seventy golfers taking part in a 10 hole mixed scramble. The scramble was organized by the Ladies Club and sponsored by Fexco and followed the Drive-ins.

We held the Prizegiving upstairs in the Clubhouse and this was also very well attended. The catering and social side of this event were also top class.

RESULT

On Jan 30th we held a 10 hole Mixed Scramble in conjunction with the Drive-ins. This was sponsored by Fexco.

The winners were :-

1: Ivo O'Sullivan, Stanley Wade, Mary Gorman, Ger Flynn.

FIXTURE

On Sat Feb 5th and Sunday Feb 6th we will hold a non qualifying single stableford competition with online entry available from 7pm on Thursday.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

CAPTAIN'S & PRESIDENT DRIVE IN

A huge turn-out for the Captain's & President Drive in on Sunday last 30th January 2022. Scramble was held after. Lady Captain is Breda O'Farrell, Men's Captain Donie Broderick and President is Mike Casey Congratulations to all the winners. A huge Thank You to Fexco for sponsoring the event.

RESULTS

1st: Ivo O'Sullivan, Mary Gorman, Stanley Wade & Ger Flynn

2nd: Tony Linehan, Mary Shanahan, Denis Casey & Anthony O'Mahony

3rd: Johnny Brosnan, Susan Shorten, Brian O'Connor & Jim Casey

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2nd: Maurice

McCarthy 14, Michael Crowley 14,

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3rd: Eugene Kennedy 7, Paul Twiss

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4th: Tomas Barry 6, James Curran 8,

Brian Holden 11, 120pts

5th: Adam Carey 11, Brendan Foley

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2022 MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that membership for the

2022 season will be due as of March 1st next.

Rates the same as last year with further details of collection available for next week's notes.

TIMMY LOONEY SNR

The club offers its condolences to Paudie, Timmy and Padraic Looney on the death of their father and grandfather Timmy Snr last week. May he Rest in Peace.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (MENS)

RESULTS 22ND/23RD JAN - GENTS

STABLEFORD (YELLOW TEES)



A huge turn-out for the Captain's & President Drive in on Sunday last 30th January 2022 at Ross Golf Club. Lady Captain is Breda O'Farrell, Men's Captain Donie Broderick and President is Mike Casey



The Tralee Golf Club 2022 Captains' Drive-In at Barrow took place over the weekend at the course Pictured Margaret Hayes & Michael Barrett President, Catherine McCarthy & Hugh O'Farrell Captain. Photo By: Domnick Walsh/Eye Focus.©

1st: John Looney (16) 40 pts

2nd: Captain Michael Barry (13) 40 pts

3rd: Denis O'Sullivan (6) 40 pts

4th: Paudie O'Connor (25) 40 pts

30th Jan - Captains Drive In Scramble

1st: Denis Cronin, Stephen Crooks, Geraldine Collins, 40 Nett

2nd: Pat Tangney, Vincent Darby, Paudie O'Connor, Niamh Quinlan, 40.1 net

FIXTURES

5th/6th February - Round 1 Spring League (18 Hole Stableford - Yellow Tees).

CHRISTMAS WALK RAISES €1300 FOR ADAPT



Jessica Fox accepting a cheque on behalf of ADAPT Womens refuge Tralee from James Looney (chairman) and John Courtney of Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club.

The annual Christmas walk held by the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage club took place on December 28th at the Racecourse in Killarney under strict covid guidelines.

This week, members of the club presented Jessica Fox from ADAPT Women's Refuge in Tralee with a cheque for €1,300.

The event attracted families from all over who took part in either a

3k or 5 k walk and made a donation to the worthy charity on the day.

Killarney School of Music were on hand to provide festive carols and entertain the gathering who also enjoyed festive treats.

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>GAA LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 31st January of the Jackpot for €4,000. Numbers drawn were 9,10,17,22. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Louise O'Sullivan, c/o Klub bar, Donal & Geraldine, Knockanore, JD O'Sullivan, Milleen, Kilcummin, Hugh O'Donoghue, Coolbane. Next Draw is Monday 14th February 2022, for a Jackpot of €4,250.

>VACANCY

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>JUNIOR SET DANCING

Junior Set Dancing classes continues every Friday in the Recreational

Hall. Children from 5 years upwards are welcome. Further info. contact Mary Moriarty on 087-9620135.

>KILCUMMIN NSJUNIOR INFANTS ENROLMENT

Kilcummin National School is currently enrolling for September 2022. Please contact Kilcummin National School by email at kill43163@gmail.com or 064 6643163. Enrolment application forms are now available on our website. Please see www.kilcumminns.com for further information. We look forward to hearing from you. Keep well and safe.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

Best wishes to Gneeveguilla and Seanie O'Leary in the All Ireland Junior Club final this week -end.

>EAST KERRY LEAGUE FIXTURE

Kilcummin are at home to Kenmare this Sunday in Rd 1 of the East Kerry senior League at 12 midday.

>COLLEGES FOOTBALL

Well done to the Sem on their victory in the Corn Ui Mhuiri semi final over Bandon on a score line of 1-20 to 3-12 after extra time. They now face the Tralee CBS in the final. While Dara O'Callaghan and Cian Foley were starters and Mark O'Shea was introduced, Oisín O'Leary, James Williams, Colm Kelleher, Dara O'Shea and Cian Murphy are also part of the panel.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Friday 28th January. The numbers drawn were 2,10,12,21. Consolation prizes of €50 each went to Breda Lynch, Dooneen, Kilcummin. Micheal O'Connor, Glounonea, Kilcummin. Ned & Timmy McNally, Mastergeeha, Kilcummin. Kay & Dave O'Leary, Mastergeeha. Next draw will be on Friday 04th February 2022. Jackpot will be €8,400.

Written by: John Moriarty

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

>PARADE

Rathmore 12th Annual St Patrick Day Parade Sunday March 13th at 2pm. no street Traders more detail next week

>RATHMORE GAA

Juvenile AGM 28th January 2022. Chairman: Don Casey. Secretary: Eileen Cronin. Coiste na nÓg Delegate: Denis Reen. EK Juvenile Delegate: Arthur Moynihan. Outgoing officers: Carmel Healy (Juvenile PRO), Úna Moynihan (Juvenile Secretary)

>TUREENCAHILL COMMUNITY GROUP

RFC U16 Munster League Winners. Congratulations to Ella Guerin-Crowley and Joanne O'Keeffe from Tureencahill who along with their teammates made history at the weekend winning a Munster U16 Rugby Final. It's the first Kerry Ladiesteam to win a Munster League Final. The girls play with Killarney RFC

>NOW ENROLLING

Meentogues NS (064) 7754500, meentoguesns@gmail.com. Enrolment of New Pupils - Enrolment Application Forms for September 2022 are available from the school and on the school www.meentoguesns.ie

>CONGRATULATIONS to Gneeveguilla who are now into the All Ireland Junior Football Club Final. Full Time Score: Gneeveguilla 5-08 (23) Denn 1-12 (15). Best of luck this Sunday in Croke Park.

>NOW ENROLLING

Hollymount National School for September 2022. Forms available from school from the 7th of February 2022. Spacious classrooms suitable for social distancing. Before you make up your mind call or email for more information 064 - 7758269, hollymountns@gmail.com

>GNEEVEGUILLA NS ENROLMENT APPLICATION

FORMS for school year 2022 / 2023 are available to download from our school website at www.gneeveguillans.com. Please download an enrolment application form, registration form, POD form and code of behaviour slip and return to the school by February 18th, 2022. Alternatively, if you would like to have the forms posted out to you, please contact Miriam by email at gneeveguillans@gneeveguillans.com. We also have a Facebook page called "Gneeveguilla N.S. Friends Association" which gives regular updates on upcoming events in our school. Give our page a LIKE to receive regular updates.

>ASHLING MURPHY

In memory of Ashling Murphy, Kerry All-Ireland finalists Gneeveguilla GAA

Club laid a wreath at Tullamore on Saturday last when they were at the All Ireland Junior Final, a moving tribute to tragic schoolteacher

>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES - KNOCKNAGREE

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena continue in Knocknagree on this Friday February 4th. The Mass times during the Novena are listed below. During Novena days people will have an opportunity to visit the church and light a candle or say a prayer at the specially erected sacred space in honour of the Novena. There will be 2 petition boxes, one where petitions can be read out while in the other box, the petitions will be placed there and not shared with the congregation. Feel free to place your petitions in the appropriate box. Rosary will be recited before Mass on each night of the Novena. It will commence at 7.45pm before 8pm. Masses during the week and at 7.15pm on the Saturday night. All are welcome to this Novena and we especially encourage people to feel free to come to the church during the daytime and experience many graces and blessing from Our Blessed Lady. Thursday February 3rd 8.00pm Fr Bill Bradley. Fri Feb 4th 8.00pm Mgr Dan Harley. Sat Feb 5th 7.30pm Fr Joe Tarrant. Sun Feb 6th 8.00pm Novena Devotions Special Prayers for the Sick and Housebound. Mon Feb 7th 8.00pm Fr Pat O'Donnell. Tue Feb 8th 8.00pm Fr Tom Looney. Wed Feb 9th 8.00pm Fr John Ahern. Thru Feb 10th 8.00pm Mgr. Dan Harley. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Closing of the Novena Fri Feb 11th

>WEIGHT WATCHING

Killarney Theatre Company proudly presents A New Comedy Play "Weight Watching" by Ray O'Sullivan & directed by Aidan O'Connor. Former Kerry Rose & Marian Players member of Rathmore panto Group Mary Hickey Rathmore is also playing part in play. Former Kerry Rose & Marian Player member & Rathmore panto Group Mary Hickey Rathmore is also playing part in play. The dates and venues are: Ivy Leaf Castle island on Thursday 17th February; Glen Theatre Banter on Saturday 19th February; CYMS Killorglin on Thursday 24th February; INEC Acoustic Club Killarney on Sunday 27th February; Westlodge Hotel Bantry on Saturday 5th March. Doors open 7pm - Show 8pm. Tickets €15 available from Ray 087 227 9657 (except for INEC 064 6671555).

>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.

By Michael O'Mahony

GLENFLESK

>LOTTO

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place tonight 24/01/2022 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €6,000 The numbers drawn were 9, 10, 11, 30. There was no winner. Consolation prizes: 1. Harry and Toby c/o Jerry Kelleher, Curreal. 2. Jerry Kelleher, Curreal. (Sellers' Prize). 3. Phil Ahern, Saoirse, Faha. (Yearly Ticket) 4. Joanne O'Connor (On Line). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 7/02/2022 Jackpot will be €6,000 Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

>CORN UI MHUIRI

Congratulations to St Brendan's College on reaching the Corn Ui Mhuiri final after a thrilling extra time win over Hamilton HS Bandon, in one of the great matches in the competition's history. Our Glenflesk contingent were pivotal in the win. Cian Lynch was strong at corner back, with a couple of vital interventions to prevent dangerous attacks. John Kelliher landed an amazing point from out near the touchline at the end of

normal time to put his side ahead. Killian O Sullivan played well at midfield. His superb distribution set up a lot of the Sem's attacks. Luke Crowley's work rate was immense. He was up and down the field all evening, was involved in a lot of the score's, and had a few crucial turnovers in extra time. Michael Mullane came on in extra time, and helped secure the win. Tralee CBS now await in the final. Good luck to our lads in that big game. Sem players: Killian O'Sullivan, Luke Crowley, Cian Lynch, John Kelliher, Jack O'Donoghue and Micheal Mullane. Report by Michael Healy

>EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

Glenflesk Seniors away to Legion 6th February at 12 noon. Best wishes to team and Management.

>IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Week 5 of Glenflesk GAA's "Ireland Lights Up" takes place Thursday 10th February in Glenflesk GAA between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. All are welcome to join us.

Written by: Seamus Healy

LISTRY

>DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Listry Gaa offers our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Padraig Clifford RIP. Milltown. Our thoughts and prayers to his boys and extended family at this very difficult time. Deepest condolences to The Ahern family and The McCarthy family, friends and neighbours on the recent death of Michael McCarthy RIP, Killarney.

>DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Listry GAA Club are looking at the possibility of entering a B team in the new Co Developmental league run by Kerry Co Board. This will commence end March and there will be approx 6 games up to end of June. This is a new competition aimed at players over 17 and who may not be able to commit fully to the senior team due to work etc. If you are interested please attend a meeting on Wednesday week February 9th at 8pm in the clubrooms at Faha. We will decide that eve depending on interest. Also if anybody is interested in helping out with the management of this team please come along or contact Jerome or Anthony.

>MEMBERSHIP

Listry GAA Club Membership is now available for renewal on the Foireann system. Log on to www.foireann.ie and sign in using the same username/ password as last year. Click on the Membership tab, choose Listry as the club and then the relevant membership option. Any questions contact Mike Tangney on 087-6162786.

>WIN A HOUSE WITH KERRY GAA

Kerry Gaa are offering a lucky ticket holder a bonus prize when you purchase a ticket before 6th February. You have a chance to win 2 nights in the beautiful Great Southern Hotel. €1000 cash prize. Tickets €100 each which can be purchased from Jerome Kennedy, online www.kerrygaa.ie

>EAST KERRY SENIOR DIV 1A

The sponsored Frank Doran Safeguard Security East Kerry Senior League Division 1A will be held on Sunday 6th February in Listry Gaa pitch at 12 noon Listry V Dr Crokes. Please come and support.

>MKL Gaels

MKL Gaels run/walk in aid of Adapt Kerry Womens Refuge in memory of Ashling Murphy RIP will now take place on Sunday 6th.

>MTU LADIES GAA

Congratulations to Niamh Broderick Captain of MTU Kerry Club, management and team, winners of Quill Cup Ladies Football Final against UL Ladies last week.

>ALLIANZ SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Best of Luck to Kerry management and team next Saturday 5th February in Austin Stack Park V Dublin at 7pm.

>LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers Drawn 3, 16, 25, 28. €100: Donal Cronin, Ballytrasna. €50 x 2: Seamus O Mahony, Laharn. Sarah Coffey c/o P. Kennedy. €25 x 2: Joe Clifford, Faha West. Louise and Pat Quirke. Next Sunday Jackpot €4,350

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

Gneeveguilla GAA Remember Ashling in Tullamore



Pictured is Stephen Crowley Chairman of Gneeveguilla GAA Club with club members Mike O'Keeffe, & Moss O'Keeffe, at Tullamore Saturday last where they laid a wreath in memory of Ashling Murphy RIP who was tragically killed while out running.



Stephen Crowley pictured at the canal where Ashling Murphy was killed.

SPA

➤EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE

East Kerry Senior League returns this weekend. Spa are in Division 1B and play Rathmore in the first round this Sunday February 6th (12noon in Spa).

➤SPA LOTTO

Spa Lotto Results 24/01/2022 - Numbers Drawn: 1, 6, 10, 20. Congratulations to our Jackpot Winner of €5,200: Mary Cronin, Park Rd. Next Monday's jackpot is €3,000 and tickets on sale online on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckcross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers.

➤MUNSTER MINOR U20 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2022 Munster GAA Minor & U20 Football and Hurling Championship Draws were made last Thursday evening. Kerry U20s will meet v Clare or Tipperary (away) in the Munster U20 Football Championship semi-final on April 18th. Meanwhile, the Kerry minors will face Cork on May 12th 2022 (home) in the Munster Minor Football Championship semi-final. Full details and draws on munstergaa.ie

➤"WEIGHT WATCHING"

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➤JAMES O DONOGHUE ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

Legion player James O'Donoghue has officially confirmed his retirement from the Kerry senior panel. Congratulations to James on a stellar footballing career in the green & gold.

➤NATIONAL LEAGUE

It finished all square in the opening round of the National League in Kildare on Sunday. Well done to Dan O'Donoghue, Dara Moynihan, Arthur Fitzgerald and the team & management. Kerry are home to Dublin in Rd2 this Saturday February 5th at 7pm (Austin Stack Park). The full list of remaining fixtures are as follows: Rd2 Kerry v Dublin (Saturday Feb 5th); Rd3 Kerry v Donegal (Sunday Feb 20th in Fitzgerald Stadium); Rd4 Kerry v Monaghan (Sunday Feb 27th in Clones); Rd5 Kerry v Mayo (Saturday March 12th in Austin Stack Park); Rd6 Kerry v Armagh (Sunday March 20th in the Athletic Grounds); Rd7 Kerry v Tyrone (Sunday March 27th in Fitzgerald Stadium).

➤ALL IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Gneeveguilla on their win over Denn of Cavan to go through to the All Ireland Junior Final in Croke Park this Sunday February 6th at 1.30pm against Kilmeena (Mayo). Game will be live on TG4 and best of luck to the team & management. Commiserations to Na Gaeil who lost out to Derry side Steelstown Brian Ógs in the Intermediate semi-final.

➤IRELAND LIGHTS UP

The Ireland Lights Up winter walks continue every Wednesday night between 7-8pm. Please sign in at the reception area before starting your walk. The lights will be turned on along our new walking track (approx 1km loop). Everyone welcome. If anyone would be available to help with registration or stewarding any night, all help is greatly appreciated. Any volunteers that can help any evening or any questions please contact



Mary Cronin, winner of the Spa GAA Club lotto pictured receiving her cheque from Tadhg Hickey.

Margaret on 087 9181970. ****NO DOGS ALLOWED****

➤2022 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Membership for 2022 is open and can be completed online on spagaa.com (link on right hand side of the site) or the registrars (Gerard Mangan & Sean O'Sullivan) will be in Spa every Wednesday between 7-8pm over the coming weeks.

➤WIN A HOUSE WITH KERRY GAA

Before the main draw in April, there will be another bonus draw next Tuesday February 8th so anyone who hasn't got their ticket yet be sure to enter the draw before midnight this Sunday February 6th! Two big prizes up for grabs in this bonus draw – first prize is a Two Night Stay at the Great Southern Hotel and the second prize is €1,000. Tickets are on sale from the Spa club (contact Michael 085 8213027 or John O'Leary 086 3026041), from the Co. Board office in Tralee, on kerrygaa.ie or at the Kerry GAA Store in the Killarney Outlet Centre. When entering your details don't forget to mention your club SPA GAA in the 'Additional Information' section as your club could also win up to €1,500.

➤CORN UI MHUIRI MUNSTER SEMI FINALS

Well done to St Brendan's Killarney who overcame Hamilton High School Bandon after extra time to make it through to the Corn Ui Mhuire Munster Schools Final. It will be an all-Kerry affair in the Final when they face Tralee CBS on Saturday February 12th. (details TBC).

➤GOOD LUCK TO KILMOYLEY

This Saturday will be a huge occasion for hurling in Kerry as Kilmoyley play Naas GAA in Croke Park at 5pm in the All Ireland Intermediate Club Championship Final. The game is live on TG4 and best of luck to the team & management.

➤WEBSITE CALENDAR

As fixtures start to come through over the next few weeks we will be updating the calendar on the spagaa.com website.

➤ITEMS FOR NOTES

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

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

BEAUFORT

➤GOOD LUCK

to all the players and coaches for the playing season ahead. Club membership is now open. and can be paid through www.foireann.ie or www.clubforce.ie or in the Club by contacting Patie at 087 2650144.

➤LOTTO

The next lotto draw for jackpot of €6,400 will be on Sunday, 6th February. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

➤SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

There is still time to get your 2022 Sports Prediction quiz, sheets which are now available from usual sellers, shops and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Predict the result of 30 sporting events of 2022. Entry fee is €20 for

one entry and €50 for three entries. Prizes range from top prize of €1,000 down to €50 prizes. Syndicate entries also welcome. Closing date, Sunday, 13th February.

➤IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Beaufort Operation Transformation, Ireland Lights Up continues on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 9pm in field until 2nd March 2022. Everybody must sign with their own pen before walking.

➤IRISH LIFE STEPS CHALLENGE

You can still join the Irish Life Every Step counts challenge. The aim is that the Club clock up over 4,000km or distance around Ireland from 19th January and 23rd February. Thanks to all our members who are making great strides to achieve this goal.

By Bridget Hartnett



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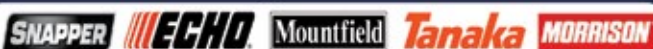
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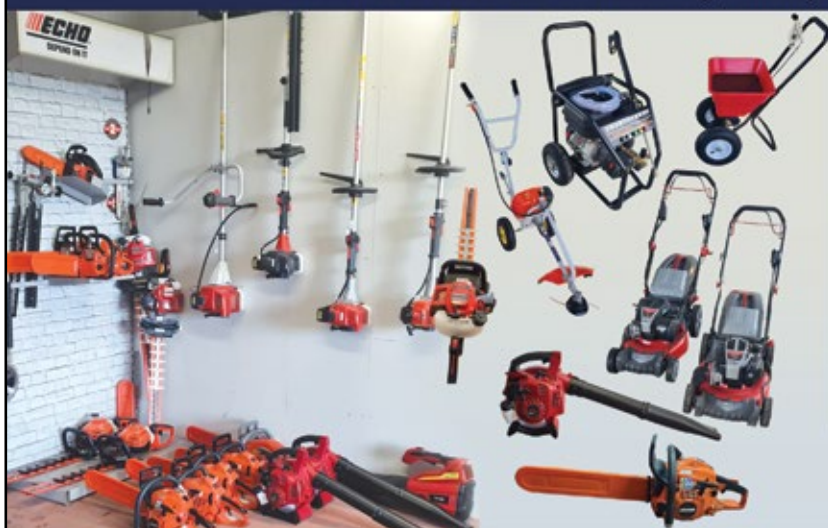


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GNEEVEGUILLA REACH ALL IRELAND FINAL

All Ireland Junior Semi-Final: Gneeveguilla 5-8 Denn (Cavan) 1-12

The Cavan champions came to Tullamore with real ambition, but they evaporated like mist in sunlight once the Kerry champions hit high gear – and that certainly didn't take long. The game was just four minutes old when Mikey Murphy, who had a storming performance as a third midfielder, laid off to Shane O'Sullivan for the first goal. Pádraig Doyle slotted over a point before O'Sullivan struck again, this time receiving from John O'Leary for another simple finish. Cornelius Buckley made it 2-2 to 0-0 and Denn were already reeling on the ropes.

Ben Conaty opened their account in the 12th minute but Seán O'Keeffe snapped a piledriver over the bar after a good lay-off by O'Sullivan. Denn were already well outclassed but in fairness to them, they were game, with Oisín Kiernan and goalkeeper Mark Fegan (after Thomas Edward O'Donoghue was fouled) trimming the gap. It was to no avail, with Conor Herlihy teeing up Shane O'Sullivan for his second and Gneeveguilla's third goal after twenty minutes. Pa Warren added another goal and the game was all but over. That said, Paul O'Leary did have to be alert to clear off the Gneeveguilla goal-line before Beany Gaffney, Denn's best player, picked off a point. Cornelius Buckley closed out the first half scoring.

Half-time Gneeveguilla 4-4 Denn 0-4
In fairness to the Cavan side, they came out with all guns blazing. Patrick O'Riordan did really well to save a Seán O'Donoghue piledriver, but Cavell Keogan was on hand to slot home. Ben Conarty added a point and Thomas Edward Donohue, Denn's inter-county player, pointed a free, with Shane O'Sullivan notching a point for Gneeveguilla. Denn were much more competitive with the wind, having rejigged at the back, with goalkeeper Mark Fegan adding another free to make it 4-5 to 1-7. However, Gneeveguilla calmly soaked up the pressure and hit back, with Paul O'Leary and Cornelius Buckley slotting frees. Oisín Kiernan and Thomas Edward Donohoe kept Denn's fading hopes alive but once Jack Cremin struck goal number five, it was all over as a contest. Cornelius Buckley closed out Gneeveguilla's scoring, while Denn deserve credit for finishing strongly with frees from Donohoe (2) and Mark Fegan.

Gneeveguilla: Patrick O'Riordan, Owen Fitzgerald, Paul O'Leary (0-1, 1f), Pat Brosnan, Pádraig O'Connor, Darren Brosnan, Conor Herlihy, Pa Warren (1-0), Ronan Collins, Mike Murphy, Cornelius Buckley (0-4, 1f), John O'Leary (1-0), Seán O'Keeffe (0-1), Shane O'Sullivan (2-1), Pádraig Doyle (0-1). Subs: Connie O'Connor (for Mike Murphy, 39 mins), Mike Murphy (for John O'Leary, 44 mins), Jack Cremin 1-0 (for Pádraig Doyle, 47 mins), Damienn Cronin (for Mike Murphy, 52 mins), Shane Crowley (for Seán O'Keeffe, 55 mins)



Path to the Final

Group 2

Round 1: Listry 1-12 Ballymacelligott 0-7

Round 1: Gneeveguilla 1-16 Finuge 0-10

Round 2: Gneeveguilla 2-12 Ballymacelligott 1-12

Round 2: Listry 3-12 Finuge 1-5

Round 3: Ballymacelligott 1-12 Finuge 1-3

Round 3: Gneeveguilla 2-10 Listry 1-9

Quarter-Finals

Gneeveguilla 1-11 St. Senans 1-7

Listry 1-15 Fossa 1-6

St. Michaels/Foilmore 0-15 Annascaul 0-11

Skellig Rangers 0-10 Brosna 0-3

Semi-Finals

Skellig Rangers 0-14 Listry 1-8

Gneeveguilla 4-15 St. Michaels/Foilmore 1-5

Final

Gneeveguilla 0-12 Skellig Rangers 0-9

This was actually quite a tough battle against a dogged Skellig Rangers, but Gneeveguilla's greater strength in depth finally told.

Munster Semi-Final

Gneeveguilla 3-14 Boherbue (Cork) 0-9

Gneeveguilla were always on top against their neighbours from across the border, leading by five at half-time. They outscored their opponents by 2-5 to 0-2 in the third quarter to effectively put it to bed, with Shane O'Sullivan and John O'Leary getting the goals. O'Leary added another goal in the fourth quarter.

Munster Final

Gneeveguilla 4-18 Ballina (Tipperary) 1-6

Goals from Shane O'Sullivan (2), John O'Leary, and Con Buckley gave Gneeveguilla a comfortable victory over a Ballina side who just couldn't match their pace and power.

Focus on Kilmeena

Make no mistake; this is a very good side. Like Gneeveguilla, who were denied by a late penalty in the 2020 Kerry Junior Final, Kilmeena could consider themselves unlucky

to lose out in the County Final that year. Like Gneeveguilla, they made amends with a great display in the 2021 version, with the West Mayo outfit beating Cill Chomain by an unflattering 1-10 to 1-7 margin.

It was their first title in 19 years, but a young and pacy team showed no fear whatsoever, having clocked up big totals along the way. They put Sligo champions St. Patricks to the sword on a 1-18 to 0-5 scoreline. Next up were the Offaly champions in the All Ireland semi-final, and again Kilmeena emphasized their quality with a 1-18 to 0-6 victory.

Make no mistake; these are the two best teams in the competition, and Gneeveguilla will have their work cut out to do this - it will be very tough – this is a virtual certainty to be Gneeveguilla's hardest game so far. Croke Park is a big, wide pitch and it can be unnerving – hopefully Gneeveguilla's experience at minor, U21, and junior grades will stand to them. Pace and accurate kicking will be crucial – but neither side is lacking in either department. Both teams play open football and are fearless in attack.

Hopefully on Sunday night Gneeveguilla will be returning to the Kingdom with an All Ireland title, the ninth Kerry team to do so.





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as they bid to make their own bit of history
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ALL IRELAND JUNIOR CLUB FOOTBALL FINAL
v
KILMEENA GAA CLUB, MAYO

Also Best of Luck to
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v
NAAS GAA CLUB, KILDARE
as they bid for the ultimate glory
The All Ireland Intermediate Club Hurling Title
on Saturday 5th February



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All Ireland Junior Club Football Final
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Kilmeena GAA Club Mayo
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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...

STUMBLING START FOR KERRY NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Kerry 1-10 Kildare 0-13

To listen to some of the after-match reaction, you'd think that Kerry had been walloped in much the same fashion as Dublin had been the night before. Their performance wasn't actually anywhere near that bad – Kerry were the better team overall and led all the way through until the final minutes. But underdogs Kildare will certainly have come out of St. Conleth's Park the happier of the two sides, having overhauled a four point deficit to fully deserve a draw. A top team shouldn't be letting that happen, but Kerry had too many players off the pace to be described last Sunday as a top team. St. Conleth's Park is a tight pitch, which suited Kildare better, although it probably played a role in crowd delays that saw the match delayed by fifteen minutes.

Kildare looked that little bit stronger and faster right from the off, taking good points through Paul Cribben (his display against Coláiste na Sceilge in 2009 remains the best exhibition by a colleges player that I ever saw) booming over and midfielder Kevin Flynn adding another. Kerry struggled a bit in midfield – Adrian Spillane battled very hard, but I am more convinced than ever that Seán O'Shea isn't suited to the role. It isn't a big concern for me given that Kerry were missing David Moran, Joe O'Connor, Diarmuid O'Connor, and Jack Barry. I'd have been inclined to bring on Greg Horan earlier and switch Seán to wing forward – isn't hindsight great? Neither wing forward will have been happy with their displays on Sunday.

Kerry' two best players without question were Paudie Clifford and Gavin White. Gavin's drives forward can sometimes be an over-used tactic, but on this occasion he had Kildare sweating every time he touched the ball, and he did trojan work to break the game-line, with Killian Spillane adroitly pouncing to finish to the net. Killian has really upped his work-rate without sacrificing his attacking instincts. Sean O'Shea kicked a good point, but the razor-sharp Jimmy Hyland kicked a beauty in reply. The match programme had a big picture of Jimmy on the front cover, and you could see why.

A foul on David Clifford, who seemed to roam out to the forty, saw Seán O'Shea kick a good free. Paudie Clifford added another with his left leg. Jimmy Hyland replied before before another surging run by Gavin White resulted in another free and another score for Seán. Paudie Clifford set up Tom O'Sullivan for a trademark score – Tom brought the ball forward superbly, but really struggled to deal with the dangerous Hyland, few defenders could have handled him in this form. Dan O'Donoghue excelled on Paddy Woodgate, and while I have questioned



The Kerry Senior Football team. File Photo/ Picture: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

Jason Foley at full back in the past, he made a great hand of Daniel Flynn.

David Clifford was quiet overall, but scored one of those points that only he can. 1-6 to 0-4. Kerry weren't playing to their full potential (I suspect that they are in the middle of heavy training for the summer) but they were well in control of the scoreboard. In fairness, Jimmy Hyland was the best player on the pitch, and he picked off two more points (one free after being fouled himself) to put a goal between them.

David should really have passed to Dara Moynihan instead of kicking it wide himself, but made amends by kicking another spectacular point. By then, though, Gavin White was off injured, stumbling awkwardly after being fouled at full pace (no malice or intent). There is no doubt in my mind but that Kerry would have won comfortably if the talismanic speedster had stayed on.

A Kildare defender tipped the ball toward his own goal, but the keeper gathered comfortably, and a snapshot by David wasn't far wide. Kerry hadn't played great by any means, but could be reasonably contented trooping in at the break. Half-time Kerry 1-7 Kildare 0-6

I'd give Kerry a hesitant 7 out of 10 for their first half display. Second half? Maybe 5. There was a wind against us, but not a strong one. We just didn't hunt it enough, and I didn't see any Kerry player really look to take the game by the scruff of the neck.

Again, it would be very easy to get carried away with the criticism. The fact is that I'd take a game like this several times over before another facile McGrath Cup win. Kildare asked questions that we need to answer, no harm finding out now. Jack Savage came on at half-time and looked lively. Paul Geaney, quieter than he had been in recent games, albeit with a very limited supply, put Kerry five points clear.

Then it all started to go wrong. Paddy Woodgate, a newcomer who has really impressed me, kicked a good point. Kildare always had good footballers but limited scorers – God be with the days when John Doyle would kick 90% of their scores from play. Now they have a trio of shooters up front in Woodgate, Flynn, and Hyland – I think any notion that they will be the

whipping boy of Division One are way off the mark. With Kildare pressure forcing turnovers, Kevin Flynn coolly kicked his second point of the match.

Scores were hard to come by at this stage, especially for Kerry. To be honest, we were badly lacking in a bit of finesse in the face of Kildare pressure (they were very fit), but again, it's early days. It'll come. Paudie Clifford kicked his second score, but Paul Cribben replied with another long distance monster. Tony Brosnan managed to wriggle his way through and pick off a great point under pressure. Kerry four points to the good, and ten minutes to play. I repeat, a top team shouldn't be coughing up that lead, especially not in points.

I got a definite sense of retreat from Kerry at that stage, attempts to hold onto that lead rather than extend it. With ten minutes plus injury time to go, going on the back foot is always a mistake, and so it proved. Woodgate kicked two points in succession (1f). In the end it was the Jimmy Hyland show, with two more points to level matters, and Kildare fully deserved it.

Not the best of openings for Kerry, but I saw flashes of real potential. Of course, Dublin in Austin Stack Park is a game that will tell a lot, and probably define the League for one side or the other.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Dan O'Donoghue, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Paul Murphy, Tadhg Morley, Gavin White, Seán O'Shea, Adrian Spillane, Micheál Burns, Paudie Clifford (0-2), Dara Moynihan, Paul Geaney, David Clifford, Killian Spillane (1-0). Subs Brian Ó Beaglaíoch (for Gavin White, 26 mins), Jack Savage (for Micheál Burns, half-time), Tony Brosnan 0-1 (for Killian Spillane, 47 mins), Greg Horan (for Dara Moynihan, 52 mins)

KERRY APPOINT PERFORMANCE COACH

Performance coaches and sports analysts are a relatively new phenomenon in GAA – Liam Griffin's Wexford in 1995 were the first team I heard of with one. Caroline Currid has since gone on to help Limerick, Tipperary, Tyrone,

and Dublin, all of whom have high praise for the former Sligo footballer.

Players spend hours and hours training the body to win games, but the mental aspect is just as important, and it's now recognised by almost every professional sportsperson on the planet. In that context, then, Kerry bringing former Clare hurler Tony Griffin, who previously worked with Jack O'Connor in Kildare, is a real coup.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Obviously it was a happy outing for Paul Galvin with Kildare; they will be delighted with their start. It was even better for Kieran Donaghy with Armagh. They absolutely put Dublin to the sword in Croke Park, their first win there in five years and first win over Dublin there in a decade. Early goals from Rian O'Neill (the best player I saw over the weekend) and Jason Duffy (a beautiful lob of Evan Comerford) put them in the driving seat and they never gave Dublin a sniff. Dublin had a lot of established stars on view, but Armagh out-thought and out-fought them. Dessie Farrell is under real pressure heading to Tralee next weekend.

Pat Spillane came off the bench for the last ten minutes of Sligo's game with Wexford and played a crucial role as they managed to win it at the death. An interesting one is Sean O'Cionnell from Cordal, who has been quietly on the Kerry radar in recent time after starring at minor and U20, lining out at centre back for Tipperary

Good week for Donie Buckley as well, whose Monaghan side earned a draw with All Ireland champions Tyrone. I didn't get to see it, but it sounds like Monaghan were unlucky (or rather, inaccurate) in not winning. That said, 0-9 apiece is poor scoring, and goalkeeper Rory Beggan with 0-3 was Monaghan's top scorer, including one from play. Goalkeepers coming out seems to be a feature of modern football, and not one that I approve of.

U20 AND MINOR MUNSTER DRAWS

In the U20 Munster football Championship, Kerry have abye into the semi-final and will be away to the winners of the quarter-final between Clare or Tipperary. Given our recent minor record, Kerry will be favourites for that game and it is likely to suit Declan O'Sullivan's team much more than a winner-take-all meeting with Cork in our first game, as happened last year, with Kerry losing by a point.

It's the same story in the Minor. Last year, because of covid, it was a straight knockout competition, and again we lost to Cork by a single, solitary point. This year it's much more convoluted, but gives an minimum of two games. Tipperary, Clare, Waterford, play off in one group. Kerry, Cork, and Limerick play off in the other, with Kerry opening at home to Cork and then away to Limerick. The winners of the group go straight to a semi-final, while 2nd and 3rd place in each group will play off in quarter-finals.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO U19

Those games may well be among the last of the U20 and U17 age groups, with a motion going to Congress to have one underage grade at U19. Change is certainly necessary – the U17 grade in particular has been a disaster with predictions that it would lead to a big increase in dropout at 18 and 19 (most such players aren't making their club senior team and have no meaningful games) being borne out. Accordingly, it is proposed to have just one grade at U19.

I've been asking ever since they made that initial change, and I'll plaintively ask again. What was wrong with the old U21 and U18 age groups, especially since the increase of transition year in secondary schools means that most U18s are in fifth year? It wasn't broken; they only did damage by this attempted fix.

I don't want to go too much into it, but the decision to play the Munster clash between Kerry and Cork at Pairc Uí Rinn because of an Ed Sheeran concert in Pairc Uí Caomh is patently ridiculous. Moving their hurling clash with Clare to Semple Stadium is bad enough, but at least that's a decent venue. Pairc Uí Rinn simply isn't. Common sense genuinely dictates that the game should go to Killarney, and that's not me wearing any local pride jersey. It's blindingly obvious – Pairc Uí Rinn will do well to hold 17,000 people at best.

HEARTBREAK FOR NA GAEL

All Ireland Intermediate Semi-Final:

Steelstown Gaels (Derry) 2-6 Na Gaeil 0-7

It all started so well for Na Gaeil, with Diarmuid O'Connor fetching the throw-in and teeing up Andrew Barry for the opening score. However, three points from sharpshooter Ben McCarron notched three points on the trot. The unfortunate truth is that Na Gaeil never really found their stride in the Connaught Centre of Excellence and were uncharacteristically off target with both their passing and their shooting. County players Diarmuid O'Connor and Jack Barry were giving it everything and did combine to pull one back, but the Monaghan champions always looked that bit more assured on the ball. A turnover in the Na Gaeil defence led to disaster as McCarron struck for a goal. Darragh Carmody split the posts to close out a very low-scoring opening half.

Half-time Steelstown Gaels 1-3 Na Gaeil 0-3

Diarmuid O'Connor powered through for a great score on the restart and Jack Barry added another. Suddenly it was a one point game, but Na Gaeil just couldn't seem to push on from there, once again missing a number of scoring chances. Steelstown went down to fourteen men after a second yellow, but it just seemed to drive them on, with Morgan Murray kicking a brace. It could have been worse, with Steelstown hitting both the post and the crossbar with goal chances. Diarmuid fisted over and Jason Bourke once again cut the gap back to one, but Na Gaeil just couldn't break through for an equaliser.

Late on, Cahir McMonagle broke clear and laid off to McCarron, leaving Devon Burns with no choice but to advance and foul. With

Burns gone on a black card, Shaun Duggan stepped into goal but had no chance against McMonagle's superbly struck penalty to finally end Na Gaeil's dream.

Na Gaeil: Devon Burns, Enda O'Connor, Niall O'Mahony, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry, Eoin Doody, Andrew Barry (0-1), Jack Barry (0-2), Stefan Okunbor, James O'Connor, Dan Goggin, Jack Sheehan, Darragh Carmody (0-1, 1f), Diarmuid O'Connor (0-2), Eoin O'Neill. Subs Jack Bourke 0-1 (for Eoin O'Neill, 56 mins), Tomás Ó hAinfeín (for Dan Goggin, 40 mins), Kieran O'Donovan (for Andrew Barry, 47 mins), Darragh Reen (for James O'Connor, 51 mins) Shaun Duggan (for Stefan Okunbor, 63 mins)

CORN UÍ MHUIRÍ

Once again, it will be two Kerry schools clashing in the Corn Uí Mhuirí Final. In fact, it will be a repeat of last year's final, with holders Tralee CBS and St. Brendans battling it out.

Semi-Final: Tralee CBS 3-16 Skibbereen CS 2-7

irst up in Mallow last Saturday were Tralee CBS against Hamilton HS. Skibbereen had been impressive so far, but Tralee CBS have been competition favourites from a long way out. They eventually proved their credentials by overwhelming the Cork side with a lot to spare, but for three quarters of an hour this was a real contest and a cracking football match.

Jordan Kissane, who is simply on fire these days, sniped over from a tight angle, but Tomás Ó Donnobháin replied. A great block by Thomas O'Donnell saw Conor Horan slot a free (having uncharacteristically missed an earlier effort) and Jerh. Brosnan, who had a storming game, made it 0-3 to 0-1. However, a Niall Daly free and a good score by Luke Shorten squared things up again. This was very good football by both sides.

The pendulum swung back in the Green's favour as Jordan Kissane punished a foul on the outstanding Armin Heinrich and added a beauty from long distance. However, Skibbereen took the lead with a Jack O'Neill goal. The riposte was rapid, though, Thomas O'Donnell fisting home to put Tralee back in front, 1-5 to 1-2. Niall Daly won and converted a free, but Tralee were gradually taking control and frees by Kissane and Horan extended their lead. That said, Jamie O'Driscoll forced Ben Quilter into a great save before Tomás Ó Donnobháin had the last point of the half.

Half-time: Tralee CS 1-8 Skibbereen 1-5

Armin Heinrich fetched the throw-in and went on a storming run, but miscued the final shot. However, Tralee came surging out of the blocks, notching four points on the trot, two from Jordan Kissane, Jerh. Brosnan, and Thomas O'Donnell. However, Cork U21 Robbit Mini-hane burst through imperiously for a really superb goal.

Tralee have five Kerry U20s themselves in Heinrich, Horan, Kissane, O'Donnell, and sub Maurice O'Connell, and they immediately rose their game. Jordan Kissane pointed and then cracked a shot off the crossbar before punishing a foul on Jerh. Brosnan, who made

it 1-16 to 2-6 himself. Skibbereen were finally flagging, having battled bravely throughout, and the Green struck for late goals from sub Maurice O'Connell and Armin Heinrich to give the scoreline a flattering aspect. Going by this overall display, Tralee will go into the final as red-hot favourites.

Tralee CBS: Ben Quilter, Ben Donnellan, Jake Foley, Ciarán White, Colm Browne, Seán McGrath, Ben Hanafin, Armin Heinrich, Conor Horan, Donal Daly, Thomas O'Donnell, Adam Sheehy, Jordan Kissane, Donnacha Sayers, Jerh. Brosnan. Subs Darragh Sweeney (for Donal Daly (half-time), avid Moriarty (for Adam Sheehy, 38 mins), Maurice O'Connell 1-0 (for Donnacha Sayers, 38 mins), Ruairí O'Connell (for Ben Hanafin, 49 mins), TJ Heaphy (for Ciarán White, 55 mins)

Semi-Final: St. Brendans 1-20 Hamilton HS, Bandon 3-9

Bandon are a relatively new force in the Corn Uí Mhuirí, having emerged over the last five or six years. This Sem team lost the first round of the Moran Cup to them but beat them in the Frewen Cup afterwards – both games were good entertaining battles.

This one, on the other hand, looked like one of the most one-sided contests I have ever seen. The Sem didn't have a single wide for 52 minutes. Bandon, on the other hand, missed seven of their first eight chances. They seemed to eschew the middle, trying to work the left flank in particular, and it backfired completely as they ended up taking speculative shots from difficult angles and under good defensive pressure.

Cian McMahon and Will Shine have been two of the best shooters in the competition, and both were on the board within the first three minutes. Conor Ustianowski replied for Bandon, but the Sem's deadly duo kept up the scoring rate. McMahon picked off another point before jinking through for a brilliant goal, and Shine added a brace of points, 1f. Cian Foley was acting as a superb playmaker for the Sem, while Dara O'Callaghan was driving them on from centre back.

Eoin Guinane finally picked off Bandon's second point, but Will Shine replied immediately. Niall Kelly made it 1-7 to 0-3 just before Liam Randles picked up a black card. That wasn't any turning point, though, with Killian O'Sullivan firing over after great work by Alex Hennigan. Will Shine won and pointed a free to close out the first half scoring.

Half-time St. Brendans 1-9 Bandon 0-3

Bandon made a great start to the second half, with Richard O'Sullivan pointing and Niall Kelly adding a goal after a good pass from Conor

O'Sullivan trimming the gap to five points. However, the Sem responded in powerful fashion, with Mikey Moriarty, Will Shine (2f) Cian McMahon (1f) and Alex Hennigan all firing over to restore the ten point gap. I'm pretty sure I wasn't the only one thinking that the game was done and dusted as a contest, but Bandon's engines were finally starting to fire.

Jack Cahalane pounced on a wayward kick-out to split the posts and Aaron Casey got in for their second goal. 1-14 to 2-5. Richard O'Sullivan slotted over a free. Then real disaster struck, as Cork U20 Ciarán McCarthy swooped on a defensive error and sent a beautiful chip over the head of a hapless Aaron O'Sullivan. A good pass by Ustianowski saw the same player kick a point. Bandon were rampant now as Conor O'Sullivan squared matters with time almost up.

John Kelliher looked to have won it with a magnificent strike from far out on the wing – the best score of the match. However, there was still time for Richard O'Sullivan, now brimming with confidence, to point a free and bring the game into extra-time.

Dara O'Callaghan teed up Alex Hennigan for his second score, but Rixchard O'Sullivan promptly replied. Will Shine nudged the Sem back in front just before half-time.

Scores were at a premium now for two tired teams. The Sem seemed to have a very slight edge in fitness, and it told as Aodhán O'Neill slotted over after good work by Charlie Keating and the irrepressible Shine added another to his total. Richard O'Sullivan pointed another free, but Cian McMahon kicked the clinching score to see the Sem safely through – albeit by the skin of their teeth.

A real Jekyll and Hyde performance – certainly, they can't afford to cough up goal chances like that from here on in.

St. Brendans: Aaron O'Sullivan, Cian Lynch, Rian Colleran, Harry Byrne, Darragh Fleming, Dara O'Callaghan, John Kelliher (0-1), Liam Randles, Killian O'Sullivan (0-1), Mikey Moriarty (0-1), Cian Foley, Luke Crowley, Cian McMahon (1-7, 4f), Alex Hennigan (0-2), Will Shine (0-7, 3f). Subs Charlie Keating (for Liam Randles, 36 mins), Mark O'Shea (for Mikey Moriarty, 53 mins), Aodhán O'Neill 0-1 (for Luke Crowley, 57 mins), Michael Mullane (for John Kelliher, 67 mins), Luke Crowley (for Cian Foley, 75 mins)

MTU KERRY ADVANCE TO SIGERSON SEMI-FINAL

QUARTER-FINAL: MTU KERRY 5-15



Cian McMahon (above) and Will Shine have been two of the best shooters in the competition, and both were on the board within the first three minutes.

MAYNOOTH 0-7

MTU Kerry (IT Tralee to my generation, of course, but of course it's great to have university status in Kerry) took full control of this one right from the off. Mark O'Shea and Mark Ryan completely dominated midfield, well assisted by Darragh Lyne and Greg Horan, and that gave MTU a strong platform for attack. They weren't slow to take advantage. Maynooth opened the scoring through Sam McCormack, but Dara Moynihan, a dynamo all night, opened Tralee's account. Tomás Ó Sé scored Kerry's first goal shortly after, having been well spotted by Mark O'Shea. By half time the Kerry side were in front by 2-8 to 0-1. Moynihan had 0-3 to his name, Jack Savage had the second goal as well as a point, Tomás Ó Sé likewise, and Tony Brosnan had 0-2, 1f.

Jack O'Connor will be pleased with how all the Kerry panelists acquitted themselves (for that matter, Mark Ryan and Mark O'Shea are worth a look). Maynooth actually got the first two points of the second half, frees from Kildare player Shane O'Sullivan, but Tony Brosnan replied with two of his own. Billy Maher pulled another back, but Tralee inexorably picked off their scores and two goals by Tony Brosnan showcased his talent while killing off a well-attended game. MTU Kerry will now advance to meet NUIG in the semi-final, and it is likely to prove a tougher prospect.

Maynooth captain Kieran Dwyer of St. Pats Blennerville performed well for his side.

MTU Kerry: Keith O'Leary, Dean Carew, Tomás O'Connor, Michael Potts, Evan Looney, Fionán Mackessy, Darragh Lyne, Mark O'Shea, Mark Ryan, Greg Horan, Jack Savage (1-4, 2f), Dara Moynihan (0-3), Paul O'Shea, Tony Brosnan (2-7, 3f), Tomás Ó Sé (1-1). Subs Ryan O'Grady, Gary Vaughn, Eoghan Carroll, Emmett O'Shea, Jake Foster



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WARRIORS BROUGHT BACK DOWN TO EARTH BY ÉANNA

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DBS ÉANNA 85 GARVEY'S TRALEE WARRIORS 75

Seven days after being crowned National Cup champions, Garvey's Tralee Warriors were brought back down to earth by a determined DBS Éanna side by 85-75 in Colaiste Éanna on Saturday night. Going into the game without the service of Kieran Donaghy, Darragh O'Hanlon and Brandon Cotton and facing a team that were still smarting from their Cup semi-final defeat, it was always going to be a tough night for the Warriors, and so it proved to be.

Éanna flew out of the traps with the high-flying Devin Gilmore dunking off the very first play following that up with the first three of the night after Romonn Nelson was also on the mark. The Warriors struggled to register a score early on but Cup final MVP Daniel Jokubaitis opened his account to get the visitors on the board. It sparked the Warriors into life with Aaron Calixte hitting two in a row and when Nikola Roso was on the mark the side were level at 9-9. But the home side were determined to make this a difficult night for the Warriors and Gilmore, Alex Dolenko and Stefan Zecavic combined to build an 11 point lead before Eoin Quigley opened his account to cut the quarter time gap to 24-15.

Éanna piled on the pressure early in the second and despite Jokubaitis landing a monster three, Mark Reynolds and Josh Wilson hit scores from inside, outside and the free throw line to fire the hosts 33-18 ahead. Quigley and Calixte hit a couple of major score to edge the Warriors closer before Reynolds, Zecavic, Gilmore and Nelson were all in range to push the lead back out to 16. A number of highly contentious calls went the way of the home side much to the displeasure of the Warriors but they showed resolve late in the quarter to halve the Éanna

lead through Calixte, Jokubaitis and Quigley to a more manageable 41-33 at the long break.

The Warriors needed a fast start to the third quarter but it was Éanna that launched a blistering run of scores from Dolenko, Zecavic, Nelson and Gilmore to build what looked like a game winning lead of 62-38. The Warriors could only provide token resistance to the onslaught before Fergal O'Sullivan was on the mark from either side of the arc but a three from Niall Lynch and another gravity defying effort from Gilmore maintained Éanna's 24 point lead. The Warriors kept their slight glimmer of hope alive late on when Jokubaitis, Quigley and O'Sullivan from the free throw line cut the gap to 69-53 to Éanna at the sides headed into the final quarter.

Despite the double digit deficit, the Warriors looked determined to chase down the lead early in the final quarter when Roso, Calixte and Ron Elksnis cut the gap to 12. However, Éanna were finding scores when they needed them and Nelson, Zecavic and Gilmore quickly restored the three-quarter time lead. But just when the Warriors were staring certain defeat in the face, Daniel Jokubaitis produced a sensational hat trick of three pointers to see the Warriors trail by just 8 with 3 minutes to play. Fergal O'Sullivan pulled up for a three in transition but when his effort rimmed out Éanna replied with a trio of scores from Wilson, Gilmore and Dolenko to ease the hosts nerves. A difference of opinion with one of the referees saw Warriors Coach John Dowling ejected late on before Jokubaitis added another two scores to complete his game high tally of 25 points and Aaron Fleming hit the final score of the game with a three to leave the final score 85-75.

Scorers: DBS Éanna: Stefan Zecavic 21, Devin Gilmore 20, Romonn Nelson 13

Garvey's Tralee Warriors: Daniel Jokubaitis 25, Aaron Calixte 17, Eoin Quigley 11

Next up for Garvey's Tralee Warriors is the visit of Moycullen to the Tralee Sports Complex in Round 12 of Super League on Saturday next with tip off at 5.00pm.

LAKERS RECORD HARD

FOUGHT WIN

SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS 80 FR MATTHEWS 72

Scotts Lakers St Pauls continued their mid season resurgence with a hard fought but thoroughly deserved win over a durable and game Fr Matthews side. Playing their first game in a month due to Covid postponements it took them a little time to get into their stride but when they did get going they played some of their best basketball of the season. Top scorer Godwin Boahen felt the 4 week break was something that went against them. Boahen felt "We were a little rusty, I missed a few lay ups that I'd usually get but I'm really happy with the boys, once we got playing we really clicked. I lost my first game in a Lakers vest against Limerick Eagles, even though that was a game we could have won. I just want to keep playing and keep winning".

Winning is something the Lakers have done now for the third time in a row and given that it was against a side that they struggled against early in the season, you could argue it was their most impressive. The Lakers welcomed Marko Bencic back into the squad and he showed that he too can be an option for the remainder of the season. It would be too simplistic to say that the arrival of Boahen has seen an upsurge in the Lakers form but it's certainly been a huge factor. His ability to know when to pass, shoot or run brings the best out in his teammates and there's not much better in the League when he is in full flow. Another huge factor has been the consistent presence of Mark O Shea and David Gleeson in the squad. Both are aggressive and dominant under the boards and now are adding the scoring touch to their game. Paul Clarke, who also offers a strong option in this regard ran into early foul trouble so O Shea and Clarke were needed more than ever.

Fr Matthews settled quickly into the game, hitting the first seven points, leading Coach Jarlath Lee to call a timeout. The tactical adjustments certainly worked a treat as Emilian Grudov soon got to work at his most effective best as Boahen, O Shea and Gleeson also



Nikola Roso floats in a score



Daniel Jokubaitis powers through for a score

found their range. Bencic nailed a big three as did Boahen as the Lakers swung into a 24-22 first quarter lead. Boahen and Grudov kept the scoreboard ticking over while Rui Saravia was starting to enjoy himself with some nice assists. Fr Matthews kept themselves in the conversation though, mainly through the impressive and athletic Jonathan Garcia. He received good support from Player-Coach Darko Bucan, David Murray and the effective Diego O Herlihy. When the haltime buzzer went the Lakers had a seven point advantage, 42-35.

The Lakers came out in the third quarter meaning business and scores from Saravia, Boahen, Gleeson and Grudov saw them push it out to a game high lead of seventeen, 61-44. But Fr Matthews main man Garcia responded in kind and with Deividas Brazas offering good support off the bench they went on a 15-3 scoring run and the game was in the melting pot, going into the final quarter, with Lakers leading by just five, 64-59.

Again the Lakers pushed on to a 75-62 lead courtesy of baskets from Grudov, Boahen and Saravia but again Fr Matthews roared back into it, thanks mainly to the promptings of Diego O Herlihy. With a little over two minutes to go the Lakers had a tenuous four point lead, 75-71, but seemed to have the advantage with Fr Matthews in team foul trouble. But as if to add to the tension the Lakers missed 4 from 4 from the free throw line until Grudov, Boahen and Saravia steadied the ship and saw the Lakers run out 80-72 winners. With all capacity restrictions now lifted it was great to see a near capacity crowd enjoying the game and there's no doubt in the games most difficult moments it was definitely the urgings of the home support that inspired the team. That support can be a useful weapon in the important games that lie ahead.

Coach Jarlath Lee was delighted with the home support. "First of all I want to thanks all the fans that were there and next week we want ye back and even louder". He too felt the team was a little rusty and didn't exclude himself from that assertion. "We were very rusty. in the dressing room at half time, the team themselves were disappointed about the way we were playing even though we were up in double figures. But we never felt at ease with this team and they proved it coming back at us twice". He pointed out "My own coaching was poor, I didn't get the rotations right. Big positive is we've won three in a row now, we've a great atmosphere around the squad and thats a big factor in why we are winning."

Top scorers on the night for the home side were Godwin Boahen (32), Emilian Grudov (24), Rui Saravia (11), David Gleeson (4), Mark O'Shea (4), Marco Bencic (3), Jamie O Sullivan (2), Daniel Carroll, Paul Clarke, Lorcan Keane.

Fr Matthews were best served by the impressive Jonathan Garcia(29), Diego O Herlihy(15), Darko Bucan(11), David Murray(8), Deividas Brazas(6), Brian O'Neill(3).

The Lakers are at home again this coming weekend when they welcome Waterford IT Vikings to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre this Saturday February 5th with a 7.30pm tip off. Last time these two sides met the Lakers ran out easy winners but if anyone thinks this game will be a formality, they need look no further than the Vikings most recent game where they put League leaders UCC Blue Demons to the pin of their collar, and in the process put up the biggest score UCC have conceded all season. They will be looking to Craig O'Neill, Denis Miculescu and Scott Dunphy to upset the Lakers apple cart and so Boahen, Grudov and Co will have to be at their best to come out on top.

ACTION ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY IN THE KERRY AIRPORT KABB LEAGUES

With most of the COVID restrictions now thankfully lifted and the majority of halls now reverberating again to the sounds of basketball there was action again this week all across the county. Here is a look at a selection of the games.

In the u12 Boys Division 2 St Joseph's just saw off Rathmore Ravens 29-27 following a cracking encounter. There was nothing between the sides all through the game with Cillian Moynihan leading the Ravens scoring on 14 points followed by Noah Clifford and Jack Sullivan on 6 points each. For St Joseph's Duagh Liam Troude led the way on 10 points while Liam Galvin and Fionn Doorley both ended on six points each.

In the u14 Boys Division 3 St Paul's defeated Kenmare Kestrels 58-23 having led at the end of each of the quarters. Cillian O'Leary led the St Paul's scoring on 19 points followed by Mike Moroney on 14, Brian Horgan on 9 and Lukas McGough with 6 points.

Also in the u14 Boys Division 3 Glenbeigh Falcons were 46-29 winners over St Mary's. After the first two quarters the sides were tied at 19 all. The Falcons did the damage in the third quarter hitting 18 points while keeping their opponents to just 3 points. The fourth quarter was again tight as the Falcons held onto their lead to take the win.

For the Falcons Tadgh O'Sullivan hit 29 points followed by Darren Duffy on 13 and Sean Doherty on 4 while Killian Moroney led the St Mary's scoring on 13 and Jacob Surgyzn ended with 10 points.

KCYMS u18 boys were on the road and enjoyed a big 82-55 point win over Kestrels in Kenmare. Cillian Buckley led the KCYMS scoring on 29 followed by Hugh Fitzpatrick on 20, Darragh Grady with 15 and Bartek Zglingiski shooting 12 while Tom Cahillane finished with 6 points.

Tralee Imperials enjoyed a 31-18 win over St Pauls in their u12 Division 3 Girls clash. Imperials enjoyed the better of the opening quarter thanks to baskets from Holly Costello, Lily Mai and Blaitthin Casey. Both sides enjoyed a good second quarter on offence with

Imperials hitting 10 points to St Paul's 8. Ava Flaherty, Roisin Reidy and Sarah Slattery helped the Tralee side to a 19-10 half time lead. Both sets of girls gave it everything in the final two quarters with Imperials holding on to win.

The u12 Girls Division 3 game saw Glenbeigh Falcons take on TK Cougars. Emilee O'Sullivan opened the scoring for Falcons and with they added baskets from Ameila McGillicuddy and Meabh O'Sullivan but a strong Cougars side led 20-6 at the half.

Falcons tried hard with strong defence from Dawn Griffin and Leah Sheehan and Molly O'Sullivan setting up the offences. They added baskets from Emilee O'Sullivan, Ameila McGillicuddy, Emma Hannon, Ellie Foley and Meabh O'Sullivan but credit to the Cougars they were able to hit their scores when they need to and took the win by 12 points.

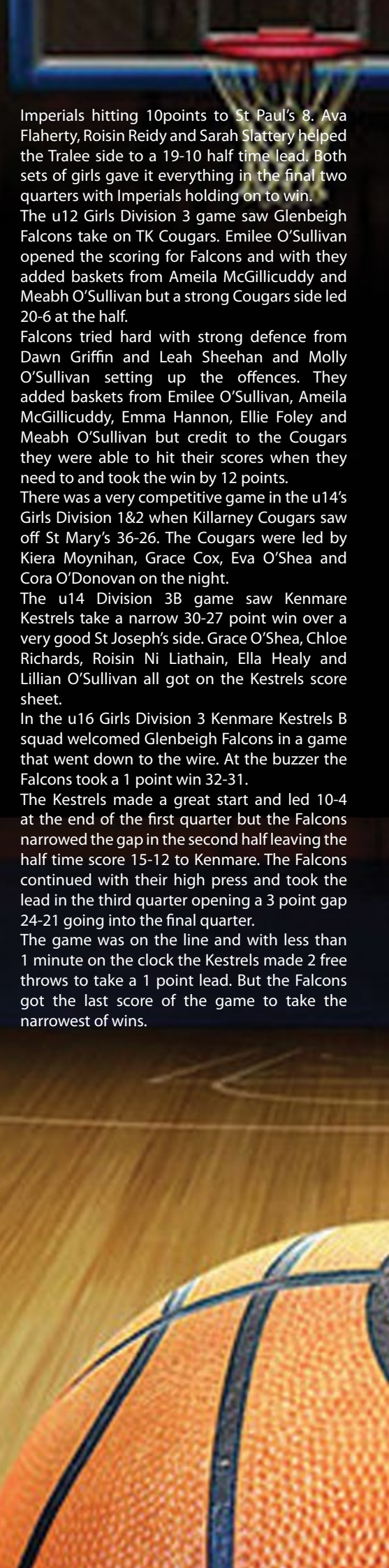
There was a very competitive game in the u14's Girls Division 1&2 when Killarney Cougars saw off St Mary's 36-26. The Cougars were led by Kiera Moynihan, Grace Cox, Eva O'Shea and Cora O'Donovan on the night.

The u14 Division 3B game saw Kenmare Kestrels take a narrow 30-27 point win over a very good St Joseph's side. Grace O'Shea, Chloe Richards, Roisin Ni Liathain, Ella Healy and Lillian O'Sullivan all got on the Kestrels score sheet.

In the u16 Girls Division 3 Kenmare Kestrels B squad welcomed Glenbeigh Falcons in a game that went down to the wire. At the buzzer the Falcons took a 1 point win 32-31.

The Kestrels made a great start and led 10-4 at the end of the first quarter but the Falcons narrowed the gap in the second half leaving the half time score 15-12 to Kenmare. The Falcons continued with their high press and took the lead in the third quarter opening a 3 point gap 24-21 going into the final quarter.

The game was on the line and with less than 1 minute on the clock the Kestrels made 2 free throws to take a 1 point lead. But the Falcons got the last score of the game to take the narrowest of wins.





LEGION

SENIOR MEN'S TEAM UPDATE

Following ratification by the Club Executive Committee Killarney Legion GAA Club are delighted to announce their Senior Team Management for the year ahead

Ned English comes with a wealth of experience having managed at the highest level in Cork Club Football.

He brought Mallow to within a whisker of the Cork Senior County Championship final in 2004, helped Drom Broadford of Limerick win a historic Munster Club title in 2008, and managed Duhallow in 2012 and Ballincollig in 2016 to a Cork Senior County Final. Clyda Rovers captured a Premier Intermediate crown in 2013 with Ned guiding them over the line after 2 heartbreaking defeats under previous managements. He also managed O'Donovan Rossa of Skibbereen. Widely acknowledged as an innovative thinker Ned runs the Castlecarr Potato Company in Mallow.

Stiana O Donoghue (Coach/Selector).... played Gaelic Football for Mallow and later transferred to Naomh Mearnog, through work in Dublin before returning back to Mallow. With Ballyvourney and Glenflesk parents the GAA was always going to be a strong interest and he managed his native Mallow, Ballydesmond and Ballyclough. He has been involved as a coach also with the Duhallow Divisional side. An employee of Dairygold in Lombardstown, Co Cork he takes a keen interest in the coaching and tactical side of the game.

Chris Flannery (S and C coach/Selector)...returns to the Club fold, having worked alongside Peter Keane in the Legion management in 2014 and 2015, culminating in a first Senior County Final appearance. He then linked up with Peter in the Kerry minors who went on to win 3 All Irelands in a row in 2016, 17 and 18 with Chris' role as the team's strength and conditioning coach proving vital. Chris is involved in College football, being part of Intermediate School Killorglin Senior team management.

Eoghan Donnellan(Selector).. has been involved in the club since the age of 6, lining out for the Club at all grades to great effect. He remained involved in the GAA being part of Seamus Moynihan's Fossa Senior team management. In recent years Eoghan has managed our Clubs U20 team and worked closely with our minor, Senior B and Senior management teams. Away from GAA Eoghan was also an integral part of the highly successful Killarney Celtic management team. Eoghan organisation and preparation skills will lend greatly to the management team. We wish our team and management the very best for 2022.

EAST KERRY SENIOR SUPERLEAGUE

We are in the same group as Glenflesk, Spa and Rathmore and the opening round sees us face Glenflesk in Direen this Sunday February 6th with 12noon throw in. These three games will serve as a very useful preparation for the Senior County League which begins on the weekend of March 19th/20th.

JAMES O DONOGHUE

James O Donoghue called time on a glittering Inter County career last week, earning lavish

praise from all four corners of the County. There was no greater sight in a Kerry jersey than when "Jameso" tucked the ball in under his arm, pinned his ears back and went for the jugular. The undoubtedly highpoint of his career was the 2014 season when he terrorised defence after defence, earning the highly coveted "Player of the Year Award". His battles with Mayo great Keith Higgins in particular will go down in folklore as will his destruction of Cork in Pairc Ui Chaoimh in the last Munster final to be played in the old Stadium. His electrifying performance against Dublin in 2013 contributed to one of the modern day classics. A two time All Star and three time Munster GAA Player of the Year he also holds eight Munster Championship medals. But it's the memories he made for Legionnaires all over the world that will warm the hearts of most. A full tribute to James and recent retirees Brian Kelly and Jonathan Lyne can be viewed at www.legiongaa.com.

SAINT BRENDAN'S COLLEGE

Congratulations to St Brendan's College who qualified for the Corn Ui Mhuiri Final by defeating Hamilton HS of Bandon in an absorbing tie that went all the way to extra time in the Mallow GAA complex. Aaron O Sullivan started in goal, with Darragh Fleming lining out at right half back. Will Shine was certainly a thorn in the Cork schools side as he accounted for 0-7 of the Sems 1-20 total. Sam Benson was an unused substitute. By virtue of their win over Skibbereen Community School Tralee CBS will be their opponents in the showpiece final in what were assuming will be a Kerry venue.

SIGERSON CUP

No joy for Finbarr Murphy and his MTU teammates as they excited the Blue Riband event after defeat to the University of Ulster in Abbotstown last week. Darragh Lyne, Ryan O'Grady and MTU Kerry have a home quarter-final when they face Maynooth and at time of writing that game is fixed for the Tralee Campus on Tuesday February 1st with a 2.30pm throw-in. We'll update their progress in next week's notes.

SARAH LEAHY

Sarah Leahy's talent has always been well flagged but there seems to be no end to her achievements. This time in Athlone on Sunday last, in the Indoor Irish Universities meeting she won 3 medals and achieved 2 personal bests to boot. She captured Gold in the 4 x 200m Team Relay, Silver in the 200m Sprint (24.70 PB) and Bronze in the 60m sprint, again in a PB of 7.52. Well done to Sarah, we literally have a hard time keeping up with you!!

CLUB TEXT SERVICE

Foireann is the new system now being used to record all GAA, LGFA and Camogie membership replacing the old system which was called Servasport. However at this moment Foireann does not have a message service which Clubs can use to connect with their members yet. So at this stage we are still able to use the old Servasport system to send out Club texts. However this has difficulties in that you are unable to add new members to the old Servasport system and other data cannot be accessed. In short this means that not everyone is receiving Club texts. We understand that Foireann will be bringing a message service online eventually but until then

if you are a Club member who does not receive Club texts and wish to do so you can contact PRO Enda Walshe 087 6447523 or Secretary Lara O'Brien 0877766551 and we will do our utmost to facilitate this if possible.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Tim Looney, Coolgraine Park, Killarney who passed away this week. Tim was a loyal and fervent supporter of the Club for many years and always made sure the flag was out the window of the house on all the big days. Tim was also an active member of our Golf Society when it was first established as it helped him combine two of his favourite pastimes.

Also to the family of Susan McCann Drogheda, Co. Louth. Susans grandson Kian is a very active player member in the Club. May they Rest in Peace.

LOTTO

The Club lotto is a vitally important source of revenue for the Club and with over a dozen teams and a bustling Academy it is important that we are able to continue to provide an outlet for the children of the community.

With the onset of the worldwide pandemic, the Lotto was paused for a sustained period, restarted in June 2020, but understandably, the level of sales/income dropped substantially. While there has always been a huge response by our members, we are asking all members and Legion supporters to redouble their efforts in 2022.

With the hospitality restrictions now thankfully removed we hope to see tickets being sold again in the pubs, which will help, but if every member puts their shoulder to the Lotto wheel it will help the club continue to strive for what's best.

RESULTS SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH

Numbers were 6, 22, 24, 28 Bonus 13

No Jackpot winner

5 Match 3s/Lucky Dips

1. Naomi Travers
2. Donal O Leary, Rathfarnham
3. Helen Fahy, Muckcross
4. Maura Trant
5. Pat Moynihan

Next week's Draw Sunday February 6th

Jackpot €15,400.

KEEL GAA CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

You can purchase your club membership for this year via foireann.ie NOW! You can see all our membership options available there as well as across our social media.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Social Membership allows members to contribute to the maintenance of the walkway, while not being full members of the club. It costs €10 and you can register through foireann.ie

LAST MAN STANDING

Keel GAA Last Man Standing will continue this weekend, the 8th of February. The winner will walk away with €500. We had a lot of fallers last weekend due to Man City and Arsenal. As we had so many out after the first week, we're going to have a buy back option for only €5. This will



**DANNY
HEALY-RAE TD**

**Cllr MAURA
HEALY-RAE**



**WEEKLY CLINIC ON:
SATURDAY AT SCOTT'S HOTEL,
KILLARNEY AT 11AM**

*We are available to meet constituents at any time.
Give us a ring to arrange a suitable time and place.*

**BUSES TO BELFAST WILL
CONTINUE TO RUN EARLY
IN 2022**

**I AM NOW TAKING NAMES FOR
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be a separate competition with a fantastic cash prize. Payment link can be found on Clubforce. The link is also available on our social media. Best of luck to everyone and thanks again for your support.

WALKING TRACK

A reminder that the lights will be on from 7-9pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for walkers/runners to get their steps and exercise done for the day.

LGFA

Congratulations to Laura Prendergast, Meadhbh Rochford, Caoimhe Evans, Niamh Broderick and Ciara Murphy of MKL Gaels on their win with MTU Kerry last week in the Division 3 League Final against UL2.

EVERY STEP COUNTS CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who is helping us walk 4,000km for the Irish Life Every Step Counts Challenge! We have completed over 4,000km so far which is fantastic. There are over 50 people registered for Keel GAA. If you click on Keel GAA you can see where you stand on the leaderboard. You can still take part! Just download the My Life by Irish Life app. Select the Munster Every Step Counts Challenge and click on Keel GAA. Make sure your fitness tracker or app is connected and away you go.

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday 24th of January. Numbers drawn: 16, 19, 23, 27. No winner of this weeks jackpot of €4,750. Lucky dip: €50 Tara Pigott and €50 Carla Griffin, Camp. The jackpot will be €4,800 for the draw on Monday the 31st of January. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets online now by logging onto the Clubforce app or via the following link on our social media. Hard copy tickets are available in usual outlets. All hard copy lotto tickets must be returned to Bensons by Sunday night. This will apply each week. If they are not returned by Sunday night, they cannot be entered into the draw on Monday night. This is a new requirement to facilitate the online lotto draw. All online tickets must be purchased by 6pm each Monday.

MUNSTER LGFA 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP

MUNSTER U14 CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1 Saturday 26th February

Kerry -v- Bye

Cork -v- Tipperary

Round 2 Saturday 12th March

Tipperary -v- Kerry

Cork -v- Bye

Round 3 Saturday 26th March

Kerry -v- Cork

Tipperary -v- Bye

Final Saturday 2nd April

MUNSTER U16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1 Saturday 9th April

Cork -v- Tipperary

Kerry -v- Bye

Round 2 Saturday 16th April

Kerry -v- Cork

Tipperary -v- Bye

Round 3 Saturday 23rd April

Tipperary -v- Kerry

Cork -v- Bye

Final Saturday 30th April

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1 Sunday 27th March

Kerry -v- Tipperary

Cork -v- Bye

Round 2 Sunday 17th April

Cork -v- Tipperary

Kerry -v- Bye

Round 3 Sunday 24th April

Cork -v- Tipperary

Tipperary -v- Bye

Final 1st/2nd May

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Finals 8th May

Kerry -v- Tipperary

Cork -v- Waterford

Final 15th May

Venues & Times for all fixtures to be confirmed

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

CONDOLENCES

Everyone at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club offers our most sincere condolences to the family of Pádraig Clifford who so sadly passed away earlier this week. Pádraig a wonderful local man who was always there to help anyone who needed it including our club, we wish that he may rest peacefully along with his darling wife Elaine.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their four boys along with Pádraig and Elaine's extended family at this very difficult time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

AGM

Our AGM was postponed this weekend as a mark of respect for the Clifford & Harrington Family. The new date for our club AGM will be issued in due course.

'RETURN OF IN PERSON LOTTO DRAW AT PADDY BURKE MEMORIAL PARK' Please note we are delighted to announce the return of the in person lotto draw from next Monday evening onwards at the social area at Paddy Burke Memorial Park. Please come along to join us on the evening for the draw the numbers will be drawn at the earlier time of 8pm and tickets will also be available on the night.

Next Draw is tomorrow week (Monday, February 7th, 2022) where the jackpot will be €12,600. Get you draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all usual outlets. Mile búiochas do gach duine for playing Milltown/Castlemaine Clubs Fortnightly Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

Lotto: Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown

COACHES FOR 2022

It's that time of year again where the head coaches of our various teams from MC Minis all the way up to our Senior Team are planning for the year ahead. The Head Coaches for each team are in place and all looking to form a team of coaches / supervisors to help them for the year ahead. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved or if you are new in the area and would like to know more please contact Coaching Officer Ian Twiss on 087 2521053.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

Our OT Walking Groups will be walking on the

usual evening Monday and Wednesday from 7.30-8.30pm and Friday 6.30-7.30pm, lights will be on until 10pm each night so keep it going everyone and keep walking. Well done everyone that signed up to the Irish Life 'My Life Steps Challenge' at the weekend we passed the 4,000km mark and got entered into the draw for O'Neills Prizes which is fantastic, we want to keep it going now and see just how far we can go. Check out how to sign up on our social media pages.

MKL - WALK FOR ASHLING

Also as a mark of respect for the passing of Pádraig Clifford the MKL Charity Walk/Run that was planned has been rescheduled. The Run/Walk to Leinster House for Adapt Kerry in memory of Ashling Murphy will take place on Sunday 6th February at a time to be confirmed. Keep an eye on the MKL social media pages for further details.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

FIXTURES

The sponsored Frank Doran Safeguard Security East Kerry senior League Division 1 A First teamed will be named at home all games Sunday 6th February 2022 at 12noon.

Division 1A

Listry vs Dr Crokes

Killcummin vs kenmare shamrock

Gneeveguilla A by

Division 1B

Spa v Rathmore

Killarney Legion v Glenfesk

Division 2.

Cordal vs Fossa

Firies vs. scartaglen

Saturday February 5th at 3pm.

Currow vs. Kligarvan

CONGRATATIONS TO GNEEVEGUILLA who are now into the All Ireland Junior Football Club Final. Full Time Score: Gneeveguilla 5-08 (23)

Denn 1-12 (15)

Best of luck to Gneeveguilla this Sunday February 6th in Croke Park vs. Kilmeena Mayo at 1-30pm.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 RD 1

Full Time: Kerry 1-10 (13) Kildare 0-13

Kerry play Dublin this Saturday February 5th at 7pm at Austin stack park

SCÓR NA NÓG ALL-IRELAND FINALS

At a meeting of Coiste Náisiúnta Scór was confirmed the Scór na nÓg All-Ireland Finals would take place on the Sunday of the May Bank Holiday weekend, 1st of May, 2022, in the INEC in Killarney. It was also confirmed that the 2022 Scór Sinsir All-Ireland Finals would take place in the same venue on Saturday, 15th of October.

A draw was made regarding the running order of the provincial finals, and it was agreed that all four finals would take place over the same weekend due to time constraints. Beidh Babhtai Ceannais Uladh agus Chonnacht ar siúl ar an Satharn, 2 Aibreán, agus beidh Babhtai Ceannais Ceannais na Mumhan agus Laighean ar siúl ar an Domhnach, 3 Aibreán.

**SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathies to family of Tom Joe O'Donoghue RIP Gneeveguilla. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA**2022 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership fees for 2022 are now due and everyone is advised to register as soon as possible.

The same as last year, 2022 membership registration will be online via www.foreann.ie. All players must be registered before playing or training.

Firies GAA Membership Rates 2022

Family (2 Parents/Guardians and 2 Juveniles*) €100

Family additional Juvenile U18 €15/child

Juvenile U18 Single * €30

Student Player (O18, in college) €60

Adult Non-Player €55

Senior Ladies Player €80

Senior Men's Player €120

*Juveniles are boys or girls U18

Annual Club Lotto Ticket (2 free weeks) €100

LOTTO

Numbers drawn: 13, 14, 20, 28. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Stephen Prendergast, c/o Aherns. Eamonn Foley, Leamnaguilla. Frank O Connor, c/o Bridie. Steve Prendergast, Firies. Sean Brosnan, OakView, Port Rd, Killarney. Next weeks jackpot €8200

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

Get your lotto tickets online via the Firies page on Clubforce or tickets are also available to purchase physically in some of the local shops incl. Aherns Pharmacy, Farranfore, Sherwood Bar and Restaurant Farranfore, Sheehans Shop Farranfore, Moriarty's Centra Farranfore, Bridies Shop Firies, Hendersons Shop and Bar Firies and from all the usual sellers. We thank these businesses for their continued support. Thank you all for your continued support.

FIXTURES

EK Super League Div 2 Sunday home vs

Scartaglin at 12pm

FRIENDS OF FIRIES 2022

If anyone is interested in becoming a Friends of Firies Member please make contact with the Club.

WIN A HOUSE IN KILLARNEY WITH KERRY GAA

For €100 you could win a stunning new build A-rated 3 bedroom house superbly located just off the Park Road in Killarney, Co Kerry. Follow the link on social media and on the Kerry GAA Website. Don't forget to mention Firies GAA when you enter the draw to help the club.

DR CROKES**ON THE FIELD**

Shane Murphy, Gavin White Miceal Burns Tony Brosnan lined out with Kerry in National League v Kildare. Conor O'Neill was on the London Panel that defeated Carlow.

Best wishes Tony Brosnan (Capt) Mark Fitzgerald, Michael Potts Evan Looney, Mark O'Shea, Harry Potts and Sean Magann and Tralee MTU in Sigerson Cup q/f.

Well done to Harry Byrne, Cian McMahon Liam Randle Charlie Keating Alex Hennigan Jack Lynch, Shane McAllister, Mark Clifford and Ronan Coffey and St. Brendan college on reaching Corn Ui Mhuiri final.

LGFA

thank you to Pat O'Donoghue and O'Donoghue Fuels and Calor Gas for the sponsorship of a set of jerseys for U12 girls.

Hello all you Dr Croke Walkers Dr Crokes Health and WellBeing club encourages you to join your friends/club members to get fit and enjoy the social aspect.

THE EVERY STEP CHALLENGE IS BACK AGAIN.

Remember how successful this was in 2021 when so many of Dr Croke members walked the challenge. We encourage you not to walk on your own, but walk with your friends and

clock up those steps on phone app/fit bit. See poster for full details. It commenced on January 19 and ends on February 23. Step it out and stay safe.

SCOR

East Kerry Scor is taken place shortly. Dates to be confirmed. Anybody in the Dr Crokes Club who would like to take part get in contact with Cultural Office Rachel Foley

There are eight events/disciplines in Scór that cover all aspects of Irish culture: Figure/Céilí Dancing, Solo Singing, Ballad Group, Recitation/Scéalaíocht, Nuachleas/Novelty Act, Instrumental Music, Set Dancing and Table Quiz <https://www.gaa.ie/news/datai-bhabhtai-ceannais-scor-2022-deimhnithe-2022-scor-finals-dates-confirmed/>

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues tonight, Sunday 6th February commencing at 8:00PM, doors open at 6:45. EVERYBODY WELCOME!

LOTTO DRAW took place on Monday January 31st Numbers drawn were 1 10 18 20 6 patrons matched 3 numbers receive €70 Jackpot for draw on February 6th will be €10,100.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gneeveguilla in on reaching All Ireland Junior Final

SYMPATHY to Paudie Looney and family on the death of his father Tim. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis



Boys and girls from Gneeveguilla National School get in a bit of practice before their Croke Park debut on Sunday.

ESB PROJECT DEEMED A SUCCESS

In 2018, ESB Networks launched a major project in Dingle which saw the company deploy a range of technologies which will future proof the electricity network for the benefit of homes, farms and businesses on the Dingle Peninsula. ESB Networks with the help of local ambassadors delivered an electricity network to facilitate Ireland's transition to a low carbon future. They deployed a range of sustainable technologies, including solar panels, battery management systems and electric vehicles. This week saw the end of the successful project as the courtesy electric car fleet were returned to the company. from, Ciaran Geaney, ESB Networks Dingle Project, left, with Ambassadors, Denis Galvin, Lislip, Carol Leahy, Ballyferriter, Rory McKeon, Dun Chaoin, Maggie Breen, Dingle Hub, Deirdre De Bhailis, Manager Dingle Hub, Rose Spillane, Fahamore, Lorcán Ó Slattra, Colm Casey, Muriel Devane, Mike Lyne and Áine Uí Dhubhláine. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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**MIX OF EVENTS AND UNEVEN AGE GAMES
PLUS ONE NATIONAL CUP QUALIFIER:**

GIRLS LEAGUES

13's Premier:

Killarney Celtic 1-0 St Brendan's Park
Listowel Celtic 5-3 Fenit Samphires
Killarney Athletic Blue 1-1 Camp Juniors

13's Division 1

Mastergeeha 0-7 Inter Kenmare
Killarney Athletic White 0-8 MEK Galaxy

14's Girls Division 1

Castleisland 2-2 Killarney Celtic

16's Premier

Inter Kenmare 0-1 Killarney Celtic
Camp Juniors 4-2 Listowel Celtic
Killarney Celtic 5-0 Listowel Celtic

16's Division 1

St Brendan's Park 4-2 MEK Galaxy
Dingle Bay Rovers 7-0 Fenit Samphires
Castleisland 9-1 Iveragh United

BOYS NATIONAL CUP

Pike Rovers 4-1 Killarney Celtic

BOYS LEAGUES

Slattery's Carpets 12 Premier

Castleisland 7-1 Tralee Dynamos

12's Division 1 North

Listowel Celtic 0-3 Ballyheigue

13's Premier

LB Rovers A 2-4 Tralee Dynamos
Killorglin 3-1 Listowel Celtic
Mastergeeha 3-3 MEK Galaxy
Fenit Samphires 1-3 St Brendan's Park

13's Division 1

Listowel Celtic B 0-4 Castleisland A
Dingle Bay Rovers 0-3 St Brendan's Park B

13's Division 2 North

Fenit Samphires B 2-2 Castleisland B

13's Division 2 South

Killarney Celtic C 2-1 Killorglin B
MEK Galaxy B 7-2 Killarney Athletic C
Inter Kenmare B 0-1 Mastergeeha B

15's Premier

Mastergeeha 0-5 Killarney Athletic
Listowel Celtic 0-1 Killorglin
Killarney Celtic 2-1 LB Rovers

15's Division 1

Iveragh United 0-0 Inter Kenmare
Fenit Samphires 2-1 Camp Juniors
Dingle Bay Rovers 4-1 MEK Galaxy

15's Division 2

Mastergeeha B 2-8 Killarney Athletic B

Inter Kenmare B 3-0 St Brendan's Park B

Iveragh United B 2-0 Listowel Celtic B

16's Premier

St Brendan's Park 4-0 Listowel Celtic

TIGHT ENCOUNTERS IN THE 13'S GIRLS PREMIER

They was a cracking game in Woodlawn where Killarney Athletic Blue and Camp Juniors played out a 1-1 draw. Annie Brosnan got the goal from the home side with Alanna Griffin replying for Camp Juniors.

A goal from Puttanya Ryan gave Killarney Celtic a 1-0 win at home against St Brendan's Park. In the other game goals from Laura Meehan 2, Sinead Lyons 2 and Ashlyn Falvey saw Listowel Celtic win at home to Fenit Samphires. Siofra Murphy got two and Elisha Deady got the other for Fenit.

AWAY WINS IN 13'S GIRLS DIVISION 1

Goals from Grace O'Shea, Una O'Shea and Ella Healy gave Inter Kenmare an away win over Mastergeeha at Kilbrean Park.

MEK Galaxy were two strong for a depleted Killarney Athletic White in Woodlawn and had goals from Anna Allen, Lily Riordan, Louise O'Donoghue, Fleur O'Neill and Kate Lyons in their win.

SUNDAY NIGHTS GAME A DRAW

There was one game in the 14's Division 1 on Sunday night when Castleisland and Killarney Celtic drew 2-2 at Georgie O'Callaghan Park in the 14's Girls Division 1. Caoimhe O'Mahoney and Michelle O'Connor scored for the home side. Lily O'Shaughnessy got both goals for Killarney Celtic.

Good week for Killarney Celtic 16's Girls Premier: Killarney Celtic defeated Listowel Celtic in midweek in the 16's Girls Premier thanks to goals from Lucy O'Sullivan, Katie Doe, Niamh Cantillon and Aideen O'Brien.

Celtic made it two win from two on Saturday as they won 1-0 away at Inter Kenmare. Eve Culhane got the goal for Celtic in the first half.

Camp Juniors were 4-2 winners at home to Listowel Celtic thanks to goals from Miriam Sheahan, Suvi O'Connor 2 and Oragh Clifford. Laura Falvey got both goals for Listowel Celtic.

16'S GIRLS DIVISION 1

Two goals each from Jacinta Griffin and Aoife Begley saw St Brendan's Park defeat MEK Galaxy in this 16's Division 1 clash at Christy Leahy Park. The Park went 3-0 up before goals from Sinead O'Sullivan and Izzy McGrath got them right back

into the game. As they looked for the equaliser the Park put together a very good move to get their 4th.

Goals from Sibeal Ni Seaghda who hit a hat trick, and 2 each from Caoimhe Devine and Ciara Kennedy gave Dingle Bay Rovers the win over Fenit Samphires.

Boys Reports:

Celtic go down to Pike Rovers in National Cup: Killarney Celtic 13's travelled to Limerick to take on Pike Rovers in the 13's National Cup Round 3 rearranged fixture. It was the home side who started the better and they were 2-0 up at half time. And they went on to win 4-1 with the Celtic goal coming from Luke O'Shea.

CASTLEISLAND WIN ONLY 12'S PREMIER GAME

There was one game in the Slattery's Carpets and Blinds 12 Premier with Castleisland defeating Tralee Dynamos at Georgie Callaghan Park. There goals came from Daniel Collins 4, Adam Griffin 2 and Liam O'Connor.

AWAY WINNER IN 12'S DIVISION 1 NORTH

A hat trick from Ben O'Connor gave Ballyheigue all three points in their away win at Listowel Celtic in the Slattery's Carpets 12's Division 1 North.

13'S PREMIER

Two goals from Dan O'Connor and one each from Jack Noonan and Eddie Carmody gave Tralee Dynamos the win away at LB Rovers whose goals came from Brody Mulvihill.

Two goals from Odhran Foley and one from Calumn Robertson saw Killorglin take the points in a home win over Listowel Celtic.

Mastergeeha and MEK Galaxy shared the points in a 6 goal thriller. Cian Maher, Alan O'Leary and Daniel Buckley got the Mastergeeha goals. Leo Allen, David O'Shea and Danny Murphy got the MEK Galaxy goals.

Tom Lenihan scored for Fenit Samphires in their home game against St Brendan's Park but it wasn't enough as the Tralee side took all three points. Edison Jahiri put the Park ahead and Daniel Farmer doubled their lead before Lenihan scored. But when Tuoyo King set up Farmer for his second and the Park's third the win was secured.

AWAY WINS IN 13'S DIVISION 1

Two goals from Tadhg McCarthy and one each from Graham West and Cian Cahill gave Castleisland an away win over Listowel Celtic B.



Killarney Athletic U13's

Killarney Celtic U17 squad prior to the game vs Southend Utd FC.



The MEK Galaxy u13 girls who defeated Killarney Athletic



St Brendan's Park B were 3-0 winners away at Dingle Bay Rovers. Seadhna O'Brien put the Park 2-0 up at half time with Darragh O'Callaghan adding the third in the second half for the Tralee side.

TWO HOME WINS IN 13'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH
On Friday under lights Killarney Celtic C were 2-1 winners at home to Killorglin B. Cillian O'Leary and Tobias Iheme put Celtic 2-0 up at the break before Killorglin pulled one back after the break.

On Saturday MEK Galaxy had goals from Eoin Casey, who hit 4, Charlie O'Reilly 2 and Cade Jameson in their home win over Killarney Athletic C who replied through James Marshall and Ryan Twomey.

A goal from Cathal O'Keeffe was all that Mastergeeha needed to take the points from their away game at Inter Kenmare.

POINTS SHARED IN 13'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

Cillian Foley and Jack Corridan scored for Fenit Samphires as they drew 2-2 at home to Castleisland B. Both of their goals came from Aidan Walsh.

AWAY WINS IN 15 PREMIER

There were away wins in the 15 Premier with Killarney Athletic defeating Mastergeeha at Kilbrean Park. They hit 4 in the first half to do the damage and added one in the second half. The Athletic goals came from Luke Doolan, Fionn Daly, Craig Leggate and Szymon Jasinski.

One goal from Ben Sugrue was enough to give Killorglin a 1-0 win away at Listowel Celtic A.

Killarney Celtic were 2-1 winners at home to LB Rovers thanks to two goals from Cillian Murphy.

BUSY DAY IN 15'S DIVISION 1

Two goals in the second half, one each from Cian McKenna and Charlie Nolan, gave Fenit Samphires a 2-1 home win over Camp Juniors. Dingle Bay Rovers also won at home. They defeated MEK Galaxy thanks to two goals from Cathal Farrell and one each from Ned Ryan and Cian McGerailt.

The points were shared by Iveragh United and Inter Kenmare following a 0-0 draw.

15'S DIVISION 2

Siya Bonja scored twice and Jack Wiggins once as Inter Kenmare B won at home to St Brendan's Park B.

Mathew Pfizter, Gleb Taranov, Fionn McCarthy, Liam Harmon and Ben Kelliher saw Killarney Athletic B win away at Mastergeeha B. Thomas Myers and Eoin Cashman got the goals for the

home side.

In the other game Iveragh United B were 2-0 winners at home to Listowel Celtic B.

HOME WIN IN 16'S PREMIER

Two goals from Sean Corkery and one each from Jack Slattery and Bruno Borowsky gave St Brendan's Park a 4-0 win at Christy Leahy Park over Listowel Celtic.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

U15 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 5 - Mastergeeha
Luke Doolan, Fionn Daly, Craig Leggate, Szymon Jasinski

U13 GIRLS PREMIE

Killarney Athletic (1) Camp Juniors (1)

Scorer for the Blues: Annie Brosnan..

U13 DIVISION 2

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC 2 MEK 7

Scorers: James Marshall, Ryan Twomey

U15 DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic T2 Mastergeeha
Athletic made the trip to Mastergeeha were they took home all 3 points on a wet and windy morning.

DENNY PREMIER A

Killarney Athletic 2-0 Classic Fc
Scorer Killarney Athletic; Cian Tobin

KILLARNEY CELTIC

DENNY PREMIER A

Killarney Celtic 2, Killorglin 0

Terry Sparling, Stephen McCarthy
Celtic maintained their unbeaten record in the league with a goal in each half to see off Killorglin.

DENNY PREMIER B

Castlegregory Celtic 5, Killarney Celtic B 0.

FAI CENTENARY U17 NATIONAL CUP

Southend Utd FC 2, Killarney Celtic 3,

Sean Treyvaud, Luke O'Neill, Josh Bowler.

A great 2nd half comeback saw the U17s qualify for the 5th round of the National Cup. A Sean Treyvaud penalty launched the comeback. Luke O'Neill equalised before Josh Bowler netted the winner to send us into the last 8.

U15 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 2, LB Rovers 1

Cillian Murphy 2.

A brace of goals by Cillian Murphy saw Celtic lead 2-0 before LB pulled 1 back near the end.

U13 NATIONAL CUP

Pike Rovers 4, Killarney Celtic 1

Luke O'Shea

Pike led 2-0 before Luke O'Shea scored from a free kick to give Celtic hope but Pike regrouped to add 2 more goals to run out winners.

U13 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic 2, Killorglin 1

Cillian O'Leary, Tobias Iheme

Celtic led 2-0 thanks to a long range effort from Cillian O'Leary and a great team movement which resulted in Tobias Iheme netting before Killorglin pulled 1 back to set up an exciting finish.

We hosted MEK at U11 level last Sunday with 2 very sporting games played and all our players giving their all.

GIRLS

U16 PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 0, Killarney Celtic 1

Eve Culhane

Celtic without 2 1st choice goalkeepers led 1-0 at half time thanks to Eve Culhane and held out in a tight 2nd half against a determined Inter Kenmare

U14 DIV 1

Castleisland 2, Killarney Celtic White 2

Lily O'Shaughnessy 2.

Honours were shared in this very exciting game where Celtic came from behind to lead through Lily O'Shaughnessy, but were pegged back by Castleisland.

U13 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1, St Brendan's Park 0

Puttanya Ryan

A 2nd half goal by Puttanya Ryan was all that separated 2 evenly matched teams.

Many thanks to Killarney Athletic for hosting our U10/11/12 girls last Sunday

Congrats to former player Fiana Bradley who made her international debut for the Irish u16 squad in the 2nd of their games against Portugal last week

Congrats to Erin O'Sullivan, Aine O'Sullivan and Eve Culhane who made the Girls Roll of Honour. Condolences to the Looney family following the recent passing of Tim.

MEK GALAXY

U13 BOYS PREMIER DIVISION

MASTERGEEHA 3 MEK GALAXY 3

All said and done, a draw was a fair result, in what was a fierce encounter. Mastergeeha roared into a 2nil lead. MEK being the good

team that they are, didn't crumble. Danny Murphy pulled a goal back with a low shot under the keeper. Half time substitute David o Shea turned the game on its head. Firstly slotting home the equaliser, and then setting up Leo Allen to make it 3-2 to Galaxy. The hosts to their credit dug deep and leveled the match late on, heading home from an in swinging corner. A decent point on the road against tough home opposition.

U13 BOYS DIVISION 2

MEK GALAXY 7 KILLARNEY ATHLETIC 2

MEK took control of this game from the off, and never looked back. From defence to midfield through to the forwards, this was a complete performance. Ivan o Shea was the man of the match with special mention to Brendan Allman, Oisín Walsh, Conor Kotze and Ryan

Griffin. Scorers for the Victor's were, Eoin Casey X 4, Charlie ó Reilly x2 and Cade Jameson.

U15 BOYS DIVISION 1

DINGLE BAY ROVERS 4 MEK GALAXY 1

The Galaxy troops made the long trek west to Galrus on Saturday morning. They stuck with the hosts for the most part, but after a spirited display they were eventually edged by the home side. Jamie Vousdon got the goal for MEK, notable performances came from Thomas Coffey, Noah ó Shea and David Butler. Onwards and upwards as the season progresses.

U13 GIRLS DIVISION 1

MEK had a solid win away to Killarney Athletic in Woodlawn. Some fantastic skills on show, and six different scorers, so all in all, a satisfactory day at the office. Scorers were Izzy Lyons, Anna Allen, Lilly Riordan, Louise ó Donoghue, Fleur ó

Neil and Kate Lyons.

U16 GIRLS DIVISION 1

ST BRENDANS PARK 4 MEK GALAXY 2

A gallant display against a strong home outfit. Some really good periods of possession by the visitors, and they really put it up the their Tralee opponents. The goals came from Sinéad ó Sullivan and Izzy McGrath.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and well done to, Jayden Fennell and Jack Hallisey who represented Kerry at the weekend. Both were involved with the u14 squad who played Limerick. Also a special mention to Ivan o Shea of the u13s who made the Schoolboys team of the week..

A series of innovative Athletics Track & Field Amatches for children have been launched by Killarney Valley Athletics Club and proudly supported by Aherns Motor Group.

Each match will be hosted by Killarney Valley Athletics club in their home track The Killarney Valley AC Arena. "The concept is a new innovation in athletics for the U9 to U14 ages where in the " match" it will be one club versus another with all of the children contributing points from the various athletic disciplines, so every child's effort counts towards the team totals", Tomas Griffin who is behind the events told Killarney Outlook. "As the races and field events progress the points will be frequently updated and announced over the P.A system thereby ensuring excitement & engagement. The events will be delivered in a 2hr time frame with excitement and atmosphere throughout", he added. All competing athletes must be registered athletes with the competing clubs in any match.

There will be a series of Cups to compete for over the series of matches along with gold medals for the winning team & silver for the runner up team in each match.

The first match is on Saturday 5th of February 1pm to 3pm with Killarney Valley AC challenging St. Brendans AC Ardfer.. The clubs will compete for The Aherns BMW Cup.

Further matches will be scheduled out over the coming weeks & months where other athletics clubs will have the opportunity to compete against Killarney Valley AC Team for Any one of the 4 Cups , The Aherns BMW Cup, The Aherns Opel Cup, The Aherns Mazda Cup , The Aherns Seat Cup.

"We hope to see the confidence of our juvenile athletes build over the series & they will have benefitted from a team environment where every child matters. The big championship events of the summer like county championships & munster championships will be less daunting", Tomas added.

"We also hope to see parents and families coming to spectate knowing that the events are short and exciting , and a new perspective on the great sport of athletics will result", Tomas added.



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Period of Proposed Closure

From Tuesday, 1st March to Saturday, 31st December 2022 (24 hr closure)

Reason for Proposed Closure

To facilitate Covid-19 Town Centre Mobility Measures.

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- The intended date and location of the marriage
- Details of the proposed solemniser of the marriage
- The names and dates of birth of the two proposed witnesses
- A PPS number is required for all parties serving notice of intention to marry, who have or will have a current or a future address within the State. You will need to download and complete the Data Capture Form, which is available on-line. You should bring the completed form with you to the appointment.

Is there a charge?

You will have to pay a notification fee. The non-refundable notification fee is €200. There is a reduced notification fee of €50 for same-sex couples who are already in a civil partnership that is registered in Ireland and now wish to marry.

What happens at the marriage notification appointment?

When you and your intended spouse meet the Registrar at the Civil Registration Service office, you will be required to sign, in the Registrar's presence, a declaration that you are free to marry and know of no lawful impediment to your proposed marriage.

The Registrar will issue an acknowledgement to both of you and the proposed solemniser of the marriage confirming the date of receipt of notification. This does not give you permission to marry. You will also have to pay the notification fee of €200.

If all the information required has been supplied and there is no impediment to the marriage, the Registrar will issue you with a Marriage Registration Form. This is an important document. You will need this to get married and to be able to register your marriage.

If you, your intended spouse, the witnesses or the solemniser has a limited knowledge of English, you must provide an interpreter. The interpreter must be from an independent, verifiable translation company and be present for both the notification of intention to marry and the marriage itself.

What is the Marriage Notification Form?

Couples require a Marriage Registration Form (MRF) to get married in Ireland. It is like a marriage licence as it gives authorisation for a couple to marry. As long as there is no impediment (barrier) to the marriage, the Registrar will give you an MRF. You must then give the MRF to the person who will be solemnising your marriage. The MRF is also needed to register your marriage after you get married. If you bring all the required documentation to your marriage notification appointment with the Registrar, the Registrar may be able to issue the MRF immediately.

If the marriage does not take place within 6 months of the date of marriage given on the MRF, a new MRF will be required if you still intend to marry. You will need to repeat the notification process.

During COVID-19, you can find comprehensive integrated information online at citizensinformation.ie/covid19/ and you can get daily updates on what's changed on Twitter at [@citizensinfo](https://twitter.com/citizensinfo).

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- **The Citizens Information Phone Service:** Call 0818 07 4000, Monday to Friday, 9am – 8pm
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PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Planning ahead, in whatever task we do, can help smooth the way and prevent problems from arising later on. Confucius, the Chinese philosopher rightly said, "A man who does not plan long ahead will find trouble at his door." It is said that "Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now." Chances are, if you speak to anyone who has been successful they will tell you that planning ahead was a vital ingredient in their formula for success.

Planning ahead can be a very effective way to stay on top of things and not get too stressed. Feeling in control of your life is the foundation of stress management – and whilst we can't control for everything – planning ahead helps us to achieve a balanced life – with time for work, relationships, relaxation and fun. Planning ahead can enhance our performance, make us more productive and ultimately help us to become more effective in what we do. Mark Sanborn – a writer in this field - claims that "Thorough preparation creates tremendous performances."

Planning ahead helps us to be **proactive rather than reactive** – and take the right course of action when faced with difficulties and challenges. We can also save money by planning ahead – as tickets can often be cheaper when bought early on and cheap deals usually book up in advance.

Of course, we don't just make a plan and leave it at that. Effective plans need to be reviewed and updated regularly. Our plans evolve over time – and can help us to stay on course and get to our destination. Now might be a good time to begin to plan ahead (or review your current plan). This may be for the new school term, for Christmas, a holiday next year or maybe a career change. Whatever your goal is - follow these golden rules of planning and watch your plan fall into place:

- Know where you're going – what are you aiming for?
- Set specific goals, tasks and intentions
- Create measurable milestones
- Break down large tasks into smaller more manageable chunks
- Set timeframes and deadlines
- Create a visual representation of your plan
- Set daily actions to help accomplish your task
- Stick with your plan and don't give up
- Revise & update if necessary
- Realise your goal.

Many of us harbour limiting beliefs and negative habits which block us from success. In next week's issue we will address the skill, tools and discipline needed to overcome our psychological barriers to success.

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The Board of Management of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, Killarney
invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the post of

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This position will take effect from Monday 28th February 2022

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CLOSER**

Charger clutter could soon be a thing of the past, with the news that
the European Council has backed proposals for a common standard.
The new law aims to ensure all smartphones, tablets and similar
devices, recharged by a wired cable, use a USB Type-C port,
regardless of brand and make.

The Council have also proposed an image to show if a charger is
offered with a device, and a label to indicate charging specifications.
Welcoming the news Ireland South MEP Deirdre Clune says "the
delivery of a common phone charger will be more convenient, save
money for consumers and reduce electronic waste.

These proposals will significantly reduce the number of chargers in
homes and could save €250 million a year on unnecessary charger
purchases.

Electrical and electronic equipment
continues to be one of the fastest growing
waste streams in the EU. Figures suggest
that reducing production and disposal of
new chargers could reduce electronic
waste by thousands of tonnes a year.
The proposal is currently being considered
by the European Parliament where I expect
it will get approval in the coming months."




Gardening
with Killarney Outlook
by John O'Sullivan

**FOCUS ON EARLY SPRING
FLOWERING SHRUBS**

Now is a good time if you are planning a new garden or trying to add some colour to an established garden to plant some early flowering spring shrubs. One of the best known shrubs is the Camellia and these popular shrubs are starting to flower in most places at the moment. The Camellia is a very valuable shrub in the garden as it can give a focal point to any shrubbery all year round with its glossy green leaves and showy blooms from early spring. A lot of people think that Camellias are a difficult shrub to grow, but in fact they are no more difficult than Rhododendrons or azaleas, and most varieties on sale now are hardy. When choosing the spot to plant your Camellia, make sure it is sheltered from cold winds as they can damage the flowering buds as can frost. When planting your Camellia make sure to mix plenty of moss peat with the earth, rather than on its own around the plant, as it will tend to root out quicker. Camellias are also ideal for growing in containers. Remember if you are planting your Camellia in the ground, that it might be small initially but most will grow to the size of a small tree, so allow plenty of room around it. There is very little maintenance with Camellias only to prune out old dead wood, clean up the old blooms that fall to the ground, and to mulch around the base of the plants every spring with some moss peat. There are a lot of other good spring flowering shrubs, here is a list of just a few: Forsythia, Cythius, Corylus, Berberis, Darwunnii, Ribes and skimmia.



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your own broken heart, where your Father
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Say for three days and promise to publish.

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Welcome back dear student. Life is returning to a sort of normality and that is wonderful, however, many people of all ages are under extreme pressure. Demonic spirits of death are rampantly seeking to kill, steal and destroy wherever they gain access (John 10:10). This is not to bring fear to you friend, but to effectively arm you to avoid the enemy's traps. Jesus came to set the captives free and to heal the broken hearted (Luke 4:18-19; Psalm 147). Multitudes of people believe in the Lord Jesus and want to know God. But why, with all the religion, ritual and prayer are people being picked off by the devil left, right and centre? Diseases, addictions, mental turmoil, accidents and tragic deaths occur every day. People will cry and lament and earnestly pity those who are suffering, but pity does not help. Helplessness is a powerful emotion. What tends to happen then is that people will blame God. You hear things being said"Well, if God is so good why do these awful things happen?" or...."If God is real then why don't I see any answer to my prayers?" God spoke through the prophet Hosea, and His voice is still as relevant today as then - "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

The lack of knowledge is of God and His ways, His Word, His Kingdom and His Salvation. Last week we saw how Moses knew God's ways, and was known by God (Exodus 33:8-23). We have studied recently how God longs for us to know that we belong to Him, and are called by Him (Jeremiah 1:5). But the devil does not want this information known, his greatest fear being, God's people walking in love, authority and power (Luke 10:17-20). So, his tactic has been quite simple. Remove God's Word the Bible, from people's lives in every way possible, and without the hope that the knowledge of God's Word brings, the devil can come in and steamroll over them because they are vulnerable, powerless and all alone. Jesus taught us that He is the True Vine and we are the branches (John 15:1-17). You know what happens to a branch when you prune back your trees and plants. The ones that have been cut off dry up and wither, only good for the compost heap or the fire. Their life source has been withdrawn, therefore they die. Why did Jesus teach us in this manner? Because it is vital for us to know! In order to live a strong and blessed life we need to be attached to the correct vine, to thrive and get nourished from the fountain of life Himself (Jeremiah 2:13; Psalm 36:7-9). It is a matter of life and death. And not just the life and death of you and me, but of all those attached to us. You may not have many in your family, but you have a sphere of influence that ripples out and affects those who are in relationship with you. Some you do not even know, others are not yet born. We all will leave a legacy totally aside from any money or lands. By learning, obeying and walking out the knowledge of God's love and power we can pass on something far more valuable than gold – trust, hope, and victory in God.

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