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# FROM THE EDITOR

As we watch in shock and disbelief at the invasion of Ukraine, the people of Kerry are showing their support to the displaced people who have been driven from their homes.

In a show of solidarity for Ukraine, the Kingdom will turn their county colours from Green and Gold to Blue and Yellow today. In this week's magazine we have printed the Ukraine flag on page 2 for you to place on your window to use to show your support to those who are the victims of this shocking act of terrorism. #KerrystandswithUkraine



Aisling Crosbie.

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# **KILLARNEY SHOWS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**



Iza (front right) is pictured at her home with Diane, Marcelia, Marwena, Danuta and Agaieszka packing humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine.

In a housing estate in Killarney on a miserable March evening, cars, packed to the roof are parked up outside the house of Iza and her family.

Inside there isn't an inch of space - there are boxes and bags humanitarian aid everywhere - all set to be sent to Poland to help the Ukranian people.

The group of six women are going through every single bag of aid to ensure that everything that is sent is of good quality. They are doing this for the hundreds of thousands of people who have been driven from their home and are arriving in Poland and other neighbouring countries since Russia began their invasion.

Iza is the Killarney contact for the Collection for Ukraine and well known photographer Konrad Poprocki is the Kenmare contact.

"It's crazy", Iza told Killaney Outlook, "we are so grateful for all the things

which have been donated", she added. "The house is full and all the cars outside are also packed with humanitanian aid" Iza added.

"We are completely overwhelmed with the generosity of the people of Kerry" Konrad told Killarney Outlook.

The Kerry collection is one of the biggest in Ireland with donations coming in from large companies right down to small food packages.

"We are so devestated at what is happening in Ukraine", Konrad said, "and are doing everything we can to help those who have had to leave their lives and homes behind them", he added.

Tomorrow, Satuday 5th March, a collection for Ukraine will take place at the Methodist Church beside Killarney Avenue Hotel.

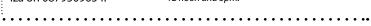
There have been a number of drop off locations in Killarney this week, all of whom have been inundated with donations.

Killarney Movement Academy on News Street, and Polish Shops Mroz at Park Place and Pewex at Central Point on Park Road have all been accepting donations.

If you are in a position to donate to the people of Ukraine then please

drop any of the following to the Methodist Church between 12 noon and 5pm tomorrow, Satuday March 5th. sleeping Blankets, bags, camping mats, towels, shampoos, soap, shower gels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary towels, wet wipes, papers, toilet paper, dry food: rice, pasta, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, baby food, chocolate, tea, coffee and sugar.

For more information on the *The Methodist Church is the collection point for the* Killarney collection contact *collection tomorrow, Saturday 5th March between* Iza on 0879509654. 12 noon and 5pm.



#### THE KINGDOM TURNS BLUE AND GREEN IN SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

Kerry has turned its county colours from Green and Gold to Blue and Yellow today for a Day of Support for the people of Ukraine. Lead by local media organisations, the people of Kerry, and beyond, are invited to come together to make their voices heard in a show of support for the Ukrainian people.

Getting involved is very easy. It can be a simple hand drawn flag, some coloured balloons, changing their social media posts or whatever people wish. Individuals or groups displaying the Ukrainian colours or organising events can contact ukraine@radiokerry.ie and Radio Kerry will help to share them or send them to news@outlookmags.com for inclusion in next week's magazine.

Radio Kerry General Manager, Fiona Stack said the Day of Support is in response to the many listeners who are contacting the station wishing to express their concern at events in Ukraine, the plight and courage of Ukrainian people and looking for ways to help and support them in any way possible.

Ms Stack says "We are lucky enough to live in a democracy where people can have their say. In previous years we have held a County Colours Day when the Kerry Team have been taking part in All Irelands so this Friday people throughout the Kingdom and beyond will be invited to do the same but this time displaying the colours of the Ukrainian flag in their homes, schools and businesses".



The Town Hall in Killarney lit up in Blue and Yellow in support of the people of Ukraine.

Local media, Kerry's Eye and the Kerryman along with Killarney Outlook are also involved in the initiative which highlights the plight of the people of Ukraine.

#### ADVERTISING



# CIAN LAUNCHES St. Patrick's Festival

Bumper parade, fun zone and music on the streets #letsgogreenkillarney

Going Green once again...St Patrick's Festival Killarney Committee were honoured to have Cian McMahon, Captain, St Brendan's College Senior Football team to launch this years Festival this week. Included at the launch were from left, Bernadette Randles, Brian Teahan, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Angela McAllen, Killarney Municipal District Manager, Garda Inspector Gary Carroll, David Rea, Niall Kelleher, President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, ClIr Marie Maloney, and Paul Sherry, Chairman, St Patrick's Festival. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Captain Fantastic Cian McMahon who will lead St. Brendan's College football team onto the hallowed grounds of Croke Park in the Hogan Cup final against Naas CBS on St. Patrick's Day was invited by the St. Patrick's Festival committee to launch this year's events. Killarney has been urged to celebrate Ireland's national feast day like never before as the town gets back to near normal after two frustrating years of pandemic lockdowns.

An all-out effort is being made to ensure this year's St Patrick's Day celebrations are livelier and more colourful than ever before and the entire community has been invited to turn out in glorious green to mark the big occasion.

The highlight of this year's St Patrick's Festival will undoubtedly be the spectacular parade on the Thursday afternoon which will see a gala march through the streets, with live marching bands and stunning floats, for the first time since 2020.

Organisers have appealed to community groups, sports clubs, organisations, residents, businesses and individuals to make a special effort to participate and the event will be watched by thousands of people who will line the streets.

The theme for this year's event is Earth/An Chré – a celebration of the planet we occupy, the land that sustains us and the world we live in.

The parade will commence on Mission Road at 2.00pm and it will wind its way along East Avenue Road, College Street, Plunkett Street, Main Street and New Street before finishing in the Beech Road car park.

There will be a children's fun zone, with amusements, magic shows and a lively DJ, on Beech Road during the festival and it will run from 12 noon to 7.00pm from St Patrick's Day right through to the following Sunday.

Prior to the parade on March 17, the Killarney School of Music concert band, under the direction of Pádraig Buckley, will perform on the festival grandstand on Main Street and masters of ceremony for the big parade, Brendan Fuller and Kieran Healy, will ensure a fabulous atmosphere in the town centre all through the day.

"This has been a long time coming and we're really looking forward to the fun and the frolics," said festival chairman Paul Sherry.

"We want the whole town to turn out this year and, with restrictions lifted, we can get back to celebrating and enjoying ourselves like only we can with a fabulous family atmosphere and so much to enjoy," he added.

With the footballers of St Brendan's College taking to the field for the Hogan Cup final on St Patrick's Day, it has the makings of a great day and night of celebrations in the town.

Paul said the festival partners, Kerry County Council, Fáilte Ireland and Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, have done everything possible to turn on the style and plan a great event and it's now up to the locals and visitors to add to the magic atmosphere that will prevail.

The town's iconic buildings will turn a fabulous shade of green in the days leading up to and for the week after St Patrick's Day and the spotlight will fall on Ross Castle, St Mary's Cathedral, the Franciscan Friary, Killarney Courthouse, Killarney's Methodist Church, St Mary's Church of Ireland and the town's feature statues and monuments.

Many local shops, hotels and business premises will all join in the fun by lighting up their buildings and workplaces in the most amazing shades of green.

Locals are encouraged to light up their windows, doors, buildings or premises and post a photograph on social media using the hashtag #letsgogreenkillarney with prizes on offer for the best greened building.

Application forms for the parade can be downloaded from the official festival website www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie or collected from the town hall.

#### WARM WELCOME FOR FUNDING FOR CHEMO UNIT

Minister forEducation and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed the announcement by the HSE that it has allocated €9.3million in funding towards the construction of the stand-alone chemotherapy unit to be built on the grounds of the University Hospital Tralee. This funding now secures the construction of the building and Comfort for Chemo, Kerry would like to thank the HSE for their commitment to this project.

Mary Fitzgerald, Chairperson of Comfort for Chemo explains, "this is a great development in our fundraising goals, and one we have been working on with the HSE for considerable time."

Ms Fitzgerald continued "this funding has propelled our efforts onwards and now enables us to focus our fundraising on ensuring this chemotherapy unit has all the necessary therapies, add-ons and comforts for cancer patients in Kerry.

"This is a great day for all people wanting a better service for cancer patients in Kerry. It now helps harness our fundraising efforts more than ever, as we can now deliver on a world-class chemotherapy unit, something that was only a pipe dream some years ago. Our fundraising

efforts continue with added vigour."

Comfort for Chemo, Kerry have led the vision to build a centre of excellence for the patients of Kerry, who need chemotherapy and oncological treatments. The past 12 months have seen incredible support for the cause, spurred on by a greater understanding during the pandemic of the vulnerabilities of those with immunosuppressed conditions such as cancer and the importance of them limiting their exposure to other illnesses during their treatment.

Community groups, sporting groups, fundraising groups, and individuals have been incredibly gracious in their charitable efforts for Comfort for Chemo, Kerry both at home and overseas.

With todays encouraging news of funding from the HSE, it is hoped that this will further harness the efforts for the year ahead in fundraising for Comfort for Chemo, Kerry.



Chairman for Comfort for Chemo, Kerry, Ms Mary Fitzgerald.

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## Over in the blink of an eye... ROCKET WOMAN SARAH IN FLYING FORM

The fastest indoor 60m sprint in Irish history for a female was run last Sunday the 27th of February at the national sports campus indoor arena which hosted the national indoor senior athletics championships. The race included Killarney Valley AC athlete Sarah Leahy (pictured left) who finished third on the national stage at senior level.

A new record of 7.19 seconds was set by Molly Scott with Leahy driving for the line in 3rd place. On the previous day Saturday 26th, the Killarney Valley AC "Rocket woman" finished 2nd, in a class exciting 200m battle with Sharlene Mawdsley.

Irish international sprinter and Kerry's fastest woman ever, Killarney Valley AC's Sarah Leahy will now close out the indoor season over the coming weeks and will revert her full attention to the outdoor season where she will race over 100m and 200m.

Club mates and fellow Irish internationals Ciara Kennelly 6th and Jordan Lee 6th both competed in their respective high jump competitions on the national stage. Both with progress on the senior stage.



The Killarney Valley AC arena and it's development has lifted athletics in Killarney, to Ireland's top table, with both a female team and a male team in the national league.

Young stars of the future are also being nurtured on a daily basis by the coaching team in Killarney Valley AC.

Just one piece of advice if you get to see Sarah Leahy race and that's "don't blink".

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# FORMER DIRECT PROVISION RESIDENT RUDO PLEDGES TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



An Cosán graduate, Rudo Chitseko, with her twin sister Rufaro and their sister Samantha

Killarney resident Rudo Chitseko is all set to give back to the community with the skills she gained studying for a BA in Applied Addiction Studies and Community Development with An Cosán, Ireland's largest provider of community education.

Rudo, who is originally from Zimbabwe has lived in Ireland since 2015. She signed up to do a BA with An Cosán while she was living in direct provision.

She also hopes her BA achievement will inspire other adults who missed out on an opportunity to pursue third level education to consider signing up to a higher education programme.

An Cosán's degree programmes run online, which means they can be

undertaken from anywhere in the country. They are accredited by the Institute of Technology (IT) Carlow and Rudo was delighted to graduate at IT Carlow's recent Lifelong Learning Conferring Ceremony, which saw 20 adult learners from six counties across Ireland graduate from An Cosán's two BA programmes.

Rudo, who is now studying for a BA in Social Care with Munster Technological University, was joined at the graduation by her two proud sisters Rufaro and Samantha.

Rudo says that she is a different person after completing the BA with An Cosán. "I am a different person altogether from the person I was," she says. "My perspective on social issues, like addiction and community development, are different now. I have more understanding of the issues involved."

Rudo, who hopes to work as a social care worker in the area of addiction or community development when she completes her BA in Social Care, says, "I want to give back to the community by applying the skills I have learned with An Cosán."

An Cosán, which is Ireland's largest community education provider, seeks to empower through education, working primarily with women who left school early. Its holistic approach includes wraparound supports for learners, including high quality Early Years' education, financial support, IT support, parenting support, one-to-one mentoring and counselling.

An Cosán learners include adults returning to education, people experiencing poverty and social exclusion, migrants and people living in direct provision.

An Cosán offers a wide range of courses from access to degree level. Find out more at www.ancosan.ie, email courses@ancosan.ie or tel: 01 462 8488.

# CHELTENHAM PREVIEW NIGHT

#### Just in time for the Chelteham festival, Killarney Racegoers Club are holding a preview night at The Failte Hotel on Wednesday night next at 8.30pm.

With an expert panel of Paddy Wilmott, Top Racing Pudit, Connor McNamara, Leading Jockey, Killian Broderick, Racing Tipster and Analyst and Brendan Tyther, Bookmaker, MC on the night is Vincent Casey.

Entry is free but donations on the night will go to the Southwest Counselling Centre and you can donate at the gofundme page https://gofundme.com/f/south-west-counselling.



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# We're Back in Killorglin!!

After two years closed due to Covid-19, Cancer support charity, Recovery Haven Kerry, is delighted to announce the return of its Killorglin Community Outreach Service this March.

The charity was forced to suspend the service in 2020 due to Covid19 restrictions, but is set to reopen on March 10th with an information coffee morning at the Community Care Centre on Market Street from 10.30am to 1pm. It is hoped that full support services will resume twice a month thereafter, beginning on March 24th

Recovery Haven Kerry manager, Siobhan MacSweeney, said that the charity is delighted to be able to bring its one-to-one services back to Killorglin town, where new and existing clients will be able to avail of free drop-in support and advice, as well as counselling, yoga and reflexology

# RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY RESUMES CANCER SUPPORT SERVICE IN KILLORGLIN

by appointment.

"It has been a long time coming, but we are thrilled to be getting back to Killorglin and making our support services more accessible to the people of mid Kerry," she said.

"We have an enthusiastic team of clinical staff and volunteers ready and waiting to get back into the community. We know that locals have missed the service in Killorglin over the past two years, so we are very excited to be back."

Anyone interested in learning more about the support services available to cancer patients, their families and carers and meeting the Recovery Haven Kerry team are welcome to pop along to the Community Care Centre, Killorglin on Thursday next, March 10th.

# WANDER WILD FESTIVAL....

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For the adventurous wanderers adrenaline filled activities range from conquering Carrauntoohil to hiking adventures. If you are after more chill than thrill, slide into the weekend with some yin yoga or an invigorating sunrise dip, or why not combine both! There are evening activities to boot; with our film festival, inspiring speakers, craic, ceol and foodie favourites.

The Friday evening line up includes the renowned poet, playwright and novelist Michael Harding who many of us may have seen on Late Late Show.

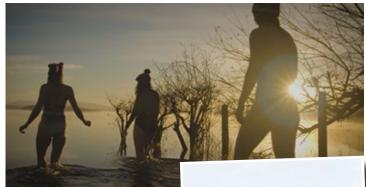
Shane Finn will host his live "Pushing Limits" podcast. He will be speaking with James Mcmanus who will be attempting to climb Mount Everest this season without supplemental oxygen! If he is successful he will be the first Irish person to do so.

He will also be speaking with Killarney man Kevin Leahy following his incredible success in the 300 mile Montane Ykon Artic Ultra.

On Saturday evening there will be a Wander Wild Hooley with an incredible line up of Irish artists in the Laurels. The craic will be mighty! There are plenty for families too. Guided park cycles, Guided pony treks, Urban orienteering and much more to choose from.

A Kids Zone located at basecamp in the town centre will include a climbing wall for our little adventurers and many other fun activities to do.

Organisers are also delighted to announce Nature Valley as official Snack



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So why not escape the winter and leap into spring with us at Wander Wild 2022. With some events already sold out it's time to get moving and book your space, before it's too late!



For bookings and more information go to www.wanderwildfestival.com

# KILLARNEY OUTLET CENTRE SELLS FOR OVER €7 MILLION

# Killarney Outlet Centre has been sold for over €7 million.

The news comes shortly after Nike Factory Outlet announced they were closing with a loss of 20 jobs.

Developed in 1996 by Green Property the Outlet Centre has been for sale for a number

#### of years.

There are 39 units in the centre with many of the upstairs units unoccupied.

Tenants at the centre include Kerry GAA Store, Paco, Leading Lables, Flying Tiger, DV8, Pavers, Trespass, The Works, Army Surplus Warehouse and a number of food outlets





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

With Anne Lucey



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

#### DAWN OF A NEW ERA FOR MICHELLE



I must be the only one ever to turn the lens on Michelle Cooper-Galvin with her own camera.

I grabbed the opportunity to snap Michelle at the Soroptimists' Shrove Tuesday pancake morning – a fabulous occasion drawing hundreds on the fine Spring morning. I am half thinking of applying for her job and going for one of the awards Michelle has gleaned over the years!

Mind you, it will never beat that famous one by Michelle of Jack O'Connor going down a wet bohereen in south Kerry, his back turned and his hood up clutching the shining Sam Maguire.

Or the one of the late Charles J Haughey and the gossip columnist Terry Keane, at the opening of the Sheen Falls Hotel in Kenmare - the only picture ever taken of them as a pair. It is entirely appropriate my shot of Michelle chatting to former councillor Sheila Casey was taken at the Soroptimist event, the longest standing ladies organisation for seeking to raise the status of working women in this country.

Michelle blazed a trail for women in the difficult and often macho world of journalism at a time when females were tolerated, and scarcely welcomed. Beating a successful and respected professional path through male briars while trying to rear a family is still not easy for anyone.

The great photographer is retiring from The Kerryman after 42 years of covering south Kerry and Killarney. No one knows it better. Most of her best pictures will probably never get awards but they will be treasured for generations.

In her own words, recently, while working for the press is 24/7 and suffering abuse and long days is often part of it all, she has loved every minute of it.

Not that Ms Cooper-Galvin she is hanging up her boots entirely. I sense the "dawn" of a new era (from the woman whose grandfather Thomas G. Cooper was synonymous with The Dawn).

Her first task after she retires just two days before this Paddy's Day – she has covered

the Killarney parade with over four decades – will be to purchase a new light weight state-of-the art camera.

Michelle deserves all the credit and thanks she will undoubtedly receive when the news of her retirement "filters" through.

#### WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC REALM BEGINNING TO APPEAR

The unveiling of a plaque to Killarney waitress Hannah Carey, the last person to die in the war of Independence is a major step forward for Killarney.

There has been a long wait for the scales to begin to be balanced when it comes to recognizing women in the public realm in our town.

Ms Carey, whose relatives have never been traced despite best efforts by Owen O'Shea, had stepped out from the Imperial Hotel, College Street on Monday, July 11, 1921, minutes before noon when the Truce was to come into full effect when she was shot from a passing RIC lorry.

The plaque to Hannah Carey is the first acknowledgement of a civilian casualty. It is also the first to a woman in Killarney the unveiling ceremony at what is now the Towers Hotel last Friday was told.

"We have a lot of monuments and crosses and memorials to combatants but very few to civilians who died and they should not be forgotten," the historian Owen O'Shea said. He brought the incident to life after coming across a single sentence in a historical account.

Killarney Town Manger Angela McAllen said Hannah Carey was one of the forgotten women and the plaque commemorated how women were often forgotten in war.

She also remarked how appropriate it was that it was a female mayor behind the project. Killarney's Mayor Marie Moloney before pulling back the blue velvet covering spoke of how "poignant" was the event commemorating something that took place 100 years ago given the outbreak of war in the Ukraine.

She thanked Paul O'Neill and Gemma Ring of the Towers Hotel for offering to host the plaque.

"There is a huge lack of women being recognised for their humanitarian, community and business work in Killarney Town," Cllr Moloney has said.

The mayor is also behind the new move, along with ClIr John O'Donoghue, to pay tribute to Janie McCarthy from New Street, a teacher in Paris who worked tirelessly throughout the war with the French Resistance.

In 1918 this little recognised woman in Killarney was also one of the few foreigners ever to receive the prestigious Ordre des Palmes académiques from the French for her duty to education during the First World War. For her heroism in World War 2, she had been the recipient of honours internationally from Britain, the US, France including the Croix de Guerre for her work during the Second War. Alas, her home town or her country have never acknowledged her.

Janie was a frequent visitor to Killarney bringing groups of students right up to her death in France in 1964.

It would be fitting our first citizen believes not just to erect a plaque, but also to name the link road at Bohereen na Gown, where she was born, after her, given that she did the same work as Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty.

Local Historian Noel Grimes too has long been campaigning for a road to be named after Janie McCarthy or for some honour in her native town.

It is hoped the move this week will bear fruit.

#### TRAFFIC ISSUES ROLL ON

Traffic problems in Killarney just roll on. The survey by Repucon on behalf of Killarney Chamber of Commerce and Tourism made for interesting reading – Traffic management was one of the biggest post pandemic issues facing businesses and locals, it found.

Certainly I have heard even day trippers to Killarney National Park complain about the

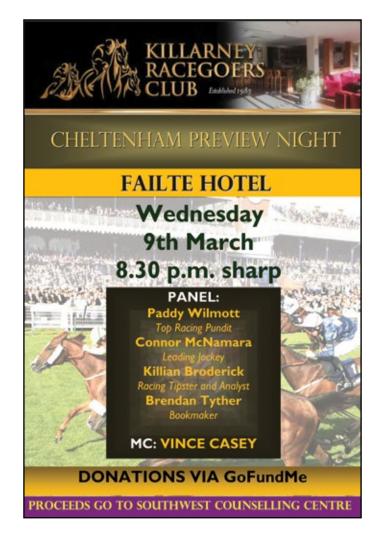
congestion.

This week the meeting of Killarney Municipal District was told how the plan for a multistorey for Beech Road dates to the 2005 Killarney Urban Master Plan. And electronic signs to tell people car parks were full would simply cost too much.



Owen O'Shea, left, Historian, Author and Communications Officer, Kerry County Council, at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Hannah Carey, the last person to die in Ireland's War of Independence on July 11th, 1921. The unveiling by Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Marie Moloney, took place at O'Donoghue's Bar, Tower's Hotel, College Street, Killarney, formally The Imperial Hotel. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan







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KEVIN IS ARTIC BOUND IN QUEST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ADAPT



On Sunday March 6th Kevin Leahy from The Black Sheep Hostel on New Street will start the second of two 500km Arctic Ultra Marathons.

Kevin is undertaking the epic marathon just weeks after undertaking and coming first over the line in the Montane Yukon Artic Ultra gruelling 300 mile endurance race in 5 days, 20 hours without only 10 hours sleep.

Kevin latest challenge will raise funds for ADAPT domestic abuse Services Adapt Kerry is a support service for women and their children who experience domestic violence and coercive control.

They offer 24 hour telephone support, outreach supports and emergency

refuge accommodation and support approximately 300 families a year. In 2021 Adapt received over 1,500 calls for support. You can support Kevin's quest at:

#### www.idonate.ie/1000kmofchaos

Adapt can be contacted on 066 7129100.

# PLAQUE ERECTED IN MEMORY OF HANNAH CAREY

The Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Marie Moloney, unveiled a plaque to the memory of Hannah Carey, the last person to die during the War of Independence, on Friday, 25 February last.

Hannah Carey was killed outside the Imperial Hotel on College Street a few minutes before noon on 11 July 1921, when the truce which ended the war came into effect.

The plaque is located on the exterior the Killarney Towers Hotel (formerly the Imperial Hotel) where the unveiling ceremony took place.

Hannah Carey was a waitress at the Imperial Hotel and was killed when an RIC officer fired his weapon from a passing vehicle. Hannah was hit by the stray bullet and died.



Owen O'Shea, Cllr Brendan Cronin, Cllr John O'Donoghue, Cllr Donal Grady, Cllr Marie Moloney, Angela McAllen, Manager, Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Niall O'Callaghan, Cllr Niall Kelleher. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Owen O'Shea, Historian, Author and Communications Officer, Kerry County Council, at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Hannah Carey Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan **14** | **04.**03.22



Owen O'Shea, Historian, Author and Communications Officer, Kerry County Council, Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Marie Moloney, Manager Killarney Municipal District Angela McAllen, centre, and Gemma Ring, Director, O'Donoghue Ring Hotels. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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# BLOOMING INITIATIVE AT THE MEN'S SHED BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY



Pictured with the members of The Men's Shed were: John Drummey and Cathleen Collins, Kerry Mental Health Association, Siobhán Griffin, Age Friendly Programme Coordinator, Kerry County Council and Éadaoin Moynihan, SICAP Community Development Officer, SKDP.

The Men's Shed in Killarney have been busy over the past few months creating and delivering planter boxes to local services in the community

Following funding which was received by the Age Friendly Programme at Kerry County Council and administred by SICAP in South Kerry Development Partnership the men have created planter boxes which will be given to Kerry Mental Health Association, Kerry Parent's and Friends and Mowlam Nursing Home.

Three times a week, The Shed members are joined by service users from Kerry Parents and Friends Association and this is a most enjoyable visit for all concerned.

During these visits the service users assisted by members of the Mens Shed have created a number of Bee Hotels and Bird Boxes. The materials for these are prepared by shed member and the boxes are then built by the service users.

The Shed also has a long standing supportive relationship with Kerry Mental Health Association and this week the boxes which were made and planted up by the members the Shed are to be delivered to the lucky recipients.

The Men's Shed is delighted to be supported by Benson Engineering who supply some of the materials used.

Killarney Men's Shed is open 5 days a week from 9.30am to 4pm and Monday and Thursday nights. The Shed offer lots of different activities – Workshop, Walking group, Social events, music nights and the allimportant cup of tea! New members are always welcome.



Service users from Kerry Parents & Friends Association are pictured at the Men's Shed with their Support Workers. From left are Batt Healy (KPFA) Mohommd AI Saleh, Noel Murphy KPFA) Roger McCarthy, Michael O'Donoghue, Pat O'Connor, James O'Shea and John Courtney (KPFS)



Mohommed AI Saleh pictured with the Bee Hotel he made at the Men's Shed. Mohommed is accompanied by his support worker Batt Healy.

# **FUNDRAISING TRACTOR RUN THIS WEEKEND**

A Tractor Run in aid of the Kerry Cancer Support Group and Recovery Haven will take place this weekend.

The Barraduff Tractor Run 2022 will take place on Sunday the 6th of March starting in the village st 1pm. We welcome all vintage cars, motorbikes, Vintage & non-vintage tractors. Registration will take place from 11 am at the Community Field Barraduff"

Diane Healy, PRO Barraduff Tidy Village Group told Killarney Outlook. Entry fee €20 per vehicle and refreshments will be provided in John Dan's Bar Barraduff. The event is being held in association with Barraduff Tidy Village Group and the route taken will be starting in Barraduff village via Gattabawn, Gneeveguilla, John Gows Cross Rathmore, Shrone Cross, Doocarraigm Kilquane and back to Barraduff Village.

For further information please contact Marie on 086 3584472 or Stuart on 086 1297200. This event is held in association with Barraduff Tidy Village Group.



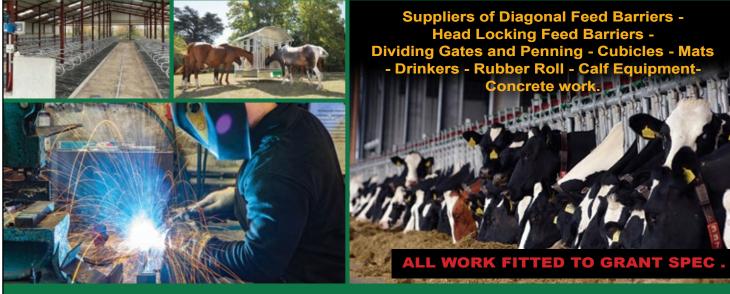
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# STUDENTS AND STAFF DON PJ'S TO SUPPORT DAWID

There was great fun and lots of fundraising taking place at Holy Cross Mercy School last week when students and staff held a pjyama day to raise funds and awareness about their fellow studentDawid.

"Dawid is a 5 year old boy in our school and suffers from Autoimmune Encephalitis which causes him pain and extreme panic attacks. Dawid has been absent from school more than half the school days so far this year and last due to his illness and it is heart breaking to watch him in pain", Dawid's teacher Lucy O'Mahony told Killarney Outlook." It is essential that Dawid go to Poland to get treatment which is not available to him here in Ireland", she added.

"We were delighted with the enthusiasm of the children for this fundraiser and their concern for Dawid. We are overwhelmed with the generosity of our school community. A huge thank you to all who contributed to this worth cause" Ms. O Mahony added.

Principal Ursula Coffey and Deputy Principal Anne Lucey were also

delighted with the fundraiser which raised almost €2,800.

"We are delighted to contribute in a small way to Dawid's treatment. We hope that this treatment will make a big difference Dawid and his family's quality of life" Ursula Coffey Principal said after the event.

The pupils and staff had great fun coming to school in their pyjamas in support of Dawid's fundraiser. Dawid is a pupil here in the Mercy and all the school community here know him and so this fundraiser was very personal one to us Unfortunately at this time Dawid is unable to access the treatment he so badly needs here in Ireland and so has to travel to Poland. The treatment is expensive and we hope our contribution will help ease this burden. We wish Dawid and his family well in the future and look forward to welcoming him back to school." Anne Lucey Deputy Principal added.

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Students at Holy Cross Mercy School supporting their friend Dawid.

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## MACALLA : The Killarney Echo

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MACALLA : THE KILLARNEY ECHO is a short film by Killarney film-maker Charlie O'Brien and it has been selected for screening in the 2022 Chicago Irish Film Festival. The setting is 1837 with six out boating for a typical Victorian era adventure on the Lakes of Killarney. The two oarsmen speak Gaelic and both ladies are English speakers. Two musicians play brass instruments and awaken the Killarney echo in the mountains for entertainment. The booming cannon clinches it.



# SIMON HARRIS MUST END THE INTOLERABLE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE €3000 STUDENT CONTRIBUTION



The abolition of third level tuition fees in 1995 was widely welcomed by hard working parents struggling to finance their children's third level education. The PAYE sector, in particular, was a direct beneficiary of the initiative, as the vast majority of families in that sector were excluded from the Higher Education Grants Scheme, now called Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). Maintenance costs still had to be met of course but, at least, the financial burden of fees had been removed.

Almost immediately, the third level sector introduced a 'student levy' for registration, exams and student services. Back in 1996, the services charge was nominal. However, at the time, grave concern was expressed by commentators like myself, that this levy was the first step to reintroducing fees. Regrettably, substantial increases in the services charge in the meantime have proved us right! Despite my relentless opposition to the student services charge, now called 'student contribution,' it currently stands at a prohibitive €3000 per annum.

If Minister for Higher Education, Simon Harris hopes to make an impact in his portfolio he needs to address two pressing issues. Firstly, he must accept that the student contribution is unjustifiable and, secondly, he must introduce a fair SUSI maintenance grant system that addresses the cost of living in 2022. Minister Harris is on record as saying that cost should not be a barrier to education and has sent out a clear signal that abolition of the €3000 student contribution – a tuition fee by any other name - is now his priority. It remains to be seen if Minister Harris has the bottle to, for once and for all, end the intolerable financial burden of the third level 'student contribution,' which is hanging like the sword of Damocles over the heads of families as the cost-of-living spirals upwards.

By Billy Ryle

Third level education is very expensive. Many college students have to work part-time or depend on their parents to make ends meet. Thousands of students, who are ineligible for funding due to punitive means testing of the family income, must come up with about  $\notin$  9000 annually if they are living away from home or about  $\notin$  4000 if living at home. The student contribution of  $\notin$  3000 must also be paid.

Eventually, in Budget 2022. the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) grant for all eligible third level students was increased by €200 from this year. In the context of the cost of living it's a paltry increase, albeit a positive step. The gross income threshold for grant eligibility has been increased by €1,000, ensuring more students should qualify for some level of maintenance. The distance from home to college for the higher grant has been reduced from 45km to 30km. This means more students who are living away from home or travelling to college will qualify for the higher grant. About 60,000 students are eligible for some level of maintenance grants ranging from €305 to €3025 Now their payments will increase by €200.

The Budget changes mean that the maximum standard maintenance grant payable to students whose college is 30km or more from their homes will increase from  $\leq 3025$  to  $\leq 3225$ . For students who live less than 30km from their college, the standard maximum grant goes up from  $\leq 1215$  to  $\leq 1415$ . The gross annual income levels for grant eligibility increases by  $\leq 1000$  from  $\leq 39,875$  to  $\leq 40,875$ . There is also a special maintenance grant for applicants whose annual gross income is less than  $\leq 24,500$ . That payment increases from  $\leq 5915$  and  $\leq 2375$  to  $\leq 6115$  and  $\leq 2575$ , respectively.

Students who qualify for maintenance grants this year will benefit from the nominal increase in grant levels. Unfortunately, the increase has been overtaken by inflation. Minister Harris has acknowledged that the abolition of the student contribution of €3000 is now a priority. The student contribution is a return of college fees by stealth and must be abolished by Minister Harris before the next academic year.

#### CHECKLIST

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- The higher grant payment increases from €3025 to €3225

• The smaller grant payment increases from €1215 to €1415

Billy Ryle is a Career Guidance Counsellor and Educational Commentator Email: rylebilly@gmail.com Tel: 0879808979

#### KERRY MENTAL HEALTH FUNDRAISER

Well done to a group of TY students from St. Brigid's Secondary School in Killarney who organised a Valentines fundraiser called "Galentines Day" just before before Midterm Break for Kerry Mental Health. Students Hayley O'Callaghan, Maeve o Connor, Clodagh Lucey, Ava o Neill, and Olivia Gaffey, (missing from photo Anna Moynihan and Aishah Aktar Litu) are pictured presenting a cheque of €505 to John Drummey of Kerry Mental Health. Great credit is due to the girls for organising a fundraiser for such a worthy cause!



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#### OPEN EVENING: CLASH ROAD CAMPUS Parent's Information Evening | Thursday, 24th March | 5pm-7pm

Come and meet our staff who can help and advise you.

#### OPEN EVENING: MONAVALLEY CAMPUS Thursday, 24th March | 5pm-9pm Apprenticeship Information Evening \*\*FOR EVERYONE\*\*

Come and meet a range of apprenticeship employers and chat to our Apprenticeship services team who can help and advise you.

#### OPEN WEEK: MONAVALLEY CAMPUS Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd and 24th March

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It will be given by Jasmijn Muller, a Britishbased cycle coach with extensive knowledge and experience in this area. She is also a highlyaccomplished cyclist with British and World championship titles.

To mark International Women's Day, the workshop will take place on March 8th at 8 PM. This fun, inspiring event is for any woman wanting to gain fresh enthusiasm and insights into how to optimize her training and athletic potential by working with her female physiology.

During the workshop, you will get an opportunity to test your knowledge in a short interactive 'Facts or Fiction' quiz about physiological differences between men and women that influence training approaches.

You will also learn how to adapt your training for getting the best out of your body at any point during the menstrual cycle.

The impact that contraception methods may have on your training approach will be outlined. How to change training and nutrition when (peri)-menopause hits, and beyond, will be explained. Some 'biohacks' for working with your female physiology

will be given,

helping you to thrive at your key events, be that your first sportive, a summer tour with friends or competitive targets you've set for the future.

Useful references will be provided, if you want to dig deeper, as well as recommendations for tools to use either for your own training or for working with a coach.

You will also have an opportunity to ask Jasmijn your specific questions and to join the conversation with other women.

The format of the evening will consist of a 60-90 minute presentation by Jasmijn, followed by a Q&A session. All attendees will receive a copy of the presentation slides. The cost of the workshop is  $\in$ 10: tickets can be purchased via EventMaster from the link below and you will then receive an email link for the event.

Cost and registration: the event is free to female members of Killarney Cycling Club. To avail of a discount code for this, email cyclingclubkillarney@gmail.com before 8PM on March 5th., using the email address associated with your licence, and putting 'Discount Code' in the subject line.

The cost for others is  $\in 10$  through Eventmaster – link below – and the closing date for registration is March 6th. You will then receive

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an email link for the event by email. This will be a woman only event.

Killarney Cycling Club would like to thank Jasmijn for developing and presenting this workshop for us, and we are also grateful to Cycling Munster for supporting the event.



# SEM LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR THE ROAD TO THE FINAL

St. Brendan's College has launched an idonate page to raise funds for their trip to the Hogan Cup final on St. Patrick's Day. St Brendan's College, Killarney has a proud tradition in colleges football, having won the Corn Uí Mhuirí (Munster College) on 23 occasions, the Hogan Cup (All Ireland) on 4 occasions, and has long been recognised as a nursery for Gaelic Football in Kerry. The final on St. Patrick's Day 2022 will be St. Brendan's fifth Hogan Cup final in the past 15 years, a standard which the teachers and coaches at the

college constantly strive to achieve.

Supporting a colleges senior football panel to achieve at this level and undertaking to give the 36 young men the best possible opportunities to prepare properly does come with many challenges, some of them financial.

"Our school has always had a close relationship with the community in Killarney and East Kerry and we have been supported in our preparation over the years by the families and staff in the school, by past pupils and by the business community", Kevin Cronin, a teacher at the school told Killarney Outlook.

"In setting up this iDonate page we are reaching out in search of any contribution towards the cost of buses, meals, accommodation for the St. Brendan's College Senior Football Panel 2022. We understand that these are challenging times and that post-pandemic Ireland is a difficult place for us all. Nevertheless we also know that the panel and management would be delighted with your good will and messages of support", he added.

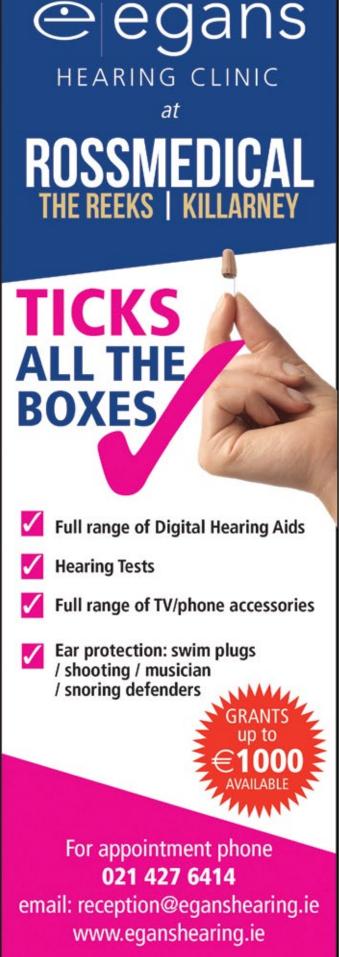
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The St. Brendan's Team following their Corn Ui Mhuire win at the Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.







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### **IRELAND MUST SHOW COMPASSION** TO UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AS WELL AS HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN

While strongly condemning this week's atrocious events in Ukraine, Seán Kelly MEP has welcomed Ireland's lifting of visa requirements between Ukraine and Ireland ahead of what will be a "massive humanitarian crisis". The Fine Gael MEP has also urged the government not to forget about the "dire" situation in Afghanistan and called for the Afghan Admission Programme to be expanded.

"We have already seen horrific images from Kiev and other battle zones - this is the beginning of a massive humanitarian crisis at the hands of a ruthless dictator. This has been a dark week in Europe and I am extremely concerned for the people of Ukraine", Kelly said.

Refugees are already fleeing the Russian invasion with the United Nations estimating that about 100,000 Ukrainians have already been displaced - a figure is expected to increase substantially.

"It is only right that Ireland would offer shelter and assistance to the people of Ukraine, as much as we can. The announcement from Minister McEntee of the immediate lifting of visa requirements between Ukraine and Ireland is extremely welcome. We are rightly preparing for the refugee crisis in Ukraine and I fully support this.

"The Irish people have always showed compassion in the face of crisis", Kelly continued.

The Ireland South MEP also underlined that since the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan in August 2021, Women and girls, in particular, are living in an increasingly dangerous situation, with their rights and freedoms severely restricted.

"Let us not forget the continuing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, particularly for women, girls and the LGBTI community who are suffering under the oppressive Taliban regime.

"Since they have taken over, the Taliban have been solidifying their power by persecuting any dissenters.

"There are also those still who need our help in Afghanistan and plenty of gracious Irish families willing to take in refugees. There are individuals who do not qualify for the Afghan Admission Programme who are still at very severe risk and I hope the government can widen the scope of the programme at least to those who can also demonstrate a support structure, such as a sponsor," Kelly concluded.

# **KERRY GROUPS CAN APPLY FOR CLÁR FUNDING** TO REVITALISE RURAL COMMUNITIES

#### - Griffin

Kerry groups can apply now for CLÁR funding to help revitalise local rural communities, Deputy Government Chief Whip, Brendan Griffin TD has said.

Deputy Griffin said: "Fine Gael is working to create stronger safer communities and in Government we are prioritising programmes like the CLÁR Programme to achieve this. My colleague Minister Heather Humphreys today announced €7 million nationally for the 2022 CLÁR Programme. This is significant funding for rural communities and it represents an increase of 25% on last year's allocation.

"Kerry groups can apply now for CLÁR funding which supports small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas that have experienced significant levels of population decline. The funding is for the development of local facilities and amenities in rural areas.

"The Programme covers projects to enhance or develop the following facilities (not an exhaustive list)...

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"Voluntary organisations in Kerry will be able to apply for funding to

acquire wheelchair accessible vehicles under this fund. This will facilitate free transport services to day- care and medical services for people with mobility issues and for those attending cancer treatment centres.

"For the first time, Community First Responder Organisations, as well as Voluntary Search and Rescue Organisations, can also apply for funding through CLÁR." " Deputy Griffin concluded.

This announcement comes on top of a recent announcement by Minister Humphreys of dedicated funding under the Town Centres First policy, designed to support the regeneration of our towns and villages with targeted funding to support above-shop and town centre living.

Speaking about the CLÁR Programme, Minister Humphreys added, "The priority of this year's scheme is the development of facilities and amenities which will enhance our rural communities.

"As part of Our Rural Future, I want to ensure in particular that young people living in rural areas have access to amenities which they can enjoy with their friends, be it youth hubs, walking tracks, basketball courts or skateboard parks.

"CLÁR provides small grants which can make a big difference and I am encouraging local community groups, youth clubs, men and women sheds and sports clubs to apply via their Local Authority if they have an idea for a project which could make a difference in their area."

## TIME TO DISCUSS IRISH NEUTRALITY

A member of Kerry County Council has posed the question; "Is it time that we discussed our Neutrality and what it means in modern society?"

Rossbeigh based Fianna Fáil Councillor Michael Cahill says that we lived in a different world when we took the very commendable stance of Neutrality at the time of World War 2 and if we are honest with ourselves, we should at least be prepared to discuss it now that World War 3 is threatened.

"I believe that if the shoe were on the other foot and Ireland today was invaded by an aggressive foreign power, we would expect our friends and allies to provide us with all kinds of supplies, including arms and ammunition. Innocent men, women and children are being murdered, homes are being destroyed and hundreds of thousands are being displaced as we speak" stated the Deputy Mayor of Kerry and Cathaoirleach of Kenmare Municipal District.

"Maybe we have no resources to provide arms, to the Ukrainian people, in this their hour of need, but it is a bit much for us to order what our aid should be restricted to. If we ourselves were under siege and in fear for our lives and the lives of our loved ones, we would want ammunition as well as food, bedding and clothing. This is genocide in the Ukraine and their people need to be in a position to defend themselves" said Councillor Cahill.

"This is obviously a highly emotive topic and one that, if the findings of the Arms Trial in the 70's is anything to go by, one where we appear reluctant to grasp the nettle, or be seen to. In such situations, humanitarian aid is absolutely important to the victims, but if we are to be pragmatic, they must be armed if they have any hope of survival" added the Councillor.



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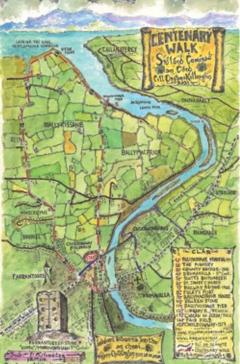
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# CENTENARY WALK OPEN FOR ALL TO ENJOY

A Loop Walk in Killorglin is now open for the public to enjoy.

Starting from the Mapboard, at the Fair Field, at the Market Street side, Killorglin ... then onto the Ballykissane Road onwards to the Ballykissane Pier, 1.5 miles the walk continues left along the foreshore, past Reen Point onto three stiles to the Reen Road, over crossroad onto Knocklyne/Sunhill and returning to Killorglin Town.

The map was devised and designed by Thomas O'Sullivan.

The centenery walk was envisaged in 2016 to coinside with 100th anniversary of the rising but this took longer to plan", Thomas told Killarney Outlook.

Thomas worked in Killorglin Archives for a few years and thats where the idea was born. It will be a great boost for Killorglin and will incorporate 3.5 miles over seascape and

landscape with a cultural history on its way. "The walk is a real history of Killorglin and tells the story of the old railway / Ballykissane and its shipping port, Ballykissane 1916 tragedy and has the Sliabh Mish range as a backdrop to the north and over Knocklyne with the the vista of the Magillicuddy Reeks. "Killorglin needed her own loop walk" Thomas said.

It was said that in olden days that the road to the Ballykissane Pier was the 'town-people's traditional walk' on Sunday evenings.

"It is great for locals and will help them to appreciation for their own place but will also be a valuable tourist trail on the gateway to the Ring of Kerry, so I am pleased to have had the initial idea and seeing it coming to fruition, Thomas added.

There is a weighty tome of history associated with this walk, breath-taking divergent landscapes of river, bay, seascape foreshore and mountain backdrops, hidden valleys, glens flora and fauna and a wealth of story the cultural, historical and mythological 'sense of place' to 'while away' two or three hours through Killorglin's environs.

This is a valuable amenity primarily for local residents and townspeople and obviously for tourism and visitors to Killorglin.

from the glen ... westwards, Thomas has thanked the various Killorglin organisations that contributed including SKDP

organisations that contributed including SKDP and Concubhair Lyne, Recreational Officer, Trish Dean and Team, Jean Boydell and Jeremy Smith of Trails Office. Landowners on the Centenary Walk Route, Cleo Murphy, Brendan Griffin T.D., Michael Cahill, Terence Houlihan, James Daly, Billy Browne, Stephen Thompson, Jens Bachem. Killorglin Archive and Reeks District and And Killorglin supportive bodies that contributed to the project.

# HEDGE CUTTING SEASON NOW CLOSED AS NESTING SEASON BEGINS

The hedge cutting season closed this week, Tuesday, 1 March which is the first day of the bird nesting season. During which hedges must not be cut.

Catherine Keena, Teagasc Countryside Management Specialist pointed out that the absence of hedge cutting from March to September allows birds to nest safely and without disturbance. Of the 110 species regularly recorded in the Countryside Bird Survey in Ireland during the breeding season, 55 use hedges. Of these, 35 bird species nest in hedges that provide enough cover from predators, both overhead and on the ground.

Niall Hatch from BirdWatch Ireland gives examples of birds that nest in hedges. One of these is the dunnock, a common bird in Ireland, which used to be known as the hedge sparrow. They love the security of hedges, nesting in behind thorns and brambles - secure from predators like foxes, cats, hawks, squirrels and rats, who find it difficult to get in there.

Another bird that nests in hedges is the wren, another common bird with more wrens in Ireland than human beings. They nest quite deep down, building a ball of a nest tucked away in the vegetation. The robin, which nests quite low down in locations which provide good vantage points but which are still quite secluded.

The blackbird is one of our most common bird species, seen all over the country. They know they will be able to get the worms just below the hedges, which means that they don't need to travel very far to find food. The same goes for the song thrush, which is, just like the blackbird, another member of the thrush family, though a bit shyer. They like cover more than the blackbird does. Their lives revolve around snails! Also some birds like house sparrows use hedges as conduits to get from A to B. They nest in and around them but also use them to connect up nesting areas.



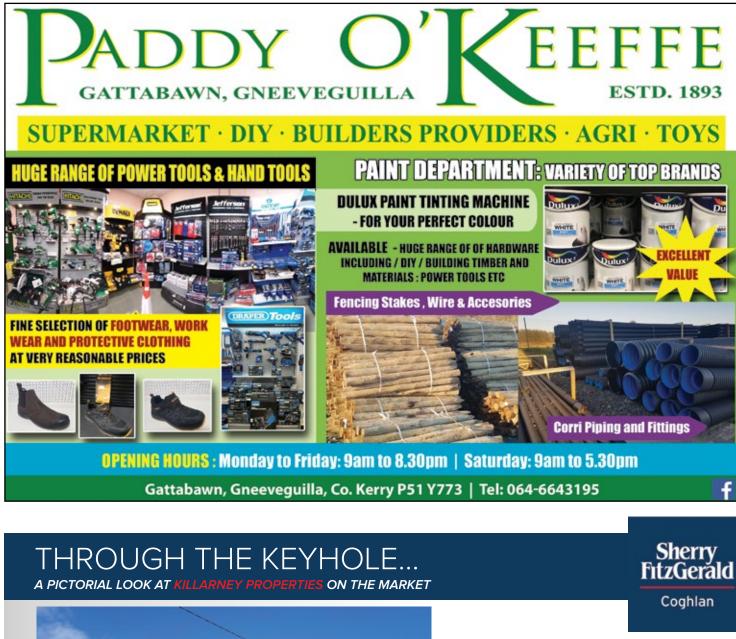
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# BUSINESS OUTLOOK

# KERRY MONTH OF ENTERPRISE OFFERING OVER 80 EVENTS FOR NEW AND GROWING **BUSINESSES**

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ow in its ninth year, Kerry Month of Enterprise (KMOE) takes place during the month of March. KMOE, a collaborative inter-agency initiative, aims to shine a spotlight on just some of the enterprise activities on offer all year round across Kerry and remind businesses in Kerry of the wide range of supports available to them, especially at this challenging time.

The month is designed and delivered by a partnership including Munster Technological University, Kerry County Council, Kerry Local Enterprise Office, Enterprise Ireland, North, East & West Kerry Development; South Kerry Partnership Development, IDA, Udarás na Gaeltachta, IRD Duhallow and various companies and organisations throughout the county. The month gives established businesses and budding entrepreneurs an opportunity to network and pandemic has highlighted just how important it is for Dónal Mac an tSíthigh, Údarás na Gaeltachta. business owners to access the supports available to them within their own region.

The calendar of events for 2022, which can be viewed at www.kmoe.ie, includes over 80 events across the month. The county-wide events cater for businesses at various stages of development across many sectors from start-ups to established and growing businesses. All events musted be booked in advance.

Highlights of the calendar of events for Kerry Month of Enterprise include a series of virtual "Start Your Own Business" focused workshops hosted by the Kerry Local Enterprise Office, focused on branding, food business 



Front I-r: Sarah Flaherty (MTU Kerry Campus); Cllr Michael Cahill, Leas-Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council; Minister discover the assistance available to them in growing Norma Foley; Moira Murrell, Chief Executive, Kerry County Council. Back I-r: Tomás Hayes, Kerry Local Enterprise Office; and sustaining a business in Kerry. The COVID-19 Eamonn O'Reilly, NEWKD; Bridget Fitzgerald, Kerry County Council; Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow; Ray O'Connor, IDA;

and sales and marketing, among others. Udarás na Gaeltachta will host sessions on how to boost online presence in a post-pandemic world and managing remote workers and SKDP, IRD Duhallow and NEWKD will host a number of events focused on supports including a Governance for Social Enterprises and Accounting for New Small Businesses. Munster Technological University will once again play host to the Kerry Start-up Challenge, New Frontiers Showcase, and a host of other events aimed at developing entrepreneurial mindset and enterprise creation. A full schedule of events is available at www.kmoe.ie

#### CALLS FOR THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY SECTOR TO TAKE PART IN NEW TRAINING COURSES THAT AIM TO CREATE A SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

A training initiative to enable workers and businesses safeguard the vulnerable and prevent violence against women has been launched this week by Minister Catherine Martin.

Following a successful trial in December, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media is launching a new series of vulnerability training courses for the night-time sector beginning next week.

These courses aim to create a safer environment for all, safeguarding the vulnerable and preventing violence against women.

These courses have been developed in partnership with the Licensed Vintners Association, Vintners' Federation of Ireland, Restaurant Association of Ireland, the County and City Management Association and Give Us the Night and with the support of the Department of Justice and An Garda Síochána.

The Night-Time Economy Taskforce Report, published in September 2021, highlighted the issue of public safety and suggested ways that current structures could support and enhance safety measures.

The key objective of this course is to enable workers and businesses in the Night-Time Economy to identify the issues around safeguarding and vulnerability management and violence against women. It will provide staff with an increased understanding of their responsibilities and duty of care to vulnerable people and train them on actions that must be taken to reduce identified risk. A series of policy templates in the areas such as incident and vulnerability management will

also be available for businesses to download and use.

This course will benefit all those engaging and working in the Night-Time Economy by ensuring customer safety. It will demonstrate that venues or businesses have a clear commitment to ensuring customer safety which in turn gives more confidence to people socialising at night by providing a safe environment to do so.

The course will cover the following topics over a 2 hour webinar via Zoom:

- 1. The main types of vulnerability found in the Night-Time Economy
- 2. Safeguarding
- 3. Adults and children at risk of harm
- 4. Violence against women and women's safety
- 5. Drink spiking
- 6. Responsibilities and duty of care
- 7. How to respond to the main types of vulnerability and when to call emergency services and report to local authorities
- 8. Performing a dynamic risk assessment
- 9. Policies and practices to promote a safe environment for all

This training is open to any person, business or venue operating or working in the Night-Time Economy There are six training sessions available for registration. This initiative aims to provide training to over 600 businesses and staff working and engaging in the Night-Time Economy nationwide.





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By Dermot Cronin, Financial Advisor



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# CONQUER THE CAMINO FOR CRY

erry GAA Football Star and CRY Ambassador, Aidan O'Mahony is set to conquer the Camino De Santiago to raise vital funds for CRY Ireland (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and is asking the public to join him.

CRY Ireland creates awareness of Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD) and inherited cardiac conditions and supports those who have been affected by these conditions through access to free cardiac assessments, bereavement counselling and family support programmes. CRY have also recently launched a new freephone helpline to offer a listening ear to those affected.

Aidan O'Mahony said "The Camino offers an escape, and an opportunity to disconnect. It can be a great way to connect with nature but also embark on a journey of self-discovery and to re-focus on yourself while raising money for CRY at the same time. In 2019 when I led the team I could just see life-long friendships forming and was so moved by the stories I heard on the trip from those affected by Sudden Cardiac Death and how CRY has helped them. I am thrilled to be taking part again this year and would like for people to join me."

"The Camino is suitable for almost anyone and is as rewarding as it is challenging, so if you are looking for a new challenge in 2022, why not conquer the Camino!"

Lucia Ebbs, CEO of CRY added " In previous years the trip has been a great opportunity for those that have been affected, to connect with one another and share experiences, and we are so excited to revisit



the Camino and reunite after three difficult years. This fundraiser has been an incredible source of funds for CRY in helping us support those affected. This year funds raised will allow us to continue to support families affected by Sudden Cardiac Death through our screening and bereavement services and also support our Freephone service, The CRY Helpline."

Joining Aidan on the trip is CRY Trustee Liam Herlihy who lost his daughter Niamh to sudden cardiac death in 2011. She was only 21 years of age at the time. Since then Liam and his family are screened regularly at the CRY Centre and do everything they can to support the charity. Aidan and Liam are asking people to join them and help raise funds for CRY.

The 7 night trip will take place on the 23rd of September 2022. For more information or to register interest, please visit cry.ie

# **KEEL GOES COUNTRY** FOR COMMUNITY HALL RENOVATION

The community hall in Keel, Castlemaine will be rocking to the country sounds of Eddie Lee and The Paudie Coffey Band on Saturday 2nd April at a 'Keel Goes Country' fund raising concert, to assist with funding for recent and ongoing renovations to the hall.

With the unrivalled popularity of the headline act and the undoubted appetite for live music events, following a two-year hiatus, the Keel Goes Country concert is expected to be a sell out.

The community hall in Keel was renovated to exceedingly high standards and re-opened in October 2019. The venue was beginning to

attract bookings from a variety of community groups, sports clubs and businesses when the pandemic hit, leaving the Keel community with financial holes to fill following the renovation and short of funding for further planned improvement projects.

The 'Keel Goes Country' concert is the first of many events planned to put the hall back at the centre of community activities in the parish.

"We are really looking forward to hosting this concert" said Keel Community Council chairman Gerard O' Dowd. "We are seeing interest in attending from all over the county, which is not surprising, given the

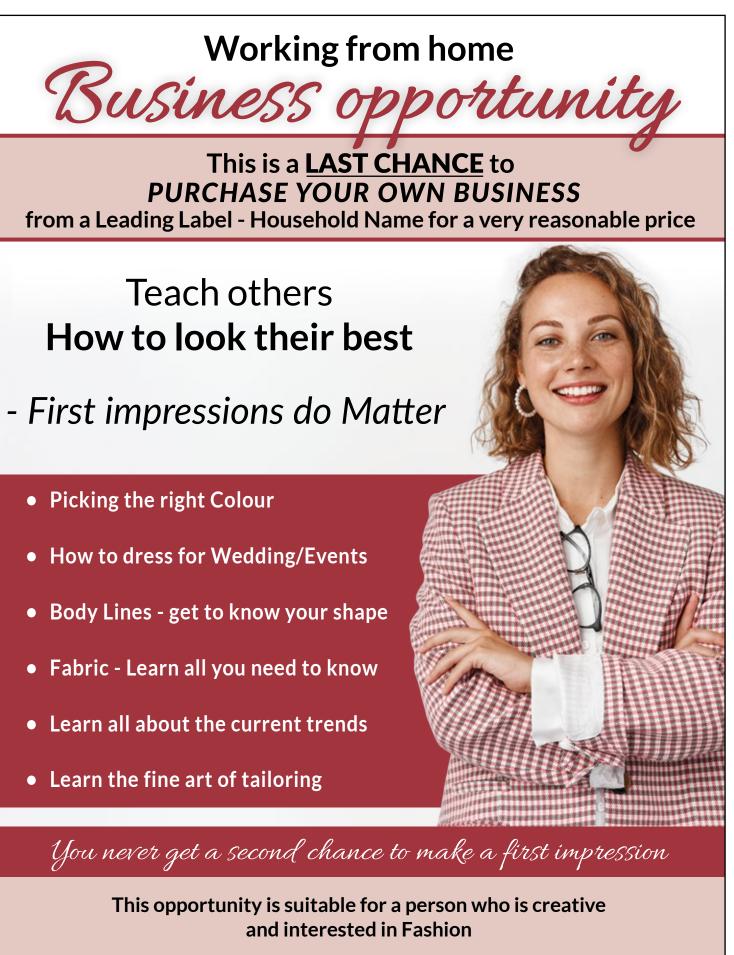
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Picture caption: L – R Gerard O' Dowd, chairman Keel Community Council Singer songwriter, Noreen Ashe John Byrnes, Keel Community Council Eddie Lee, Mike Coffey, Paudie Coffey (The Paudie Coffey Band) Tommy Griffin, Keel Community Council.

hich is not surprising, given the profile and popularity of Eddie

and the Paudie Coffey band. It will be great to see quality country music and dancing in the hall after such a long time and hope fully provide some much needed funding for ongoing community projects. The 'Keel Goes Country' concert kicks off at 8pm on Saturday the 2nd April, refreshments will be available throughout the evening, together with a prize raffle.

Tickets are €10 each and are available to order online from the Keel Community facebook page and from Culloty's Electrical, The Mall Tralee, Hickey's Music Shop, Main St. Castleisland and all local shops in Keel and Castlemaine.



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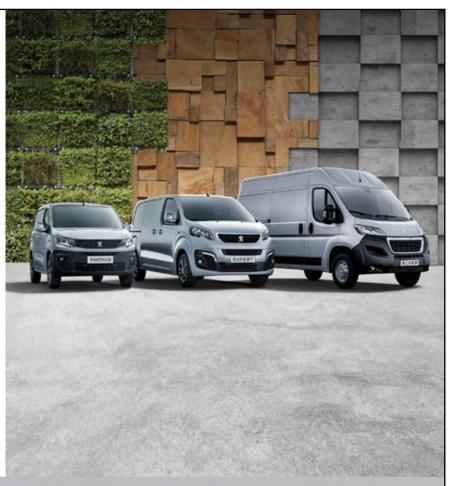
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# LISTRY CLAIM THE CUP AT PÁIDÍ'S COMÓRTAS

**Listry GAA Club were victorious under manager Mark Ó Sé in the Dermot Earley Senior Men's Cup at this year's Páidí O'Sé tournament.** Over 500 visiting and local club players and management turned out for one of Ireland's longest running Gaelic football club tournaments, the Lidl sponsored Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé, which took place last weekend in West Kerry after an enforced cancellation due to Covid-19 in 2021. 20 men's and ladies club sides from 14 counties played in a fourcompetition tournament at junior and senior grade with Kerry sweeping the men's contests.

The Mark Ó Sé managed Listry were comprehensive victors in the Dermot Earley Senior Men's Cup. In the six-team round robin competition they overcame reigning Connacht Senior Men's Champions Padraig Pearse of Roscommon and Galbally of Limerick to reach the final against Cork's Carbery Rangers which took place in An Ghaeltacht's Galarus pitch on Saturday evening. Carbery Rangers, backed by a strong north-westerly wind, led 3 points to 1 point by half time. However, they failed to score in the second half as Listry got the upper hand, chipping away at longrange scores thanks to points from Aodan MacGearailt, Aaron O'Shea and Anthony Sweeney, with the Kerry side winning on a scoreline of 0-7 to 0-3.

Lispole hosted Dublin's Templeogue Synge Street in the first-round knockout Junior Men's competition which proved to be the crunch game. The Dublin side boasted The Corona's frontman and former Dublin minor Danny O'Reilly among their ranks and it was the rock star who impressed most with three points from play and also setting up a goal in the last minute which brought the game to penalties. A high standard of spot kicks brought the contest to sudden death with Lispole finally winning nine goals to eight. Lispole went on to win comfortably in the Junior Men's Final, beating current Tipperary senior champions Loughmore-Castleiney in the final by 1-5 to 0-3 with Lispole's Aodán MacGearailt and Mark Manning to the fore.

In the Senior Ladies competition, Corca Dhuibhne won a first round match, beating Laois's Ballyroan Abbey 7-6 to 3-4 but fell in the semifinal to Meath's Ratoath 1-6 to 0-6. Clonguish of Longford made it twoin-a-row at the Comórtas, bringing home the victory in the final, beating Ratoath by 4-9 to 1-4.

The other Kerry sides to compete in the Junior Ladies Cup were Anascaul / Castlegregory who lost out to everntual winners Mullingar Shamrocks 4-9 to 1-1 in the straight knockout semi-final while Dingle Ladies lost to **42** | **04**.03.22

St. Vincent's of Dublin on a scoreline of 3-8 to 1-1. The Kerry sides played in a Shield Final with Anascaul / Castlegreogy beating Dingle Ladies 0-3 to 0-2 at Pobalscoil Dingle pitch.

Comórtas Chairman Pádraig Ó Sé, who was thrilled with the festivities, commented, "It was so important to get the festival going again and we were delighted with the strong interest once restrictions lifted. All clubs flew their club flag with pride over the weekend. I want to give a huge thanks to all volunteers who turned the organisation of the event around very quickly over the last month and a special thanks to our main sponsor Lidl Ireland as well as Lee Strand Milk, Kerry County Council Tourism Unit, McKeever Sports, EJMensewear.com and Údarás na Gaeltachta who agreed to help make the event happen at the last minute and contributed to making it a weekend to remember for all participants."



Pictured (centre) is Listry captain Joe Clifford receiving the Dermot Earley Cup from Lidl Ireland Head of Partnerships Joe Mooney (right) and Comórtas chairman Pádraig Ó SéLispole following their victory over Cork's Carbery Rangers in the senior men's competition at the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé 2022, the famed men's and ladies club Gaelic football festival which took place all across the Dingle Peninsula last weekend.



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# KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL SENIOR NEWS

# Basketball IrelandNational League Div 1 Killarney Cougars 85 Waterford Vikings 67

Killarney Cougars made it back to back home wins with victory over Waterford Vikings on Saturday evening coming from behind in the second quarter with a strong performance needed to take the points in the Presentation Gym . The visitors were quickly off the mark and held the upper hand in the early exchanges with Dale Kavanagh and Osilama Oshigwemoh opening their account with early baskets to take the lead which they were to hold through the first quarter forcing Coach Ignas Sijanas into an early timeout as Vikings lead 14-6 after 4 minutes. The timeout for Cougars steadied the ship as Cougars as Andrew Fitzgerald 11pts helped to reduce the arrears by the end of the quarter to 24-19 with Jay Kavangh causing a lot of problems for the Cougars. The second quarter was to see Cougars best spell of the game as strong defence laid the foundations for a strong quarter with Tommy Bowler and Rich Dunham starting to find their range. Bowler hit two big three pointers with Dunham getting to the board for some great scores under pressure as he added 8pts to turn the game in Cougars favour to lead 49-38 at halftime. Waterford showed a good response in the third quarter as the sides went basket for basket as Cougars managed to maintain their advantage by the end of the third 70-56 with the home side playing with a lot of confidence with Rich Dunham coming more into the game with some great scores and Mark OShea also contributing a big three at right time as Cougars finished the quarter well on top despite three three pointers from the impressive Jay Kavanagh. The Cougars dealt well with the threat of the Vikings well in the final quarter with a great spread of scores with Andrew Fitzgerald and Rich Dunham doing the damage as Cougars ensured there was no way back for the Vikings as their challenge faded in the closing minutes as Cougars recent good form continued to improve since the turn of the year. Next up for the Cougars is a trip across town for the Killarney derby with the Lakers and the campaign concludes at home with a home game with title chasing Carlow IT at the Pres Gym on March 12th. A big thank you to our Gameday Sponsor The Black Sheep Hostel and Coffee Shack Killarney. B

# JUVENILE NEWS

Our Midterm Basketball program was a great success last week, thanks to all who attended and the preize winners, thank you to coaches Rich, Ciaran and Kelly who ensured the large turnout enjoyed the session. Our Academy U10 teams are in action this weekend on Saturday evening coaches will advise players times and venues in due course. The Cougars will be hosting teams from Rathmore, Gneeveguilla and Tralee. Training continues on Friday evening at the Sem Gym and Parish Hall.

# **KERRY AIRPORT LEAGUES**

U14 Boys League:

**Killarney Cougars 32 Rathmore Ravens 58** The visitors to the Pres Gym Rathmore Ravens led this game from the opening quarter with Damien Moynihan impressive throughout contributing 28pts but proved too strong with a very good team performance throughout to take the points with Cougars working hard to stay in contention they never gave up under presssure. Best for Cougars were Conor O'Mahony and Jack Spillane and Jack Hallissey and Fionn Doyle U14 GIRLS LEAGUE

# Killarney Cougars 36 St Marys 20

Cougars welcomed St Marys Castleisland to the Pres on Saturday morning and the Cougars took the win leading throughout the game wuith the visitors slow to settle. Cougars led 23-8 at halftime with St Marys playing well through the second half to reduce the arrears in a competitive second half. Best for Cougars were Meg Lynch, Kate OToole and Jenna Coffey. **FIXTURES** 

National League Div 1 Saturday March 5th Killarney Cougars v Scotts Lakers. Venue: Sport & Leisure Center Tip off 7.30pm.

Saturday March 12th Killarney Cougars v IT Carlow. Venue: Presentation Gym Tip Off 7.30pm For the latest information follow us on facebook or go to our website www.killarneycougars.com

# MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

Over 40 Muckross crews are entered for the Cork Head Of the River, scheduled for this Saturday, March 5 at the city marina. The relative shelter of the marina has proved to be one of the more reliable venues for winter season competition with many time trials being cancelled since October due to bad weather. Best of luck to all our crews!

#### **ENNISKILLEN TRIP**

Over the midterm break, over twenty club juniors travelled to Enniskillen for a training camp. The trip saw our juniors avail of the great stretch of water on the river Erne hosted by Enniskillen Royal Boat Club over four days. Well done to all. Special thanks to the coaches and committee members who organised and supervised the trip. We look forward to hosting a return visit of our friends in Enniskillen RBC to Muckross at a later date.

# **KILLARNEY RFC NEWS**

# KRFC GIRLS LILY AND FIA PLAY FOR MUNSTER

Killarney RFC would like to send a huge congratulations to our players Fia Whelan and Lily Morris who represented Munster U18 girls last Sunday against Connacht in Ennis. Their coaches, teammates and the whole club is very proud of this achievement and of the girls - Lily scored a try while Fia created another. A wonderful day for the girls and their families! Well done girls!

# **U18 GIRLS IMPRESS AT FERMOY**

Last Friday night our U18 girls travelled to Fermoy to take on the Cork side in the U18 Development Bowl, a first for teh girls as they played the fixture under lights. Well done to the girls and coaches on the win. Tomorrow they host Nenagh in the third round of the leagueand this promises to be a cracker. All support welcome.

# **U14 RED THROUGH TO FINAL**

Our U14 Red team are through to the West



Fia Whelan and Lily Morris who played for Munster U18 girls last weekend - A proud day for Killarney Rugby club.

Munster Final, having beaten Listowel at Aghadoe last Saturday. Very well done one and all and the Final details have to be confirmed but another cracker of a match in prospect. Best of luck lads.

### SENIORS HOST DOUGLAS THIS SUNDAY

Best of luck to our Seniors who host Douglas in the league at home this Sunday. Please come along to Aghadoe and support the lads in the big game, kick off is at 2:30pm.

# RESULTS

U18 Girls: Fermoy 15 - 35 Killarney U16 Girls: Killarney 30 - 10 Tralee U14 Boys (Red): Killarney 5 - 5 Listowel **FIXTURES** 

U18 Girls: Killarney V Nenagh Ormond -Aghadoe @ 12:30pm. U14 Girls: Killarney V Ballincollig - Aghadoe @ 1pm

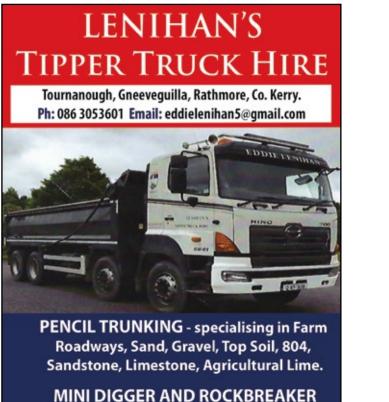
SUNDAY: U16 Boys: Killarney V Kanturk -Aghadoe @ 12pm. Seniors: Killarney V Douglas - Aghadoe, Sunday @ 2:30pm\

# **KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB**

The AAI National Senior Indoor Athletics Championships were held in Dublin last weekend. Sarah Leahy took a National silver in the 200m in a blistering fast race on Day 1 and took a National bronze in the 60m on Day 2. Jordan Lee competed in the High Jump and placed 6th with a season's best jump of 1.85m. Ciara Kennelly also competed in the National High Jump finishing 6th. We are very proud of Sarah, Jordan & Ciara for representing Killarney Valley AC at the highest levels.

Tony Harty of KVAC ran a fantastic 10K race in Adare last weekend finishing 8th overall and 1st master's athlete in a fast time of 34min12sec.

THE **MUNSTER** JUVENILE **INDOOR** CHAMPIONSHIPS were held 19th/20th Feb in Nenagh. We had 11 athletes in 10 events and 9 medallists' who also qualify for the National Juvenile Indoor Championships in March. Our Gold medallists were Sam Griffin in the U19 High Jump, Dara Looney in the U19 Triple Jump and Keelan Veerasoo in the U17 Triple Jump. Our Silver medallists' were Oisin Lynch in the U18 800m, Conor Gammell in the U19 200m and Sam Griffin in the U19 Long Jump. Our Bronze medallists were Anna O'Shea in the U15 Pole Vault, Kevin O'Callaghan in the U19 Shot Putt and Dara Looney in the U19 Long Jump. Email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com for any queries.



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# LISTRY

# >LISTRY WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn 4, 16, 19, 27. €100- John Kearns c/o Faha Court. €50 x 2 -Kathleen Courtney, Faha West. Joe Clifford, Faha West. €25 x 2 - Ellen Ann Sugrue, Lissivane. Mary O'Sullivan, Kelly Villas. Next Sunday Jackpot €4,950 ≻KERRY U20

Congratulations to Ruairi Murphy and Kerry team in Round 2 of the 2022 John Kerins Cup U20 Football Development League Group 2, Kerry 0.13 Galway 0.06

# ≻KEEL/LISTRY U17

Full time score in the U17 Division 1 County League Keel/Listry 2.10 Austin Stack 2.10. The half time score was 1-07 to 0-04 to Austin Stacks. Keel/ Listry converted some excellent scores in the second half to secure a goal in the last minute of full time

# >LIDL COMORTAS PEILE PAIDI O SE TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Listry Senior team winners in the Comórtas final against Carberry Rangers in Dingle last weekend.

# >LISTRY GAA MEMBERSHIP

Listry GAA Membership for 2022 is now available to purchase. Register/ Log on to www.foireann.ie to chose your relevant membership category. 

## Any queries please contact Mike Tangney 087-6162786. >Listry/Faha/Milltown/Ballyhar Area

Meals are prepared and distributed from Listry Community Centre, ON Three days per week, Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Do you or someone known to you, need a hot meal, Delivered to your door. Great service for those living alone, the elderly, those convalescing from illness or those not in a position to provide or prepare a meal for themselves. Enquiries to Cathriona @ 087 9381063.

# ≻SYMPATHY

Listry Community Council clg Votes of sympathy to bereaved families, relatives and friends of followingpeople who died in last few months. ==Betty Crosbie - Killarney. =John Scannell - Killarney. =Joseph Sheehy -Castleisland. Eileen Brosnan Nee O'Sullivan - Milltown. Sean Joseph Ryan - Castleisland. Mary Esther Daly - Milltown. Teresa Clifford - Rosnacarton. Mary McCarthy - Castlegregory. Michael McCarthy - Kilcummin. Padraig Clifford - Milltown. Eva O'Sullivan Nee Lynch - Castlemaine. May their souls rest in peace.

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

# **GLENFLESK**

## **≻LOTTO**

The new Lotto year (2022/23) will commence Mon 4th April. All annual tickets renewed will be entitled to 26 draws (including 1 free draw) up to 20th March 2023. Choose 4 numbers between 1 and 30 and forward to Denis O'Donoghue, St Kieran's, Knockanes, Headford, Killarney, Co. Kerry with the fee of €50.00 before 21st March 2022. Tickets can also be bought online.

# >HOGAN CUPCUP SEMI FIN

St Brendan's College Killarney have reached the All Ireland Post Primary Schools final, after overcoming St Mary's Magherafelt in windy Bekan this evening. Once again Glenflesk's contingent had a huge influence on the victory. Cian Lynch continued his impressive form throughout the competition, as part of a defense that limited the lively Derry forward's to just eight points. John Kelleher was up and down the right wing all night. When he made one more raid as injury time approached, he set his sights on goal. With his now trademark outside the right foot shot, he connected superbly and split the post's. It gave his side a lead they would

never relinquish. Killian O Sullivan was superb in midfield, helping out the defense, and also supplying quality ball into the forward's. Luke Crowley's introduction was pivotal in the victory. His powerful running caused the St Mary's defenders no end of problems. He had an assist, and scored two crucial points. He was also involved in Kelleher's lead taking score. Michael Mullane came on late, and helped see out the victory. Jack O Donoghue was also on the panel. All Ireland final day now awaits at Croke Park. CBS Naas provide the opposition. Good luck to the lad's as they try to follow in the footsteps of Seamus Moynihan, Lee O Donoghue, Chris O Donoghue and Daniel O Brien, in bringing Hogan Cup glory to the Sem. Report by Michael Healy.

# ≻GLENFLESK 3 – 17 FIRIES 5 – 8

A good start for the minor team, as they overcame Firies at home in round one of the Division 2 of the County League. Even though they dominated the first half, scoring nine great points, Firies three goal's kept them in touch. Glenflesk continued to keep in front, scoring two goals in the second half, and even though Firies kept going, Glenflesks greater scoring power saw them gain victory. A trip to Ardfert is next, in two weeks' time. Team. 1. Liam O Donoghue, 2. Pearce Moynihan, 3. Ignatuis O Leary, 4. James O Connor, 5. Aaron Murphy, 6. Evan Lucey, 7. Jamie Moynihan 2 - 2, 8. Darragh McCormick, 9. Eoghan Kelly, 10. Cormac Tangney, 11. Darragh O Connell 0 – 5, 12. Brian O Connor, 13. Gearoid Healy 0 – 1 14. Callum Cronin 1 - 7, 15. Shane O Donoghue. 16. Jack Rudden. Report by Michael Healy.



A Child Safeguarding Coaching Course was held in Glenflesk Hall last week with Kerry GAA Officers Aine Ni Shuilleabhean and Eamon O Sullivan.

Round 2 - 12/03/2022: Ardfert v Glenflesk in Ardfert.

# **>TRACTOR RUNBARRADUFF**

The Barraduff Tractor Run 2022 will take place on Sunday the 6th of March in aid of Kerry/Cork link bus & Recovery Haven. We welcome all vintage cars, motorbikes, Vintage & non-vintage tractors. Registration will take place from 11 am at the Community Field Barraduff. Entry fee €20 per vehicle and refreshments will be provided in John Dan's Bar Barraduff. For further information please contact Marie on 086 3584472 or Stuart on 086 1297200. This event is held in association with Barraduff Tidy Village Group. >RAHEEN NS USED CLOTHS COLLECTION

We will be collecting unwanted clothes on Saturday 12th of March at Glenflesk GAA Pitch from 11am -12 and Barraduff Community Field from 12 -1pm. Bags can also be dropped to Raheen NS any morning from 9-11am until Wednesday 16th of March. If anyone wants bags collected contact Eugene Bowler on 087 2339725. We can only accept clean dry clothes, paired shoes, handbags/Belts, curtains and bed linen. Congratulations to Nicole Warren who had the winning bonus number in the lotto.

#### >LOTTO RESULTS

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place tonight 21/02/2022 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot was €6,200. The numbers drawn were 15, 19, 23, 28. Consolation prizes of €50 each to: 1. Peter Phelan, Brewsterfield, Yearly Ticket. 2. Larry Donovan, Shronedraugh. 3. Harry Donovan (Sellers' Prize). 4. Aeneas Seán O' Leary, Gneeveguilla. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 07/03/2022. Jackpot will be €6,400.



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# **>FAMILY QUIZ**

Tráth na gCeist/Family and Friends Fun Table Quiz will be held in the Dúchas Comhaltas Centre, Tralee on Sun 6th March at 3.30pm as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022. Tables of four with prizes galore. The awards for this years 'Cum Dán' competition will also be presented on the evening.

# **>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE**

After a break of two years due to Covid 19, Community Care resumed on Tuesday 1st March 2022 from 10.45 to 1.00pm at the GAA Club house. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back and new members are always welcome. For more information please contact the Rural Development Office 064 6643357.

## >INTERNATIONAL SUPREME CHAMPION 2021 CELEBRATORY DINNER DANCE

Following on from Tom O'Sullivan's success at last September's International Sheepdog Trials in Wales with his sheepdog North-hill Tess, the Irish Sheepdog Trials Society are holding a celebratory dinner dance on Saturday the 5th March 2022 at the Killarney Avenue Hotel. Dinner at 8pm followed with music by "The Best of Friends". Tickets for the dinner dance are on sale at the Kilcummin P.O. at €35 per person. Tom is only the fifth Irishman to win the Supreme Championship, the most coveted trophy in sheepdog trialling since it began in 1947 and we hope you can join family and friends from near and far celebrate this tremendous achievement.

#### >ANAM CARA KERRY

Anam Cara Kerry, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 8th

March at 7:20pm in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee Co. Kerry. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support group and you can get further information on this by contacting us in info@anamcara.ie >KILCUMMIN GAA

# ST BRENDANS COLLEGE

St Brendan's College Well done to our Kilcummin players who are part of the Sem team who have qualified for the All Ireland Senior Colleges final Hogan Cup. Cian Foley, Dara O Callaghan, Mark O'Shea, Colm Kelleher, James Williams, Oisin O'Leary, Dara O'Shea and Cian Murphy.

# EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUE

East Kerry Senior League Dr Crokes 4-15 Kilcummin 3-18. Played in Lewis Rd last Friday night the proved to be an enthralling encounter which was enjoyable and entertaining for the small attendance. Dr Crokes scored the last two points to enjoy a share of the points and while that was a little disappointing one would have to admire the attitude and commitment of our players who showed no little skills and contributed some lovely scores. Paul O' Shea scored two goals from penalties, Kelvin Teahan finished a fine solo effort to the net while Kevin McCarthy contributed ten of the points total. Team Keith O'Leary, Andy Lowin, Dan Moynihan, James Devane, Philip O'Leary, James Nagle, Sean Brosnan, Paul O'Shea, Kevin Gorman, Eoin O'Donovan, Danny Cronin, Oisin O'Leary, Kelvin Teahan, Kevin McCarthy, Noel Duggan. Subs used Turlough O'Connor.

There was no Jackpot winner on Friday 25th February. Numbers drawn were 6,13,19,28. Consolation prizes of  $\in$ 50 went to John Lenihan, Inchicullane, Kilcummin, Pats, Dj, Katie, Louise O'Leary, Neilus McCartthy, Kilbrean, Frank O'Sullivan, Loor, Dromulton. Next draw will be on Friday 4th March 2022. Jackpot will be  $\notin$ 2,600.

Written by: John Moriartty

# **RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA**

#### >SYMPATHY

Our Prayers & Sympathiest o Den Creedon, Mary Cahill & families on the death of their brother Frank Creedon who died recently in America. To Sean Moynihan Islanderagh & Kathleen Murphy Caherbarnagh & families on the death of their nephew Dominic Foran, Killarney whose funeral took place on 3rd February in Killarney. To Peggy Fox & Annabelle O'Sullivan, Eileen, Derry, Frank, & John Reen on the death of their brother Denis J Reen Tralee. Denis was laid to rest on Tuesday 22nd Feb in Tralee. May Frank, Dominic & Denis J. rest in peace



# >RATHMORE GAA ASTRO TURF IS BACK

After Covid and bookings for the Astro turf are filling up fast. Open Monday to Friday, 7-8, 8-9 & 9-10pm. Ring Noreen for best rates @ 087 1144100 Good rates for Birthday parties.

>DATE FOR YOUR DIARY RATHMORE GAA CLUB presents "Make Up Master Class" at the Wallis Arms Millstreet on Friday April 1st. Tickets from The Wash Basket or contact Emma on 0879004101. See Facebook & Twitter.

#### **>RATHMORE 10TH ANNUAL ST PATRICKS**

Due to major ongoing works in the town it was decided for health and safety reasons to cancel the St Patricks Day Parade on 13th March. >GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COUNCIL AND GNEEVEGUILLLA BASKETBALL CLUB

East Kerry Minor Medal Presentation 2022

had our weekly draw for our Share the Bucket on Friday evening/25/02/22. Congrats to Nora Murphy the lucky winner of €303 >DANCE

CYMS Hall, Newmarket, Fri. 4th March, Mike Condon Band Heritage Centre Scartaglen, Sun 6th March, Neily O'Connor Band Kerins O'Rahillys Club House, Tralee Wed. 9th March, Michael Collins Band Dancing 9 – 11.30. Phone: 087 9735113 >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

# **SPA**

#### SPA KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

Spa GAA in association with Rockshore are delighted to launch the inaugural Killarney Club 7s - a 7-A-Side Gaelic Football Tournament where men & women from the four corners of the country will compete against each other on Sat 4th & Sun 5th June at the Spa GAA Club grounds in Tullig, Killarney. Matches will be played across two top class pitches, which can be easily viewed from all areas of the grounds. Fully stocked bars and some top-class entertainment will be on offer in the Rockshore Tent, whilst also providing the perfect vantage point to take in all the drama the football is sure to throw up! Check out the details on social media page under 'killarneyclub7s' to see the official launch giveaway or details are on the website www.killarneyclub7s.ie

#### >2022 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The draw for the 2022 club championships took place last Wednesday evening. In the senior club championship, there are 2 groups – Spa are in Group 1 with Dingle, Kenmare Shamrocks and Na Gaeil while Group 2 is Dr Crokes, Austin Stacks, Kerins O'Rahillys and Templenoe. The first round is due to be played at the end of July with Spa set to play Dingle (neutral venue) in the first game. Details to follow closer to the time.

### ►KERRY U20

Well done to Niall O'Mahony and the Kerry U20 team and management on their second win in the John Kerins Cup last weekend, defeating Galway by 0-13 to 0-6. They now go through to the play-offs, fixture details TBC.

# >HOGAN CUP SCHOOLS FINALS

Well done to Donagh Fahy, Dr Gary Stack and the St Brendan's Killarney team and management on their win over Derry school St Marys of Magherafelt last Saturday to make it through to the Hogan Cup All Ireland Final on March 17th. They will play Naas CBS in the Final. Fixture details TBC.

# **>KERRY LADIES**

Well done to Cassandra Buckley and the Kerry Ladies team & management on their National League Rd2 win over Clare on Sunday afternoon by 1-13 to 0-7. They play Laois in Rd3 next Sunday March 6th (2pm in Fitzgerald Stadium).

# >EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUE

Spa travelled to Direen last Wednesday night to play Legion in Rd3 of
the East Kerry Superleague. Played under lights, Legion had the wind in
the opening half and led by 0-6 to 0-5 at half time, the Spa points from
Michael Foley and Cian Tobin (4). Spa took the lead early in the second half
and with scores from Niall McCarthy, Michael Foley (2) and Cian Murphy
we were 0-9 to 0-6 ahead at the end of the third quarter. Two final scores
from Cian Murphy made it Spa 0-12 to Legion 0-8 at the final whistle. Spa
team: James Devane, Brian Lynch, Eoin Fitzgerald, Eoin Cronin, Michael
Kearney, Shane Cronin, Conor Stack, Gary Vaughan, Ciaran Spillane, Mikey
Moynihan, Michael Foley, Niall McCarthy, Donagh Fahy, Cian Murphy, Cian
Tobin. Subs: Conor O'Riordan, Evan Cronin, Jordan Leahy, Brendan Lynch,
Rian O'Neill

#### >SPA LOTTO

Spa lotto results 21/02/2022: Numbers drawn 1, 6, 15, 24. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Conor Brosnan, JD O'Sullivan, Sean Hickey and Jack & 1216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

Zara O'Leary. This Monday's jackpot is €3,400 and tickets on sale online on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto.

# >SPA GAA ACADEMY

Our Spa GAA Academy returned last Saturday February 26th and continues every Saturday morning from 10am - 11am for girls and boys from u5 to u9. In Spa we cater for independent 3 year olds and upwards, and membership is FREE for u5s and u6s. We would like to extend a warm welcome to any girls or boys from the Killarney area who would like to join Spa GAA, just come along any Saturday morning. For any further information we can be contacted at 087 1385612 or at spacoistenanog@gmail.com

#### >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 over the next couple of Wednesdays from 7-8pm.

#### >SPA ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Spa Annual Awards Night will take place at the Heights Hotel Killarney on Saturday March 26th. It will be a Dinner Dance with music from SuperCéilí. Tickets will be on sale at the clubhouse this Wednesday March 2nd between 7 – 8pm or are available from committee members Andrew Garnett, Anne Holland, Adrian O'Sullivan, Ivor Flynn, Mathilda Cronin and Triona Mangan. The award recipients and nominees for this year's event have been announced and congratulations to all -

Lifetime Achievement Award: Paddy O'Keeffe. Social / Cultural Person of the Year: Catherine Carroll . Young Player of the Year: Rian O'Neill. Junior Player of the Year: Brendan Lynch. Nominees for Senior Ladies Player of the Year: Aisling Mahony, Saoirse Kelly and Niamh Clifford. Nominees for Senior Mens Player of the Year: Dan O'Donoghue, Ciaran Spillane and Eoin Fitzgerald. Guests of Honour: 2020 Spa Senior Team Intermediate Champions

## ≻NATIONAL LEAGUE

Congratulations to Dan O'Donoghue, Dara Moynihan, Arthur Fitzgerald and the Kerry team & management on their National League Rd4 win over Monaghan last weekend. They play Mayo in the next round on Saturday March 12th (7.30pm in Austin Stack Park).

### **>CO MINOR LEAGUES**

Spa had a BYE last Saturday in Rd1 of the Co Minor Leagues and will play Rathmore in Rd2 on Saturday March 12th (4pm in Spa).

# **>FIXTURES CALENDAR**

As more fixtures come through over the coming weeks, they will be added to the calendar on the spagaa.com website. For the most up to date fixtures please check the calendar.

#### **>CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Spa Ladies player Gina Crowley and Brian Looney on the birth of their daughter Aide.

# >ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 085 Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

BEAUFORT

>FIXTURE	: ≻MEMBERSHIP
Beaufort senior men away Keel, Sunday, 6th at 2pm in round 4, Mid Kerry	🕻 Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Please go to www.foireann.
senior league.	ie to pay membership or contact Patie at 087 2515311.
>RESULTS	<ul> <li>SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ</li> </ul>
Beaufort minors had a victory in round 1, Co minor league on a score of	Thank you to everybody who took part in our Sports Prediction quiz and
Beaufort 2.09 Castlegregory 1.06. Senior men had a one point	the sellers who put in a big effort in selling the sheets.
victory over Laune Rangers A in Mid Kerry senior league. Final score	: ≻IRISH LIFE STEPS CHALLENGE
Beaufort 0.09 Laune Rangers 0.08.	• Well done to the walkers who have achieved their goal of 4,000km and
CONGRATULATIONS to Mikey Moriarty and St Brendan's	will be in the draw for O'Neill's Sports gear.
College team and management who have reached the Hogan Cup Post	► > WIN A HOUSE IN KILLARNEY WITH KERRY GAA
Primary schools senior A football final. They will play Naas CBS in the	* Kerry GAA is having a fundraising draw with first prize of a house in
final on St Patrick's Day in Croke Park.	• Killarney. There are also monthly prizes until the main draw for all
>LOTTO	purchased tickets. Tickets are €100 and can be purchased at www.
The next draw for jackpot of €6,800 will be on Sunday, 6th March. Tickets	kerrygaa.ie. Tickets also available in the Club from Neil Doherty at 087
available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.	* 2114059.
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# JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



# KERRY WIN WELL ON THE ROAD National League: Kerry 3-14 Monaghan 1-12

Four games, three wins, one draw, no defeat. I know that nobody is picking up inter-county silverware in February, and I know that we have done well in the National League in recent years only to lose out in the Championship, and I know that we haven't met Dublin or Donegal at their best. But we have been shaping well, and a convincing win in Enniskillen has to count as hard currency. Kerry are on the right road.

This was a fairly strong Monaghan team. They had some injuries, to be fair, but talismanic Conor McManus did line out after an overturned suspension. But he got very little wriggle room and ended up scoreless from play – hardly a common happenstance for one of the best forwards of a generation, and a real marker laid down for Kerry. Another scratch on the bark for Jason Foley, whose reputation is rapidly growing.

Monaghan actually came out of the blocks fast with points from Kieran Hughes and Conor Duffy. It took twelve long minutes for Paudie Clifford to open our account – in fairness to Monaghan, they were contesting very well initially. A free by McManus restored their two point lead, but Gavin Crowley kicked a fine score and David Clifford squared things up. Dessie Ward nudged them back in front, but Tony Brosnan hit a fine equaliser – he is a player growing in confidence with every game.

Seán O'Shea slotted a trademark free to put Kerry in front, a lead they subsequently never relinquished. David Clifford added another free and his brother Paudie pointed from play. Kerry were taking full control now, with Jason Foley, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Diarmuid O'Connor, and especially Tadhg Morley starting to really dominate.

At half-time there was just a goal between the sides, 0-7 to 0-4, but it felt like a much bigger lead, especially considering that Kerry had

played against the wind.

Kerry did ring one change at the break, Dan O'Donoghue coming on for Dylan Casey. The Stacks man hadn't done much wrong, but had picked up a yellow card for something off the ball – none of us saw exactly what. It was a game overall that I'd describe as 'robust' rather than 'dirty' – plenty of players on both sides throwing their weight around, and nothing at all wrong with that. I can't comment on Dylan's card, but he may well have been unlucky. I suspect that the window to nail down starting jerseys is getting fairly narrow, given the shorter championship time frame this year (something I fully support).

Diarmuid O'Connor is rapidly making himself a certainty for one of those jerseys, and he kicked a fine point to open the second half. David Clifford quickly followed up with a trademark goal. He might have fluked a green flag last week against Donegal, but there was nothing lucky about this predator's strike. Andrew Woods pulled back a point for Monaghan, but once again the ball came to David Clifford and once again the net rattled. 2-8 to 0-5. Not quite game over, but Monaghan were going to need something special. Kerry weren't exactly slowing down, either, which is a positive sign.

Tony Brosnan picked off another nice point. Conor McManus pointed a free and Micheál Bannigan scored from play, a good point in fairness to him, but the Kerry supporters were well relaxed at this stage. David Clifford slotted a free and Tony Brosnan pointed again before Seán O'Shea exquisitely lobbed the hapless Rory Beggan – I've said before that I am no fan of emergent keepers. Beggan is brilliant at what he does and one of the best keepers in the country, but I believe keepers should follow Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan's advice of yore – "mind your own patch".

Kerry were rampant now. Paul Geaney picked off a point, Sean calmly pointed a free, and Stephen O'Brien split the posts. 3-14 to 0-8. Truthfully, I had expected Kerry to win this game, but certainly not with this much comfort

#### on the scoreboard.

Look, Monaghan did rally towards the finish and did enough to put a gloss on the scoreboard, but it was never more than cosmetic. Conor McManus struck a very good penalty after a Kerry player touched it on the ground. I think it was the correct decision as far as I could tell, but it was the kind of one you might not get in a summer championship game. They finished with a flurry of points from Fintan Kelly, Kieran Hughes (2), and Micheál Bannigan all hit late points.

Consolation scores at best. The truth is that this was probably Kerry's best performance to date, smooth control translating into dominance.

Next up is Mayo, a real top of the table battle, and one that both sides will be relishing. Both sides have infused with some new players over the past couple of years and done so successfully. They are as dangerous as they ever were – I admire them hugely for it. This will be a real clash of titans, and one where we will find out an awful lot about ourselves. I'm not disrespecting the scalps we have taken so far, but Mayo are a team who look closer to summer form than them and will provide a different measure.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Dylan Casey, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Gavin Crowley (0-1), Tadhg Morley, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), Jack Barry, Dara Moynihan, Seán O'Shea (1-2, 2f), Adrian Spillane, Tony Brosnan (0-3), David Clifford (2-3, 2f), Paudie Clifford (0-2). Subs: Dan O'Donoghue (for Dylan Casey, halftime), Stephen O'Brien 0-1 (for Adrian Spillane, 38 mins), Graham O'Sullivan (for Gavin Crowley, 52 mins), Paul Geaney 0-1 (for David Clifford, 59 mins).

Monaghan: Rory Beggan; Ryan Wylie, Kieran Duffy (0-1), Conor Boyle; Killian Lavelle, Dessie Ward (0-1), Shane Hanratty; Darren Hughes, Niall Kearns; Andrew Woods (0-1), Shane Carey, Mícheál Bannigan (0-2), Colin Walshe; Kieran Hughes (0-3, 2f, 1m), Conor McManus (1-3, 1-0 pen, 3f). Subs: Karl O'Connell (for Shane Hanratty, half-time), Fintan Kelly 0-1 (for Colin Walshe, half-time), Gary Mohan (for Darren Hughes, 48 mins), James Mealiff (for Killian Lavelle, 54 mins), Aaron Mulligan (for Shane Carey, 59 mins), Daragh McElearney (for Dessie Ward, 67 mins)

Referee: Paddy Neilon (Roscommon)

# U20 JOHN KERINS CUP Kerry 0-13 Galway 0-6

This was a tough test for any team in February conditions, and Kerry manager Declan O'Sullivan will be well pleased with how his charges accounted for themselves.

Kerry made much the better start, with Ruairi Murphy hitting a great opening score and

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Dylan Geaney rapidly following up with a free. The same pair struck again to make it 0-4 to 0-0 before Gary Higgins opened Galway's account from a free. It's worth noting that Kerry had the strong wind in their favour at this stage, and actually Kerry won't be too happy with that tally – they dropped a good few chances short, while keeper James Egan comfortably gathered Jack O'Connor's fisted effort at goal. Thomas O'Donnell boomed over a long range monster before Dylan Geaney won and converted a free. Nathan Grainger closed out the first half scoring with Galway's second point.

Half-time Kerry 0-6 Galway 0-2

Thomas O'Donnell and Nathan Grainger exchanged scores early in the second half. Daniel Flaherty reduced the deficit to a goal, but man of the match Thomas O'Donnell soon added another point. Cillian Burke and Ruairí Murphy, two more big players for Kerry, added points. Our defence, particularly Joey Nagle and Enda O'Connor, were well on top overall. Nathan Grainger pulled another one back but Tommy Cronin coolly fisted over and Thomas O'Donnell received a superb Kevin Goulding pass for a beautiful score. Nathan Grainger made it 0-12 to 0-6, but Kerry's goalkeeper Devon Burns kicked a free to close out the scoring and seal a comfortable win for the Kingdom.

That makes two convincing wins on the trot for an ambitious side. Next up will be a final against the other group winner (having beaten both teams in their group, Kerry can't be caught), which will be the winner of Dublin v Laois next weekend. Going by previous scoring, Dublin will be favourites, and a competitive game against big guns like Dublin would suit our preparations just fine.

Kerry: Devon Burns (0-1, 1f), Cian O'Donoghue, Alan Dineen, Joey Nagle, Enda O'Connor, Armin Heinrich, Adam Curran, Ruairi Murphy (0-2), Cillian Burke (0-1), Tom Doyle, Thomas O'Donnell (0-4), Evan Looney, Dylan Geaney (0-3, 2f), Jack O'Connor (0-1, 1f), Gearoid Hassett. Subs: Kevin Goulding (for Gearóid Hassett, 39 mins), Keith Evans (for Tom Doyle, 43 mins), Ryan O'Grady (for Jack O'Connor, 49 mins), Tommy Cronin 0-1 (for Evan Looney, 53 mins), Cathal Ryan (for Ruairí Murphy, 56 mins) Referee: Johnny Ryan (Cork)



# CRUCIAL WIN FOR KERRY HURLERS National Hurling League:

Kerry 0-20 Carlow 0-13 This was a crucial win on the road – Carlow

would be one of our main rivals at this level and in the circumstances Kerry controlled the game well.

Shane Conway opened the game with two great points for the Kingdom – he really is a joy to watch. An undeterred Carlow took the lead through Kevin McDonald (f), Dean Tobin, and Richard Coady. Pádraig Boyle made it 0-3 apiece, but Carlow took over with some very sharp hurling and added four points on the trot to their tally, three of them coming from the impressive McDonald.

Shane Conway interrupted their momentum with a free and another point from play saw Kerry trim the gap to two.

The game's crucial moment was a Carlow penalty just before half-time, with Diarmuid Byrne narrowly failing to convert and Shane Conway instead picking off another free at the other end – a four point swing, compounded when Byrne received his marching orders shortly after on a red card. A great point by Gavin Dooley restored parity just before referee Seán Cleere blew the whistle.

# Half-time Kerry 0-7 Carlow 0-7

That let-off seemed to spur Kerry on as they reeled off a string of points from Paudie O'Connor, Paudie Ahern, Shane Nolan, Shane Conway, and Pádraig Boyle to take a five point lead. Credit to Carlow, they came storming back, with Chris Nolan and Kevin McDonald (3) always dangerous. With the gap down to one, Shane Conway clipped over a difficult sideline cut (one of my favourite skills) and Pádraig Boyle added a beauty from play. They still had a lot to do to make it safe, especially with Eric Leen getting a second yellow card, but with Conway and Boyle in top form, Kerry were able to run out clear winners, even if seven points was a somewhat flattering margin overall.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Tadhg Brick, Fionán Mackessy, Eric Leen, Paudie O'Connor (0-1), Conor O'Keeffe, Colin Walsh, Michael Leane, Shane Conway (0-10, 8f, 1s), Shane Nolan (0-1), Mikey Boyle, Colm Harty, Gavin Dooley (0-1), Paudie Ahern (0-2), Pádraig Boyle (0-4) Subs: Daniel Collins for Colm Harty, half-time, Niall Mulcahy 0-1 (for Gavin Dooley, 43 Mins), Mark Heffernan (for Shane Nolan, 67 mins), Flor McCarthy (for Tadhg Brick, 69 mins), Darragh Slattery (for Colin Walsh, 69 mins)

Referee: Seán Cleere (Kilkenny)

# GOOD WIN FOR KERRY LADIES National League Div Two:

Kerry 1-13 Clare 0-9

Kerry opened with the very strong wind and took full advantage. Louise Ní Muircheartaigh intercepted a Clare kickout and cleverly lobbed the keeper for a brilliant goal. She added two frees and Danielle O'Leary pointed from play to put Kerry 1-3 to 0-0 ahead. Niamh Carmody pointed and Louise added another free and the same pair were on target ahead. Fair enough, Kerry had played with that strong wind, but the fact that Clare had raised no kind of flag at all spoke volumes about the two teams. Half-time Kerry 1-8 Clare 0-0

Ciara McCarthy finally opened Clare's account but Louise Ní Muircheartaigh quickly replied. Niamh Carmody and Gráinne Nolan swapped scores, as did Rachel Dwyer and Fidelma Marrinan (f). Clare were trying hard, but simply couldn't pull away or make any real inroads into Kerry's formidable lead. Fidelma Marrinan pointed her second free and Gráinne Nolan got another one just before the water break. Aoife Keane pointed on the restart but Erica McGlynn soon replied in kind. Chloe Moloney had two points for Clare late on, but Louise Ní Muircheartaigh's final score for Kerry was enough to keep the game safe and Kerry came away from Doonbeg (at the second attempt, the game having been postponed last week because of inclement weather) with another convincing win under their belts.

It's still early days; next week's clash with Laois in the Fitzgerald Stadium will tell a lot.

Kerry: Ciara Butler, Ciara O'Brien, Kayleigh Cronin, Julie O'Sullivan, Aishling O'Connell, Emma Costello, Ciara Murphy, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin, Niamh Carmody (0-2), Caoimhe Evans (0-1), Niamh Ní Chonchúir, Danielle O'Leary (0-1), Rachel Dwyer (0-1), Louise Ní Muircheartaigh (1-7, 4f). Subs Anna Clifford (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, half-time), Keri Ann Hanrahan (for Danielle O'Leary, 45 mins), Meadhbh Johnston (for Caoimhe Evans, 55 mins), Laoise Coughlan (for Ciara O'Brien, 55 mins), Ciara McCarthy (for Ciara Murphy, 60 mins), Clodagh O'Connor (for Anna Galvin, 60 mins),

Clare: Micaela Glynn, Orla Devitt, Tara Kelly, Gráinne Harvey, Siofra Ní Chonaill, , Laurie Ryan, Roisín Looney, Aisling Reidy, Joanna Doohan, Ciara McCarthy (0-1), Lauren Griffin, Emma Sexton, Catriona Callinan, Fidelma Marrinan (0-2, 2f), Gráinne Nolan (0-2). Subs Joanna Doohan (for Catriona Callinan, half-time), Aoife Keane 0-1 (for Lauren Griffin, half-time), Sinead Considine (for Ciara McCarthy, 48 mins), Emma McMahon (for Amy Sexton), Aoife Keane 0-1 (for Catriona Callinan)

Referee: Kevin Corcoran (Mayo)

# LATE BURST BRINGS SEM TO HOGAN FINAL

Hogan Cup Semi-Final:St. Brendans 1-10 St. Marys, Magherafelt 1-8

Jaysus, but it doesn't get any closer. And watching it on a stream that had more jumps on it than Aintree (unfortunately, I couldn't make it to the Connaught Centre of Excellence in person) didn't exactly soothe my nerves!

Magherafelt were a great team and proved it right from the off. Midfielder Ryan McEldowney opened their account. Danger-man Conhuir Johnston slotted over a neat point, and Niall O'Donnell added number three. Ostensibly a corner forward, O'Donnell actually played as a third midfielder and was absolutely outstanding.

The Sem needed to get on the board here and William Shine, star of the Corn Uí Mhuirí Final, obliged after good work by Alex Hennigan. Tom Shivers, always a massive threat, quickly cancelled that out. The Sem were beginning to make inroads, but Magherafelt were defending in numbers and doing so really well, repelling

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Supporting St. Brendan's College at the Hogan Cup semi final are Karl McMahon, Kieran O'Sullian and Principal Sean Coffey. Photo: John C O'Shea



Sem supporters at the Hogan Cup Semi final at the Connaught Centre of Excellence. Photo: John C O'Shea

Sem attacks with reasonable comfort. William Shine did slot a free, but back came Magherafelt with well-taken scores by Ruairí Forbes and Conhuir Johnston. 0-6 to 0-2.

John Kelliher was unlucky to see a shot come back off the post, and a lively Alex Hennigan pounced on the rebound but couldn't quite direct his shot on target. Liam Randles was doing trojan work for the Sem around the middle. Killian O'Sullivan was a fraction less influential, but was working hard and had the composure to pick off a good point. William Shine added a free to leave just two points between the sides.

Half-time St. Marys Magherafelt 0-6 St. Brendans Killarney 0-4. That strong wind, which the Sem now had in favour, meant that a two point deficit was actually quite a good margin for them.

Things looked even better rapidly, as the Sem cut through the defence with a great move, Liam Randles feeding Cian McMahon the final ball. Keeper James Gribbin did get a touch on the shot, but not enough to stop it hitting the net. St. Brendans in front for the first time.

That lead was quickly wiped out. You have to credit Magherafelt. |They never even blinked, racing down the field themselves and Conhuir Johnston picking out Tom Shivers for a great goal. 1-6 to 1-4.

The Sem were doing better now in terms of possession, but struggling to turn it into scores – the wind certainly didn't help. They had three wides and just one Killian O'Sullivan point to show before Luke Crowley set up Cian McMahon for the equaliser – Crowley had an immediate impact off the bench and went on to be one of the most impressive performers on the field. Tom Shivers and Eoin McEvoy combined to set up Benen Kelly for a point, but Crowley replied with a beauty. Again Magherafelt came down the field and Joshua Cassidy put his team back in front.

The Sem were pressing hard on Magherafelt's kick-outs as the Northern sides' energy levels finally began to flag – the Sem were doing all the hard running. The trouble was getting it onto the scoreboard, with three decent efforts trailing just wide and another effort falling short.

Cian McMahon had already seen a couple of good chances curl away in the wind. But when

the ball fell to him with 61 minutes showing on the clock, he had both the courage and the confidence to send the ball arching through the sky....and straight over the black spot. It was a hammer blow for a rapidly tiring Magherafelt. The Sem won another Magherafelt kick-out (making it 5 in a row) and this time they hadn't the legs to stay with overlapping John Kelliher, who drove a neat piledriver over the bar.

Magherafelt, a great team in their own right and one that was deservedly applauded off the field, were finally broken, with McMahon coolly firing over a clinching score.

The Sem have recorded a lot of great victories in their illustrious history. This ranks up there with any of them.

Referee: Liam Devenney (Mayo)

# GAA CONGRESS

GAA Congress also took place in the Connaught Centre of Excellence, with some fairly groundbreaking changes to the All Ireland football format for 2023 agreed.

After much debate, what had become known as the 'green proposal' was accepted by an overwhelming majority (94.7%). This one means that the 2023 All Ireland will be contested by 16 teams, the eight provincial finalists and then the top eight in the National League after excluding the provincial finalists. These 16 teams will be organised in four groups of four, with the provincial finalists seeded. The group winners will go straight into guarter finals, while second and third place teams will play off for the other four guarter-final berths. The Taillteann Cup, the second tier competition, will be similar and will be based on League ranking. This proposal is based on a proposal of former GAA President Seán Kelly of Kilcummin many years ago. Personally, I strongly approve. There will be more games (thus, more revenue) but under a controlled time frame – I think players will prefer that to the interminable long waits that occur in some cases nowadays. The big issues will be the promotion of the Taillteann - the GAA have made promises to do exactly that, but I'll admit that I am very suspicious at the lack of detail, and also how much the group stage will be affected by dead rubbers in the latter stages and by summer emigration in weaker counties.

I'm a bit more sceptical than most about the provincial finalists – there's a fair amount of luck of the draw involved there. Ulster is enormously competitive, but the other provinces? Much less so.

But look, ignore my glass-half-empty approach. |This is still a big step forward and there's room to tweak if necessary. All in all, a good thing.

The other big proposal was less successful. The attempt to eliminate the U20 and U17 grade (U17 would remain, but only as a developmental model, i.e. no All Ireland Championship) did get a majority, but not the two thirds required.

While it is hard to tell, I think the grass roots have never really been in favour of the changes in the underage structures. Certainly the vote to change from U18 to U17 was not explicitly stated - it was disguised as streamlining under Central Council - and my understanding from attending meetings in Kerry and talking to people from other counties was that there were serious concerns about the dropout rate at U18 and U19. Many players aren't making their clubs senior team at that age. Those concerns would appear to have been correct (mind you, it's difficult to quantify the impact of covid there). From what I can tell, the proposals from Tyrone to revert to U18 and U21 (my own strong preference, to be clear) and Clare to allow counties to choose their own age grades, had a lot of sympathy in the room and that's why the change to U19 failed to garner the necessary votes. Well, back to the drawing board!

# **RUGBY**

#### Six Nations: Ireland 57 Italy 6

No. There is no way that I am giving you a blowby-blow account of Ireland versus Italy. Your life deserves better than that. Actually, my life deserves better.

Look, Italy's last win in the Six Nations was over Scotland seven years ago. We all knew who was going to win this. The big talking point was Italy being reduced to 13 men and the referee implementing uncontested scrums. It killed the game as a spectacle – Italy had actually made a decent start. I thought it was a very harsh red card on first viewing, but the replay made it clear that he led with the shoulder and connected with the chin. Look, that's incredibly

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dangerous; the neck is the most vulnerable part of the human body. Faiva had a clear line of sight and clear opportunities to adjust the angle of his tackle. After that the rule is simple. Italy had a hooker taken off with injury and his replacement red-carded. Therefore, scrums had to be uncontested but, in order to ensure that no team implements that simply to avoid fair beatings in the scrum, an additional penalty of losing a player is imposed. In other words, the referee acted completely correctly at all stages. It killed the game. Fair play to Italy, I can't fault their courage. But Ireland just kept racking up the tries. Joey Carbery had a great try (unfortunately, not a great game overall - he needs minutes), debutant Michael Lowry picked off two tries, so did James Lowe. Ryan Baird, Jamison Gibson-Park, Kieran Treadwell, and captain Peter O'Mahony all added tries. And yet it felt stilted and awkward. Ireland, effectively handed an easy victory by the rulebook, would probably have much preferred to play a full-strength Italy.

All in all, both sides will be in a hurry to forget this one.

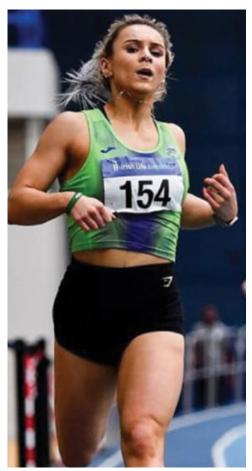
# SOCCER

# Kennedy Cup Squad Named

Manager Colm Murray and his coaches have selected their final squad for this year's Kennedy Cup. The players selected for the 2022 Kennedy Cup are as follows: Ewan Mc Crohan (Killarney Athletic), Deaglan Ritveld (Killorglin), Mark O'Carroll (Killarney Athletic), Sean O'Neill (St. Brendan's Park), Kalen Browne (Killarney Athletic), Ben Kelliher (Killarney Athletic), Brian McCarthy (Killarney Athletic), Liam O'Brien (Killarney Athletic), Ethan Ballard (St. Brendan's Park), Szymon Jasinski (Killarney Athletic), Mike O' Leary (Camp Juniors), Saad Abdalla (St. Brendan's Park), Jack Hallisey (MEK Galaxy), Evan Doona (Killarney Athletic), Marcel Kowalczyk (Killarney Athletic), JJ O'Rourke(LB Rovers), Jake Nash (Killarney Athletic), Rob Keane(Camp Juniors), Nikita Hoare (St. Brendan's Park), Giovanni Mc Carthy (Killorglin)

# ATHLETICS

The National Indoor Senior Championships saw Killarney Valley AC athletes really make a mark. Sarah Leahy maintained her incredible form with a silver medal in the 200m in 24.31 secs – winner Molly Scott set a new national record. For good measure, she added a bronze medal in the 60m. Ciara Kennelly finished 6th in the long jump, while Jordan Lee also finished 6th in the high jump (a season's best of 1.5m). Congratulations also to Killarney Valley AC's Madison Wilson-Walker on a personal best while representing Western University Mustangs Ontario.



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# OUTLOOK BASKETBALL

# Great displays across all the Divisions in the KABB Kerry Airport Leagues

With the schools on their mid-term break there was lots of action in the Kerry Airport Kerry Area Basketball Leagues.

We start our look back at a selection of the games with the u12 Girls 12 Division 1/2 clash of Glenbeigh Falcons and Kenmare Kestrels. There was nothing between side in the first two quarters with the Falcons leading by one basket at the half 11-9. The Falcons finished the game the stronger and took the win 22-14.

Clodagh Quirke led the Falcons scoring on 7 with Kate O'Sullivan on 5 and Rachel Griffin ending on 4 points.

Staying with the u12 Girls and St Mary's made home advantage count as they defeated Kenmare Kestrels 33-9. The game was really decided in the third quarter at the home side hit 8 points while their defence held their opponents scoreless. The now had a 14 point gap going into the last quarter and they were not to be denied.

For St Mary's Brid McCarthy and Sophia Fleming both ended with 6 points while for Kestrels Saoirse Hussey also hit 6 while Niamh Rochford and Amy Sullivan had a basket each.

The side made it two wins from two later in the week when they proved to be too strong for St Anne's. In the end sister Brid and Anna Mc-Carthy led the St Mary's scoring with 10 and 9 points while Tess Reidy hit 6. St Anne's never gave up with Sinead Galvin leading them on 10 points followed by Emer Corbett on 3 and Saoirse Teahan on 2.

Rathmore Ravens u12 girls took the win over TK Vixens 22-7 having led 6-2 and 13-2 at the half. For the Rathmore side Eimear Rahilly and Ciara Murphy both ended with 5 points. Danielle Buckley and Eimear Dennehy both had 4 with Caoimhe Corkery and Orlagh Brosnan both impressing.

Onto the boys and the St Paul's Arrows defeated the St Paul's Bulldogs 16-14 in a very exciting u12's contest. The Arrows led after the first quarter thanks to scores from brothers Daniel and Matthew Fennelly. Brendan McHugh hit a brace of baskets to push them 10-2 ahead at the break.

The Bulldogs who were unlucky to go down to Milltown 24-23 in their previous game fought back thanks to scores from Patrick O'Donoghue and Cathal O'Sullivan Darcy bringing the score back to 10-6. The Fennelly brothers pushed their side 14-6 up but again the Bulldogs hit back with 3 baskets.

Both sides gave it everything in the final quarter with the Arrows leading by 4 points. Adam Maj pulled two back but the Bulldogs held on to win by 2. Brendan McHugh ended with 6 for the Arrows with Patrick O'Donoghue leading the Bulldogs also ending with 6 points.

The St Paul's Cadets went down to table toppers Ballybunion Wildcats in the second game in Kilcummin. The visitors were very strong in the first half but the Killarney boys fought back thanks to scores from Sean O'Leary and Conor Gallivan. However the Wildcats ran out 38-10 point victors.

In the u16 Boys Division 3 Group A St Colman's proved to be too strong for St Paul's in the Nagle Rice Hall in Milltown.

St Colman's are the table toppers in this Division and were in control from early on but St Paul's never gave up and fought hard all the way to the finish. B

For St Colman's Ruadhan Donovan ended with 16 and Gearoid Quirke hit 10 while for St Paul's Cormac O'Leary and Adam O'Neill both ended with 6 points.

# Team Garvey's St. Mary's beaten by Killester

It was a home game for the Dublin side and Team Garvey's were missing some key players. Mimi Clarke was one of the key players throughout the game for Killester and hit the first 11 points of the game for her side. Americans Shannon Powelle & Myah Taylor were also on target but Team Garvey's put it up to them at every opportunity.

Paris McCarthy, Deirdre Geaney and Lorraine Scanlon registered vital scores in the first quarter but Killester took it 21 points to 12. The Dublin side went on to have a big second quarter and secure a 22 point lead by the half-time interval.

Team Garvey's were the stronger side in the third quarter, outscoring their opponents by six points. The St. Mary's girls kept pushing throughout and closed the gap considerably on several occasions forcing Ken Clarke to reintroduce his key players. Both Lorraine Scanlon and Meabh Barry battled hard under the boards at both ends of the court, winning vital ball and registering scores. Emma Sherwood, Paris McCarthy and Deirdre Geaney pushed the ball up the court creating opportunities from fast breaks and setting up outside scores. Both Rachel Ryan and Niamh Ní Chonchuir worked tirelessly in defence putting pressure on Killester at all times. However it was Killester who took the win on a score-line of 98 points to 71. Top Scorers: Killester: Myah Taylor 27, Mimi Clarke 23, Shannon Powelle 18.

Team Garvey's St. Mary's: Lorraine Scanlon 17, Paris McCarthy 14, Emma Sherwood 14 Team Garvey's St. Mary's host Liffey Celtics in Castleisland on Saturday next, March 5th.

# HUGELY IMPRESSIVE WIN BY SCOTTS LAKERS SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS 99 LIMERICK SPORT EAGLES 92

A season high 39 points by Emilian Grudov led the way for Scotts Lakers St Pauls in this hugely impressive win over Limerick Sport Eagles at the UL Arena. Equally impressive was the fourteen three pointers that the Lakers struck over the duration of the contest. That they hit them at the most opportune times was integral as it gave them the cushion needed when the game was at its most intense. Notably towards the end of the 2nd quarter when the Eagles were on a 7-0 scoring run, up stepped Marco Bencic to coolly slot home from beyond the arc. And again in the closing stages of the game itself when the fat was in the fire, in came Rui Saravia and man of the hour Emilian Grudov to drain two big baskets and put the game outside of the Shannonsiders reach.

The first quarter opened with a flurry of points with both sides hitting big 3s, the Lakers courtesy of the impressive Jamie O Sullivan and the ever reliable Godwin Boahen(2) and the Eagles thanks to Manny Payton and Vadju Dusso.Further baskets by Grudov, Boahen and Saravia saw the Lakers lead by 23-22 before the Eagles put their foot down and went 30-23 ahead thanks to Recce Barry and Payton.

The second quarter was where the Lakers stamped their authority on proceedings with Boahen pulling the strings and Grudov on fire ,both inside and out, shooting threes and tormenting the Eagles defence. The Eagles managed to stay in touch but the aforementioned three pointer by Bencic helped the Lakers to a five point half time lead, 58-53.

The opening stages of the third quarter were nip and tuck with Jamie O Sullivan hitting an early three and Grudov showing no signs of abating. Boahen was getting great joy from the free throw line with his direct style drawing fouls while O'Sullivan, Mark O Shea and Saravia replied to baskets from lvkovic and Ajuka. A notable feature at this stage of the game was how well the Lakers defence handled the threat of Manny Payton and his 17 point total must be amongst his lowest this season. This was inspite the loss of lynchpin David Gleeson with an eye injury sustained in training. But the likes of Reece Barry kept the Eagles in it and the game was still in the melting pot at 78-75 heading into the last quarter.

Barry and Ajuka nudged the Eagles in front early in the quarter but Paul Clarke, Boahen and Grudov went blow for blow as Steve King threatened to grab the spoils for the Eagles. The game was tied at 89-89 but then up stepped Saravia with a vital lay up and followed that up with a massive three from downtown to put the Lakers in the driving seat. And as if to envelope how the whole game went Grudov



Meabh Barry who was outstanding under the boards for Team Garvey's St. Mary's in Dublin at the weekend.

# **OUTLOOK BASKETBALL**

hit another three to really put a dagger into the Eagles heart. The closing moments were stop start as the Eagles tried to prolong the quarter but all it served to do was hand Jamie O Sullivan an opportunity from the free throw line that he couldn't refuse.

So a satisfactory night in the Treaty City saw Emilian Grudov top score on 39 points, Godwin Boahen hit an outstanding 36, Jamie O Sullivan struck for an important 13, Rui Saravia(5), Marco Bencic(3), Mark O Shea (2), Paul Clarke (1), Senan O Leary , Mark Sheehan.

For the Eagles Nikola Ivkovic had 21, Manny Payton(17) and Daniel Ajuka(14).

Coach Jarlath Lee was very content with his sides showing especially their shooting and the

defensive job done on hotshot Manny Payton "We shot the ball really well and special praise for the teams defence in keeping one of the Leagues top scorers to just 17 pts."

A big miss for the Lakers was David Gleeson , who suffered an eye injury during the week.

David Gleeson was a huge loss (he should be available next weekend) for us but the bench really stepped up. Jamie, Senan, Paul and Marko all played their part when we really needed them. If I was to be hypercritical I'd say we missed a few easy lay ups but overall you'd have to be very happy".

Looking ahead to the Derby game up next weekend Lee "is expecting a big crowd, plenty noise and a great game of basketball".

That next installment of the Killarney Derby sees the Cougars take the short trip across town to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. The last time these two sides met the Lakers took the spoils but it's fair to say that the Cougars are a different side now. Their recent wins over the Portlaoise Panthers and Waterford IT Vikings will breed a renewed confidence into them and recent signing Rich Dunham has taken to the league like a duck to water. With both sets of players knowing each other so well a typical feisty game can be expected and a capacity crowd is envisaged for this one. Tip off is at 7,30pm and the advice is to get

there in plenty of time to get a ringside seat.



Joe Moriarty ( Cnt ) from the Dromhall Hotel Killarney wins the Irish Hotels Federation Kerry Employee of the year for 2021/2022 - Also pictured were Michael Vaughan Irish Hotels Federation and Irish Hotels Federation Kerry Branch Chairperson Bernadette Randles. A Lunch was held at the Ballygarry Hotel. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Maggie McAuliffe, Killarney, was the winner of the Dr Crokes GAA Club lotto jackpot prize of €10,700 .The lucky numbers drawn were 2, 6, 17 and 22. Maggie is pictured here with Anne O'Shea, Pa O'Brien (lotto coordinator), Pat McAuliffe and Malachy Walsh (lotto coordinator). Picture: Eamonn Keoah



# **BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA**

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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.

## LOTTO:

Numbers drawn were: 2, 5, 7, 17. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Vincent Horgan, Firies; James Daly, Ballyhar; Conor Henderson, Firies; Anton Cahill, Kilcummin; Tom Fitzgerald, c/o Aherns. Next weeks jackpot €8600. 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 Rd 5 Sunday away vs Cordal at 12pm

#### RESULTS

Minor Football League Glenflesk 3-17 Firies 5-08 HOGAN CUP FINAL 2022

Congrats to St. Brendans Killarney who beat St Mary's Magherafelt (Derry) over the weekend to reach the Hogan Cup Final. They will play Nass CBS on St Patricks Day in Croke Park. The team included Firies Senior Players Tomas Clifford, Brian McCarthy and Peter Cosgrave. The team was managed by Firies man Kevin Cronin. Best of Luck in the All-Ireland Final.

#### **HURLING TRAINING**

Hurling training continues at Firies National Schools' All-Weather pitch on Sunday evenings. U11 & U13 5.30pm to 6.30pm, U15 & U17 6.30pm to 7.30pm

#### **CLUB REFEREES**

Firies GAA are seeking new referees for juvenile Go Games U11, as well as U13 and U15 games across the county. Full training will be provided. If you are interested contact Brendan our club secretary by email secretary.firies.kerry@gaa.ie. **FRIENDS OF FIRIES 2022:** 

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

# **EAST KERRY GAA NEWS**

By Michael O'Mahony

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# SAFEGUARD SECURITY EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUE RD 4

Division 1A: Kilcummin 4-15 (27) a draw Dr Crokes 3-18(27). Gneeveguilla 1-09 (12) Kenmare Shamrock 5-10 (25)

Divsion 1B: Rathmore 2-12 (18) Glenflesk 4-10 (22)

Division 2: Fossa 2-18 (24) Scartaglin 1-4 (7) Cordal 1-8 (11) Currow 11 **PRESENTATION**  East Kerry Minor team who won the Minor Co Championship last year for six year in row were presented their Co Minor Championship Medals on Friday Night last 25th Febuary at the Kilcummin Club Hall at 8.30pmby East Kerry Board President Ger Gavin.

## **SCOR NA NOG**

East Kerry Scor na nog final 6pm in Fossa Hall March 12th. County Final is now on Sunday 20th March in Glenbeigh @4.30pm. Please note this change of date. Scor na nOg Munster 3rd April Time to confimed in Cashel Co Tipperary. Scor na nOg All Ireland Sunday May 1st, INEC, Killarney.

Scór na bPaistí County Final Saturday July 2nd Venue TBC

Scor Sinsir All Ireland, Saturday 15th October, INEC, Killarney.

## 2020 CONUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS will have Presentation of their medals this Saturday night at killarney Helights Hotel

# at 7-30pm.

# MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

# LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown

The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday last, February 21st in the social area of our club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 16, 17, 19 and the bonus ball was 29. Lucky Dip winners were as follows:  $\in$ 50 - Noirin Ni Ghairbhí.  $\in$ 50 - John Riordan.  $\in$ 25 -Seamus Burke.  $\in$ 25 - Roseanne Daly.  $\in$ 25 - John and Ester Cronin.  $\in$ 25 - Breeda Carey

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

# **UPCOMING FIXTURES**

Milltown/Castlemaine Seniors (Sponsored by Almas Takeaway and Bathrooms4U) will travel to Cromane on Sunday next, March 6th for Round 5 of the Mid Kerry Senior Football League with throw-in at 2:00pm.

On the same day (Sunday, March 6th) in a rescheduled fixture, the Milltown/Castlemaine Minors will host Kerins O'Rahillys in Round 1 of the Keane's Supervalu County Minor Football League Division 4A at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown.

# SPORTS CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA were delighted recently to hear the very positive news that we have been allocated Government funding of €150,000 under the latest round of the Sports Capital Programme. The funding will be used for the completion of our field development plan which has seen us make tremendous improvements over the last number of years to the club grounds. This application was submitted under the heading of 'A Future for All' which places a big emphasis on inclusion in our club as our community continues to grow. Well done to our club committee members who submitted a very detailed application to secure the funding and also a particular word of thanks to Minister for Education and Kerry TD Norma Foley and Deputy Government Chief Whip Brendan Griffin TD for their support throughout the process which was vital.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to club player Cillian Burke on his recent appearances for the Kerry U20 side against Cork and Galway in the John Kerins Development League. Kerry have racked up two convincing wins thus far, beating Cork 3-16 to 0-13 and Galway 0-13 to 0-06.

#### **OPERATION TRANSFORMATION**

Our collective efforts saw us walk from Milltown to Cape Town in South Africa with over 1000 kilometres to spare.

A big well done to absolutely everyone who walked and a special mention to Lorraine O'Sullivan finishing top of the pile pushed all the way by a fantastic effort from Colin Sweeney just behind. Lorraine walked approximately the equivalent of from Paddy Burke Memorial Park to London in the space of only 5 weeks with Colin just 10 km behind incredible stuff. And John O'Neill completing the podium too with plus 600km walked. We will have one more walk and final weigh in on Wednesday night for those who would like to partake.

The weather hasn't always been the best and we have had some interruptions with Covid and the likes but most importantly you all got out there to walk.

# **FOSSA GAA CLUB**

# MEMBERSHIP

Any outstanding membership is now due. **EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE:** 

# Fossa: 2-18 Scaraglen: 1-03

Fossa goals Darren Cronin and Matt Rennie **KERRY GAA:**Congratulations to the Kerry men and ladies senior team especially Paudie, David Anna Clifford and Erica Mcglynn

#### **ST. BRENDANS**

Congratulations to St. Brendan's college on their victory in the semi final of the Hogan Cup semi final against St. MarysGSM.

Especially Fossa's Rian Colleran, Darren Cronin and Cian Doyle, final in Croke park on St. Patrick's Day.

## **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to Fossa senior player Ruairí Doyle who was part of the All-Ireland winning intermediate UCC team this evening. Beating DCU in the final.

Congratulations to Maud Kelly and Erica McGlynn UCC Sport Intermediate team on winning their 1/4 final against Mary Immaculate College, Ireland

## 2-12 to 2-07.

They will meet Letterkenny IT in the Yoplait Ireland Ladies HEC Moynihan Cup Semi final. **LOTTO** 

3,16,23,26. €40 WINNERS: SEÁN KELLY, GORTROE FOSSA, A K I L SWEENEY, LACKABANE FOSSA, DANO COFFEY, DROMIN FOSSA, DAVID WALSH, 2 LOHERCANNON TRALEE, MAUREEN

# ADVERTISING





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# **DR. CROKES GAA CLUB**

#### **ON THE FIELD**

Dr Crokes 4 15 Kilcummin 3 18 Honours even after an enjoyable game last Friday night. Entering injury time we were 2 points down but scores from Chris Doncel and a Daithi Casey free, following a penetrating run by Mike Moloney up field, levelled matters on the night. Goals on the night by Mikey Casey, Patric Looney, Daithi Casey and Sean McGann.

Congratulations to Cian McMahon, (Capt) Harry Byrne) Liam Randles Charlie Keating Alex Hennigan Jack Lynch, Shane McAllister, Mark Clifford and Ronan Coffey Gavin White (Coach) and St. Brendan College after their victory over in All Ireland s/f. v St. Marys Magarafelt.. They now play Nass CBS in Croke Park on St. Patricks Dav.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Evan Looney Tom Doyle & Neil O'Shea who were on Kerry U20 panel that defeated Galway to Shane Murphy Miceal Burns and Tony Brosnan who were on Kerry Senior panel that defeated Monaghan, Mark Heffernan on Kerry Hurlers that defeated Carlow, Kayleigh Cronin and Kate Stack on Kerry ladies that defeated Clare,

#### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

We have been drawn in a group with Austin Stacks, Templenoe and Kerins O'Rahillys

**MEMBERSHIP** is now due and maybe paid online at following link https://member. clubforce.com/memberships\_cart\_m.asp?LL\_ ID=734

#### **GAELTACHT SCHOLARSHIP**

We are excited to announce that are Scholarship Scheme funded by Foras na Gaeilge for adult Gaeltacht courses is now open and we have scholarships valued at €200 to award. If you would like to apply for a scholarship you can find all that information HERE and the deadline to apply is 17.00 Tuesday 1st of March 2022. We are also very happy that our Adult Gaeltacht Courses in Gaoth Dobhair are back this summer and you can register online now HERE. More than welcome to share this information with anyone hoping to visit the Gaeltacht.

LGFA The Lidl Plus LGFA Stamp Card Rewards Scheme is BACK! Please help support Dr Crokes ladies footballers. By submitting completed stamp cards, the club can earn some fantastic rewards, including a set of team jerseys & cash awards!

Simple steps below to start collecting & contributing!!

1. Download the Lidl Plus App and opt-in to the scheme

2. Select DR CROKES LGFA as YOUR CLUB

3. For every €30 spend in store, a stamp is achieved

4. Achieve 6 stamps and submit your completed stamp card by SUNDAY 27th MARCH 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-bhabhtaiceannais-scor-2022-deimhnithe-2022-scorfinals-dates-confirmed/

LOTTO draw for €5,000 took place on Monday Febnruary 28th Numbers drawn 13 15 16 27 2 patron matched 3 numbers PC c/o John Keogh, Emma Lyne receive €200. Jackpot for draw on March 7th will be €5,300.

**CHELTENHAM BUSTER 15TH -18TH MARCH** €1,500 entry fee €20. Pick a horse in each race on 4 days of Cheltenham Festival. If your horse wins you get 10 points plus the number of points for SP of your horse. 6 points for second 3 points for 3rd. enter online by text, whatsapp or by returning your card to Vince Caseys office before 11.30pm on each day of racing. Further info Vince 0872461599 Conor 0874075766. Daily updates onhttps://member.clubforce. com/tickets\_m.asp?LL\_ID=734

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brian & Gina Looney on their new arrival

# MKL NOTES

WELL DONE to Ciara Murphy, Caoimhe Evans and the Kerry Team who beat Clare in Round 2 of the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 2A clash in Doonbeg Clare TRAINING

U12 Training will be Saturday in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown.As it is on the Astro we will split the group into two as space will be limited. Girls born in 2010 are 3pm to 4pm.Girls born in 2011 are 4pm to 5pm

Under 14: Training on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

Under 16: Training on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

Minors: Training on Sunday evenings at 7.00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

Seniors: Training on Friday evenings at 8:00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

# 2022 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATIONS are

now open and can be done online via the GAA/ LGFA portal https://returntoplay.gaa.ie/. There are five options available:

Adult Player (players born before 2004): €70 Youth Player (players born 2004 to 2012): €55 Family - 2 Youth Players: €100 Family - 3 Youth Players: €140 Non Player / Coach: €27

# LEGION GAA CLUB NEWS

# SATURDAY MORNING ACADEMY

The excitement that is Our Saturday Morning Academy, sponsored by Keanes Jewellers, returns this coming Saturday March 5th . With our experienced and fully qualified Coaches it provides an ideal opportunity to learn how to play football in a fun filled environment. New recruits are always welcome and registration is available at both www.legiongaa.com and on the morning of the Academy. If you need any further information you can contact head Coach Liam O'Toole at 087 6373461. The Academy of course caters for Girls and Boys aged from 5 to 11.

#### **ST BRENDANS COLLEGE**

Hats off to St Brendan's College who held their nerve right to the very end to eventually overcome the stubborn challenge of St Mary's of Magherafelt in a tense Hogan Cup semi final played in the Connacht Centre of Excellence in Bekan Co.Mayo. Will Shine was the Sems chief score getter in the first half kicking some nice points while Darragh Fleming had a fine hour. On a blustery day not ideal for goalkeepers Aaron O Sullivans kickouts were excellent. Sam Benson was also part of the panel. They now look forward to the Blue Riband day, the Hogan Cup Final, which takes place in Croke Park. We wish them the best of luck against Naas CBS.

## **SARAH STRIKES AGAIN**

Congrats to Sarah Leahy who added to her burgeoning medal collection at the weekend in the Indoor National Athletics Championships. Representing Killarney Valley AC she finished second in the 200m final and 3rd in the 60m sprint final. The sprint final winning time was recorded as the fastest National time ever ,by Molly Scott, so Sarah can hold her head high after another memorable weekend.

# **AWARDS NIGHT**

The date has been set for our first "in person" Awards Night since 2019 and it promises to be an exciting night. Having hosted virtual nights to great success in the last two years the Killarney Avenue Hotel will be the venue with tickets priced at a very reasonable 15 Euro. On the night we will be presenting the Senior Ladies with their Donal Curtin Cup medals as well as the various individual Awards for the year. In the coming weeks we will be unveiling the lucky recipients as we build up to the big niaht.

# **EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE**

The Senior Mens rounded off their Superleague campaign with a Round 3 clash at home to Spa. The visitors were seeking their first win in the competition and over the hour probably displayed a greater hunger. Quicker out of the traps we lead by 0-5 to 0-3 towards the end of the first half with points coming from Thomas Moriarty(2), James O Donoghue, Jamie Alade(making his Senior team debut) and Denis Sheahan. A further point from James O Donoghue and two more from the visitors saw the half time score at 0-6 to 0-5.

It was in the third quarter that Spa gained a foothold in the game hitting four points without reply to open up a three point cushion that was never really threatened. This was despite the best efforts of Jamie O Sullivan and Jonathan Lyne who kicked three points between them. Despite the defeat the team have qualified for the East Kerry Superleague Final which will be played on Sunday March 13th against the winners of the other group.

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Team and Scorers..Brian Kelly, Sean McCarthy, Podge O'Connor, Kieran O Donoghue, Peter O Sullivan, Danny Sheahan, Darragh O Doherty, Jonathan Lyne, Jamie Alade, lan Prendergast, Finbarr Murphy, Denis Sheahan, Jamie O Sullivan, James O Donoghue, Thomas Moriarty, Subs used..Darragh Lyne, Stephen Flattery, Alan Moriarty, Luke O Donoghue, Cian Sheahan.

# INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The draw, which took place last Tuesday February 22nd, threw up an interesting group for our Senior Men's Team. Laune Rangers are one of the leading clubs in the County, holders of 12 Senior County Championships and 1 All Ireland Club Championship in 1996. A proud club they will be looking to get back to Kerry's top table. The famed John Mitchels, holders of a record 5 in a row County Championship back in the 1960s, have been threatening to go on an extended run in this Championship in recent years and powered by a number of St Brendans County Championship players they can be a formidable opponent. Dromid Pearses have made huge strides in recent years, winning 2 Kerry Junior titles and 1 Munster Junior title in 2011. Throw in numerous South Kerry Championships and you will find a seasoned championship outfit. This competition will commence two weeks after Kerry end their All Ireland Senior Championship campaign, hopefully at the final stage.

#### WEDDING BELLS

Congrats to Noel Moynihan, staunch Legion Junior Footballer, who met the match of his life recently when he married Mary Ellen Creedon from the Top of the Coom, Kilgarvan. We wish the happy couple the very best for the future. LOTTO

We had a winner in our Club Lotto. Tadhg McCarthy picked the right numbers and bagged himself  $\in$  3,400. Congratulations to Tadhg. His numbers were 4, 15, 17, 21.

# **KEEL GAA CLUB NEWS**

**CLUB LOTTO:** Keel GAA Lotto Draw Tuesday 21st of February. Numbers drawn: 9, 26, 27, 30. No winner of the jackpot of  $\notin$ 4,950. Lucky dip:  $\notin$ 50 Michael Griffin Ballyarkane and  $\notin$ 50 Sean O Brien Lisardboula. The jackpot will be  $\notin$ 5,000 for the draw on Monday the 28th of February. 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. All online tickets must be purchased by 6pm every Monday.

## SENIORS

Keel travelled to Killorglin on Sunday to face Laune Rangers B. The final score was Keel 1-12, Laune Rangers 0-13. Well done to the players and their management team. Round 5 is due to take place on Sunday the 6th of March at 2pm at home to Beaufort. The draw for the Junior Premier Club Championship took place last week and Keel were drawn in Group 3 with Ardfert, Ballymac and Waterville.

#### UNDER 17

Keel/Listry under 17s played out a great opening game in Keel on Saturday against Austin Stacks. At half time it was Keel/Listry 0-04, Austin Stacks 1-07. A great battle in the second half by the home side ground out a draw for round 1. There was great heart shown by both teams to play out a cracking draw. Well done to all our U17 players and management on the result. Congratulations to the new U17 players who made their debut on Saturday. Special mention to Jack Evans who had a super debut in goals for the U17s.

**UNDER 11:** Under 11 football training continues Monday evening February 28th at Milltown primary school astro turf from 7.15-8.30. NOTE change in time. U11 movement and mobility continues Friday evening at Keel GAA track from 6-6.45. Please bring water bottles and runners/ trainers.

# UNDER 9

U9s training has been changed from starting at 6 to starting at 6:30 on Monday evenings at Milltown primary school astro turf. All children should have their gum shield and a bottle of water.

## **UNDER 5 & UNDER 7 SKILLS ACADEMY**

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our first training session of the season last Sunday. We will get things up and running this SUNDAY March 6th from 10:15 to 11:15am in Keel Pitch. Hope to see as many girls & boys born in 2015, 2016 & 2017 as possible for an hour filled with fun games & exercise.

# MEMBERSHIP

It is extremely important that all remaining membership is paid. 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.

#### **KERRY U20S**

Well done to the Kerry U20 team and management on their victory over Galway in round 2 of the John Kerins Development League. The final score was Kerry 0-13, Galway 0-06. Special mention to our own Keith Evans who came on in the second half. Well done Keith!

#### **KERRY LGFA**

Well done to Caoimhe, Ciara, the Kerry ladies team and management on their win over Clare on Sunday. Caoimhe lined out at centre forward and Ciara lined out at wing back. The final score was Kerry 1-13, Clare 0-09. This weekend, they host Laois on Sunday in Fitzgerald Stadium at 2pm. Best of luck to Caoimhe, Ciara and the team.

## **KERRY GAA**

Well done to the Kerry senior football team on their win over Monaghan and the Kerry senior hurling team on their win over Carlow.

# EVERY STEP COUNTS CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who is helping us walk over 13,000km for the Irish Life Every Step Counts Challenge! The challenge is now completed and the draw for the O' Neills vouchers will take place in the next fortnight. Fingers crossed we will be a lucky winner!

# REFEREES

Kerry GAA are urgently seeking new referees with a view to officiating U11, U13 and U15 games across the county. Full training will be provided. Anyone that may have an interest is asked to please contact Keel Club Secretary, Mary T. with your details as soon as possible (email: secretary.keel.kerry@gaa.ie) and you will then be informed about upcoming training courses.

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Amelia, Michael & Sophie Fleming built a massive 7 foot tall snowman with the help of their Grandad Liam Kelly in Shrone, Rathmore.

# KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

# FINAL WEEKEND OF GAMES FOR FEBRUARY:

John Murphy 12's Cup Killarney Athletic B 0-6 Inter Kenmare A Listowel Celtic A 5–2 Tralee Dynamos Healy Family 15's Cup Tralee Dynamos A 7-1 Tralee Dynamos B Killorglin B 1–0 Killarney Celtic MEK Galaxy 7-0 St Brendan's Park B Mastergeeha A 1-1 Dingle Bay Rovers AET Mastergeeha win 5-4 on penalties **Girls League** 12's Division 1 Castleisland 1-1 Mastergeeha 13's Premier Killarney Athletic 0–5 Listowel Celtic 13's Division 1 Mastergeeha 2-5 MEK Galaxy Killarney Athletic 1–6 Inter Kenmare 16's Division 1 Iveragh United 4-2 St Brendan's Park Castleisland 1–0 Dingle Bay Rovers Fenit Samphires 3–3 MEK Galaxy **Boys League** 13's Premier LB Rovers 0–7 Mastergeeha St Brendan's Park 8-0 Killorglin Listowel Celtic 3 –4 MEK Galaxy 13's Division 1 Killarney Celtic B 3-6 Killarney Athletic B Ballyhar Dynamos 7–0 Dingle Bay Rovers 13's Division 2 South Inter Kenmare B 1–6 Killorglin B Iveragh United B 2–0 Killarney Athletic C Mastergeeha B 5-0 MEK Galaxy B 13's Division 2 North St Brendan's Park D 4-0LB Rovers B World of Tiles 14's Division 1 Ballyhar Dynamos 1-1 Castleisland 15 Premier Killarney Athletic A 2-0 St Brendan's Park A Killorglin 5-1 Mastergeeha LB Rovers 3–1 St Brendan's Park 15's Division 1 Iveragh United 0-4 Camp Juniors 15's Division 2 Listowel Celtic B 5–3 Killarney Athletic B 16's Premier Killorglin A 2-3 Killarney Celtic A Castleisland 3-2 Listowel Celtic **TWO MORE THROUGH IN 12'S CUP** 

Goals from Ronan Hussey 2, Mathew Miles, Pierce O'Brien, Tony Desmond and Jimmy McGann saw Inter Kenmare A qualify for the Last 32 of the John Murphy 12's Cup with Athletic B going into the Shield.

Listowel Celtic were 5-2 winners at home to Tralee Dynamos who goals came from Danny Lane and Cian Fitzgerald.

## **BIG WIN IN 15'S CUP**

Killorglin B proved to be the big story in the Cups as they knocked Killarney Celtic A out of the Healy Family 15's Cup. The only goal of the game came in the first half when Daniel O'Keeffe cracked in a shot from long distance that saw his Killorglin B side progress to the Last 16.

Tralee Dynamos A won the all club clash defeating the B's thanks to goals from Mathew Rogers, Ronan Carroll, Christy Burke and Rvan Driscoll who hit 3 while Don Moloney got the goal for the B's.

MEK Galaxy are also through as they defeated St Brendan's Park B while Mastergeeha needed penalties to see off Dingle Bay Rovers after the sides drew 1-1 after extra time at Kilbrean Park. The home side took the win 5-4 after the spot kicks. Cathal Farrell got the DBR goal with Darragh O'Keeffe equalising from the penalty spot for Mastergeeha with ten minutes to play. Cian McGerailt, Ned Ryan and Seamus Griffin were on the mark from the penalty spot for DBR but successful penalties from O'Keeffe again, Sean Maher, Colm Jago and Ronan McCarthy saw Mastergeeha into the Last 16 of the 15's Healy Family Cup.

# **GIRLS LEAGUE ROUND-UP HONOURS EVEN IN 12'S DIVISION 1**

In a mid-week game in Georgie O'Callaghan Park it was honours even between Castleisland and Mastergeeha in the 12's Girls Division 1. Isabel Walmsley scored for the home side with Aine Herlihy replying for Mastergeeha.

Trip to Woodlawn a winning one in 13 Premier Goals from Laura Meehan 2, Sinead Lyons, Maja Wolska and Clodagh Houlihan saw Listowel Celtic defeat Killarney Athletic in Woodlawn in the 13 Girls Premier. Roksana Wawro got the Athletic goal from a cracking free kick 20 yards out.

# AWAY WIN'S IN THE 13'S DIVISION 1

Lily Riordan had a good day for MEK Galaxy as she hit 4 in their win over Mastergeeha with Elise Brummer also getting on the score-sheet. Ailish Breen and Keelin O'Shea were the scorers for the Kilbrean side.

Goals from Grace O'Shea, who hit a hat trick, Abbie Bradshaw 2 and Una O'Shea saw Inter Kenmare take the points in Woodlawn defeating

# Killarney Athletic.

# **THREE GAMES DECIDED IN 16'S DIVISION 1**

Iveragh United and St Brendan's Park met on Wednesday afternoon and it was the South Kerry girls that took the points. Their goals came from Orla O'Shea, Emma Foran, Caoilinn Lynch, Maeve Courtney with Aoife Begley and Jacinta Griffin scoring for The Park.

There was only one goal in the game where Castleisland welcomed Dingle Bay Rovers and it went to the home side. The Holly Horan goal gave Castleisland all three points.

Isabel Moriarty 2 and Lily Nowak scored for Fenit Samphires as they drew 3-3 at home with MEK Galaxy.

# **BOYS LEAGUES**

# **13'S PREMIER ROUND-UP**

Mastergeeha had goals from Roan Guerin 2, Johan Casey, Conn Deally, Jack Murphy and Michael O'Riordan in their win away at LB Rovers. The Park had a strong first half and pushed on in the second at home to Killorglin in Christy Leahy Park. The goals came from Dylan Galloway, Cayden Roche, Jack Daly, Danny Kingston, Daniel Farmer, Tuoyo King, Johnny Neilings and Shane O'Donovan.

Goals from Leo Allen, Danny Murphy, James O'Meara and Cillian O'Donoghue saw MEK Galaxy winning away at Listowel Celtic 4-3. Derby game kicks off the 13's Division 1 action The action in the 13's Division 1 got underway in mid-week when Athletic B got the better of

Celtic B in the Killarney derby. Eanna Hennigan and Cian Hegarty both got two each with Jayden Hurley and Conor Moynihan netting one each.

Goals from Daniel Downes, Donnach Lynch, Conor Edwards, Jack O'Shea and Aaron Moriarty gave Ballyhar Dynamos the win in Mort Scott Park at home to Dingle Bay Rovers.

Inter Kenmare and St Brendan's Park C shared the points following a 0-0 draw.

# **BUSY DAY IN 13'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH**

Two goals from Luke McGillicuddy and Tommy Foley and one each from Diego Andreatta and Mike Hynes gave Killorglin B the win away at Inter Kenmare. Alex Cronin got the Inter goal. Cian O'Rourke, Adam O'Connor, Cathal Keeffe and Neil Thompson were all on the mark as Mastergeeha B won at home to MEK Galaxy B. Iveragh United B were 2-0 winners at home to Killarney Athletic C thanks to two goals from Darragh O'Shea in the second half. Park win at home in 13's Division 2 North There was only one game in the 13's Division 2 North and it saw St Brendan's Park D winning 4-0



Killarnev Celtic A vs Castleisland AFC.

Ballyhar Dynamos FC under 14s following their 1-1 draw v Castleisland FC in the Kerry schoolboy/girl league at Murt Scott park.



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# SOCCER FOCUS

# at home to LB Rovers B. **POINTS SHARED IN 14'S DIVISION 1**

Ballyhar Dynamos and Castleisland shared the points in their 14's Division 1 clash at Mort Scott Park. Josh Ryan got the goal for the visitors and John Henderson replying for the home side with a shot that hit the post and the keeper. Both goals came in the second half.

# **MID-WEEK AND WEEKEND ACTION IN THE 15'S PREMIER**

It was a busy week in the 15's Premier. On Tuesday night Killarney Athletic defeated St Brendan's Park 2-0 thanks to goals from Fionn Daly and Liam O'Brien.

On Thursday night Killorglin were 5-1 home winners over Mastergeeha with their goals coming from Darragh Lynch 3 and Javier with 2. Sean Maher replied for the away side.

And on Saturday LB Rovers also won at home. Two goals from Leigh Meehan and one from Oran O'Sullivan saw them defeat St Brendan's Park who reply came from Salou Sow.

Away win in only 15's Division 1 game: Camp Juniors made the trip to Iveragh United a winning one thanks to goals from Darragh Murphy 2, Robert Keane and Devlin Mukherjee. Away win in 15's Division 2:

Goals from Mathew Pfister, Evan Doona, Darragh Moynihan, David Walsh and Gleb Taranov gave Killarney Athletic B the win away at Listowel Celtic B.

### THREE IS THE MAGIC NUMBER IN 16'S PREMIER

In the 16's Premier the two sides that took the three points scored three goals. On Tuesday night goals from Ted O'Gorman, Oran O'Neill and Callum Cronin gave Killarney Celtic the win away to Killorglin. James Jones and Liam Hayes replied for the home side.

Two goals from Mint O'Connor and one from Hector Moratal saw Castleisland win at home to Listowel Celtic.

# **KENNEDY CUP PREPARATION CONTINUES**

Kerry continued their preparation for this summer's Kennedy Cup with a trip to Clare. The CSSL took the lead but Kerry levelled matters with a late penalty thanks to Ben Kelliher. While the hosts did win the second game 2-0 the coaches are taking a lot of positives from the display by both squads as the build-up to June continues.

# **SFAI REGIONAL DATES**

The SFAI Regional Competition is for teams that reach the Last 16 of the National Cup with 6 teams from the South West contesting the regional competition.

The quarter finals have been pencilled in for March 19th and 20th with the semi-finals set for April 9th/10th.

In the Boys Killarney Athletic play Regional and Killorglin go to Pike Rovers in the 12's quarter finals. MEK Galaxy have a bye in 13's to the semis while St Brendan's Park take on Holycross in the 14's quarter final. Killarney Athletic will take on Regional in the 15's quarters while in the 16's St Brendan's Park are in the semi-final.

In the Girls 12's Inter Kenmare are away to Regional while Listowel Celtic are into the 14's semis and in the 16's Killarney Celtic are away to Broadford in the quarter finals.

# **KILLARNEY ATHLETIC**

**U15 League Result** 

Killarney Athletic A.F.C 2 - 0 St. Brendan's Park Liam O' Brien, Fionn Daly

**U13 Girls Premier** 

Killarney Athletic 0 Listowel Celtic 5

U13 Div 1

Killarney Athletic 1 Inter Kenmare 5

U13 Div 2

Killarney Athletic 0 Iveragh 2

Killarmey athletic U15 t2 (5) Listowel Celtic U15 (3)

Athletic made the trip to listowel where the win was a major issue. Athletic started the first half stronger scoring 3 goals with no reply.

Second half began and listowel came back stronger scoring 3 goals to draw the game, 1 from penalty.

Last 5 mins and Athletic replied with 2 more goals securing the win and taking all 3 points. Thanks to listowel for a very sporting game.

Goal scorers for blues: Gleb Taranov, Matthew Pfister, David Walsh, Darragh Moynihan, Evan Doona.

#### U12 Cup John Murphy Cup

Killarney Athletic (T2) 0 Inter Kenmare A.6 U13 Div 1

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC 6 KILLARNEY CELTIC 3 Our young blues made their second trip over to Celtic in as many days.. the lads hurting

from an off day on sat morning went into this Wednesday night tie with different mindset and attitude from the start. Athletic playing with front foot football raced into a 3 goal lead from Enna Hennigan X2 and Cian Hegarty. A own goal brought home team some joy but it was short lived as Conor Moynihan got a fantastic 4th. Ht 4-1

Second half was much the same with Athletic getting two more goals from Cian Hegarty again and free kick from Jayden Hurley to make it 6-1 the home team got two conciliation goals at the end but Athletic but in a solid performance up the road and we move on to next week.

# **KILLARNEY CELTIC**

# **CELTIC LOTTO**

Numbers drawn 5,10,18,28. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €150. Next jackpot €2,600 on Monday March 7th. Tickets available on clubforce.com, The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegarty's Park Rd and club members.

# **PREMIER A**

#### Castleisland AFC 2, Killarney Celtic 4

Stephen McCarthy 2 ,John McDonagh, Lee Downing

Celtic remain clear at the top of Premier A after a win away to Castleisland. Celtic were 2 up at the break thanks to John McDonagh and Lee Downing. Stephen McCarthy put Celtic 3 to the good before Castleisland pulled 1 back. Celtic restored their 3 goal advantage when Stephen McCarthy slotted home a penalty. Castleisland got another goal to leave Celtic 4-2 winners on the day.

### **U16 PREMIER**

Killorglin AFC 2, Killarney Celtic 3

Oran O Neill, Callum Cronin, Ted O'Gorman Celtic moved back top of this division in this meeting of the top 2 teams. Killorglin applied great pressure in the 2nd half but Celtic held firm to record an important win.

# **U15 CUP**

Killorglin AFC B 1, Killarney Celtic 0. **U13 DIV 1** 

Killarney Celtic 3, Killarney Athletic 6 Simon Sirotiak, Kiernan Kelly, Conor McElligott.



Killarney Athletic U12..Div 1.

# **DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB**

# **SUNDAY DRAWS**

Results of last week's Fourball V Par where a visitor from Clare had a very good morning! First Nett: Dan Kiely & Dermot Tuohy 14up, Gross: Dermot Tuohy & Aidan O'Keeffe 8up and Second Nett: Sean O'Brien & Aidan O'Keeffe 10up. Dame again this Sunday morning at 9am and 10.45am. Open to club members aged 15 or over.

# NATIONAL CONVENTION

Our chairman Damien Fleming received his Irish No 1 awards for the years of 2020 and 2021 last Saturday at the first in-person Convention by Pitch & Putt Ireland for two years. Ger O'Connor stepped down as Technical Officer after six years as we look forward to welcoming him back to club matters! We wish outgoing President Mervyn Cooney well after his term of office ended and we wish incoming President Mark Keohane well in the role.

# **MEMBERSHIP COLLECTION**

Will be taking place in the clubhouse again this weekend from 1pm-2pm on Saturday and 11.30am-12.30pm on Sunday. Rates are the same as 2021, €135 Adult Single, €240 Family (Two Adults & three children under age of 18) and €80 Juvenile/OAP.

## **U16 COMPETITION**

We held our first U16 competition of the year last Thursday during Mid-Term that produced following results- Winner: Bryan O'Leary 46, Runner-Up: Brian McCarthy 47 and Third: Ben Kelliher 49.

# **ROSS GC - GENTS**

# RESULT

On Feb 27th we held a Club sponsored 12 hole non qualifying SS competition.

The winners were :-

1: John Cushkelly

2: Michael Courtney

#### **SYMPATHY**

We offer our sympathy to Liam Mulqueen and Family on the recent death of his brother, George R.I.P.

# **KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB NEWS**

Last Saturday saw Pitch & Putt Ireland host its 

first in-person Convention in two years at Templemore in County Tipperary. Deepark's Damien Fleming received his Irish Mens No 1 ranking awards for the years of 2020 and 2021 at the event as in a nice gesture in his acceptance speech he dedicated his 2021 award to the memory of the late Tim Scannell from Tralee

The Tralee Pitch & Putt Club chairman passed away back in early January having previous served as Competition Secretary and PRO at County Board level. His loss is still felt by many within the game in the county. Saturday also saw Deerpark's Ger O'Connor step down as Technical Officer with the National Executive after six years in the role. His club-mate Jason O'Connor will remain on as Pitch & Putt Ireland's Communications & Press Officer for a ninth year in 2022.

Patricks in Enniscorthy as President Tipperary last Saturday. after he won a ballot with Westmeath's Davy Reddin for the position by 56 votes to 31.

It will be April before competitive action begins in earnest in the county as the focus will be on course preparation in the county over the coming month of March.

# CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF CLUB

Welcome to Castlerosse Ladies incoming Captain Nuala Ward 2022. Wishing her an enjoyable year in golfing. Ladies Captain Drive-In Saturday 5th March at 1030amfollowed by 14 Hole Scramble. Draw for partners at 1015am sharp. Sign in on BRS to enter (draw teetimes do not apply) Clubhouse open from 9.30am. Forthcoming Competitions: Club Sponsored 13 Hole Stapleford Fri.11th/Sat.12th March,

All members welcome. Entry can be made on the BRS.

# KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - MENS SINGLES STABLEFORD MAHONYS POINT



Saturday's Convention also saw Mark Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Damien Fleming pictured with the 2020 Keohane from the Rocklodge club in and 2021 Irish No 1 Mens Ranking awards which he was presented Cork succeed Mervyn Cooney of St with at Pitch & Putt Ireland's National Convention in Templemore, Co

### **GREEN TEES**

1st: SEAN CURRAN 27 44PTS 2nd: PATRICK DUGGAN 22 43PTS 3rd: DAVID BYRNE 21 41PTS 4th: DECLAN KELLY 6 41PTS 5th: NIALL O'MEARA 5 41PTS Best gross: EUGENE O'SULLIVAN 70 GROSS Cat 1 1st: JOHNATHAN SPARLING 7 40PTS 2nd: IAN CRONIN 4 39PTS Cat 2 1st: SEAMUS O'NEILL 10 40PTS 2nd: MICHAEL P. O'DONOGHUE 12 39PTS Cat 3

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1st: DAVID O'DONOGHUE 17 39pts 2nd: TEDDY O'SULLIVAN 21 38pts

# THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

By Nicky Barry

Cork had many sporting heroes, down through all the years

Men with skill and courage and impervious to feat

Their women footballers are mighty with five and six in a row

And Camogie titles and Sonia, Dervla and Co. There was John Joe Barry who won races at will And a dubious hero by the name of Thady Quill Jack Lynch won Celtic Crosses, playing in both

codes And Christy Ring was lethal when he went for goals.

Jack Doyle was a boxer, known as the Gorgeous Gael And Jimmy Barry Murphy and Tom Kieran

are regaled

Roy Keane was a hero and the villain of Saipan Who captained Man United with fair as a Cork Man Noel Cantwell captained Ireland as a centre back And achieved great prowess with a cricket bat. But now I come to Sunday night, when Liverpool ran out On the lush turf of Wembley for a cup final bout In goals stood Caoimhin Kelliher, fulfilling a dream Who once was a young striker, on the

**Ringmahon** team All kids dream of scoring the winning goal in Wembley

But never as a goalie in a final against Chelsea!

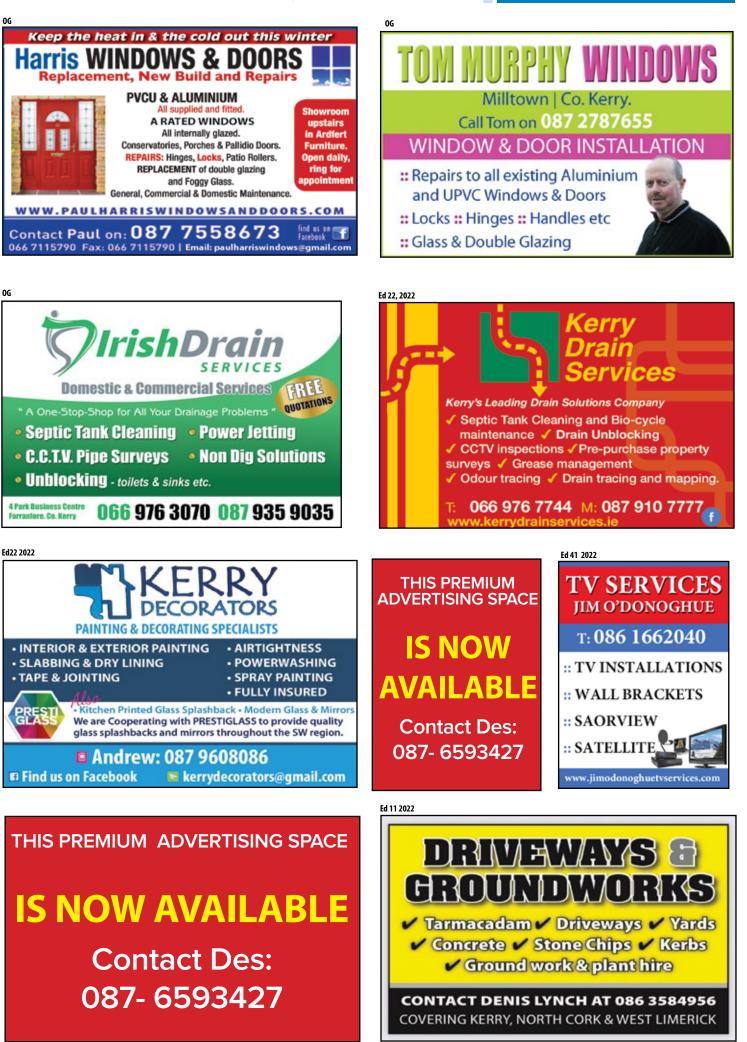


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#### by John O'Sullivan

#### PLANTING A COLOURFUI FLOWER BOWL



When planting a colourful flower bowl, choose your bowl from either terracotta or plastic but make sure to get a saucer underneath when purchasing. Then put some gravel around the base surrounding the hole and add compost mixed with slow release fertilizer. Fill your bowl to about one inch from the top as this

will make it easier when watering afterwards. When choosing the plants start with the centre piece. An ideal plant for this would be an evergreen grass. This is an ideal plant as when you are finished with the bowl, the evergreen grass can be planted outdoors.

There are a huge range of plants with colour to fill around the centre piece. Some of the most popular to choose from are trailing variegated ivy, heathers in flower, primroses, polyanthus, forget-me-nots and you will also still be able to get some potted daffodils and tulips.

When finished planting, make sure to water the plants well, and if you decide to keep the flower bowl indoors make sure that the saucer is underneath. Keep the finished bowl in as much light as possible and this will flower well into the time for Summer bedding. As certain flowers go off before others, don't be afraid to remove them as this will keep your bowl looking good for longer.

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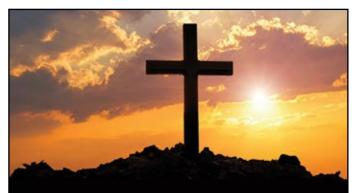


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### **Bishop Ray Browne's Pastoral Message**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit with in me. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

#### A meaningful Lent

I think of two image to describe Lent: just as the harsh Winter weather kills off old vegetation and cleans up the soil for seeds to be planted and green shoots to spring up; and just as between now and Easter nature will come alive again, so too, in Lent we work on ourselves that we may be at our Christian best as family members, neighbours, colleagues and citizens in the vears ahead.

The 2022 season of sport lies ahead. These first months for athletes and team members involve the discipline of training, in order to sharpen skills, to attain fitness and to develop teamwork. The discipline is needed if there is to be the joy of participation. We have the discipline of Lent that we might be at our best, in gratitude to God and in appreciation of the blessings of family, community and country.

As parish communities this Lent we put a focus on inviting all to return to participation in the fullness of parish life. Gradually, carefully all activities can resume. It will do us good to be together again.

A wish I have is that in our churches choirs will come back strong. They give life and joy to our worship. Also, may the Sign of Peace return, not yet as a handshake but as a smile, a bow, or a hand gesture of recognition and fellowship.

#### I suggest some simple things for this Lent:

Check that you are happy with the time you give:

to daily prayer and Sunday Eucharist

to keeping your faith fresh and strong

to participation in parish activities,

to being involved in some voluntary service to others

God Our Father asks us to have a special care for those who are poor or in some other need. Also, remember the Trócaire Lenten campaign.

#### The Sunday Gospels of Lent

This year our Lenten Sunday Gospels are from St Luke. The second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel is that of the Transfiguration and focuses on the incredible mystery that in Jesus, God has come among us, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.".

The fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel is that of the Prodigal Son, - God's mercy is there for everyone, "this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found". To return to God is to be forgiven and to realise that God the Father never stopped loving you, your place in God's family is assured.

#### A Prayer for Peace

#### "My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine

I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be sisters and brothers, and not enemies. ....

May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war."

#### Pope Francis Feb 23rd

These words were spoken by Pope Francis at his customary Wednesday audience on the first day of the war. He invited us to pray and fast for peace during Lent. All of us hoped that Russia would not start a war with Ukraine. I invite you to include this vital prayer intention in all your Lenten prayers and practices in the weeks ahead.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth. Lord make us an instrument of your peace.

+ Ray Browne





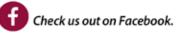
Welcome back dear student "do not be overcome and conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21 AMP). The world has united in supporting our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. For almost two years we have been isolated from each other, avoiding others for safety. The events unfolding in the Ukraine have made a couple of things clear. 1) People are all the same the world over. We feel pain, fear, and love deeply but in spite of our differences, we all long to live in peace and in freedom. 2) People are influenced by others. We are encouraged and inspired to bravery by the passion of others. But, we can also be seduced into deception by those who wish to control and manipulate for their own gain. We must always ask ourselves the guestion 'which one am I?' Because ultimately that is how we will live - either as courageous leaders who build up others and seek peace; or as tyrants who tear down and destroy. (Romans 12:18)

Many stories from this attack are moving. We have heard of young untrained Russian soldiers, tricked into thinking they were going to protect their border, being put on the frontline of war, then finding themselves starving, begging Ukrainians for food. And they fed them! (Romans 12:20). We have witnessed the courage of the people of Ukraine, regardless of their age or occupation, fighting to overcome evil for the love of their nation. (Romans 12:16) We have seen their bravery inspire other nations to leave indifference behind and reach out to help bringing renewed harmony (Romans 12:10-13).

God promised His people ..."as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). Like I said, we are all the same. Every one of us came from our own Mother's womb. I've been thinking a lot about the mother's of those soldiers engaged in warfare. Why did God reveal Himself as the One Who comforts like a mother? Because it is He Who created each one of us and knit us together in the womb, watched over us, and rejoiced at our births (Psalm 139:13-18). And the Lord Jesus (the One Who never leaves any one behind), will wrap His arms around each one of us at death, when we call upon His Name (John 5:24; 1st John 3:14-24; Romans 10:9-13).

War veterans have told of the shock they felt when they heard their fellow soldiers - even the enemy ones - cry out for their mothers as they died. Medical personnel testify how they have heard so many patients cry out for their mothers before they pass. You know, we are all basically babies whose bodies and minds matured, but deep down we all desire and long for our first love (Revelation 2:4). What is sad though, is that countless women for one reason or another, abort their babies, (so they never get the chance to know their Mom) - fooled into thinking life will be better afterwards - but sadly finding this to be untrue, and then suffering and struggling with much emotional pain. God holds their babies until they meet again, because He is so compassionate. No matter what has happened in the past, we can all make better choices going forward, to promote life - not death, by our words and actions (Deuteronomy 30:15-19; Proverbs 18:21). Overcome evil with good.

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### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the past, I have asked for many favors. This time I ask for a very special one. (Here mention your request.) Take it, dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in his merciful eyes, it will become your favor and not mine. Amen. Say for three days and promise to publish. XX

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### PRAYER TO MOUNT CARMEL

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of

my heart to succor me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who

have recourse to thee (three times). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands

(three times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.

## A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Remember, dear Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou dost exercise to shield me from the justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee too by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in Heaven. Amen.

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