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St Oliver's Primary School Quiz team Lily O'Shea, Daire Murphy, Leo O'Riordan and Magnus Prudnikovas who will represent their School, Killarney Credit Union and Chapter 23 CU at the All Ireland Primary School Quiz National final this Sunday in the RDS Dublin pictured with teacher Maria Ryan, Principal Colm O'Suilleabhain and Karena McCarthy, Marketing Manager Killarney Credit Union. The management and members of Chapter 23 Credit Union and Killarney Credit Union wish the very best of luck to St Olivers National School Quiz team in the National Finals on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



Welcome to this week's edition of Killarney Outlook. Its packed with all the local news, photos and sport and of course some fantastic offers from our loyal advertisers.

The Hospice Walk in memory of two special ladies was a great success and raised over €5,700, students from St. Olivers are heading to Dublin for the Credit Union Quiz finals and tomorrow is County Clean Up Day!

Lough Lein Anglers have launched "The Charity", Rathmore CU is autism friendly, dancers and musicians from Killarney performed in the Isle of Mann and Killarney is looking to become the most sustainable town in Ireland.

The inaugural Mothers and Others Basketball tournament is set to become an annual event, Musicians are planning a concert to raise funds for Gaza and there were Easter Celebrations in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Kerry ladies are preparing for their National League final this weekend, Kilcummin dancers are set to star on TG4 and a gofundme has been organised for a South Kerry family who lost everything in a fire.

We have all the action from the pitches, courts and fairways, including Killarney RFC Under 18's who have been crowned Munster Champions.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

*Aisling Crosbie*



*Lough Lein at dusk captured by  
Bridget Gleeson Healy*

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# COUNTY CLEAN UP DAY

Tomorrow, Saturday 6th April, is the day for the 12th annual County Clean Up and voluntary organisations and individuals across Kerry are invited to get involved in one of the biggest community events of the year in the county.

The County Clean-Up takes place with the support of KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council and over the past decade, hundreds of tonnes of rubbish have been collected along Kerry roads by thousands of volunteers.

'Registration is still open at [www.countycleanup.com](http://www.countycleanup.com) and I hope that local communities will participate in large numbers,' Cllr. Jim Finucane, Mayor of Kerry said.

Noel O'Reilly from KWD said: 'KWD Recycling is proud to be involved in the County Clean Up which is now in its 12th year. It is a very important day that has made a huge difference on the roads of Kerry and west Cork with thousands of people showing great community spirit.'

Environmental Awareness Officer at Kerry County Council, Breda Moriarty said: 'The amazing and diligent work of many community groups and individuals for the County Clean Up is admirable. Everyone coming together to keep Kerry clean and our roads litter free for an 12th year is fantastic.'

Groups must register to ensure they receive a clean-up pack and to nominate a collection point for any litter collected.



With the support of KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, the annual County Clean Up will take place across the county on Saturday, 6th April. Voluntary organisations and individuals across Kerry are invited to get involved. Registration is now open at [www.countycleanup.com](http://www.countycleanup.com). Pictured at the launch are Moira Murrell, Chief Executive, Kerry County Council with Tadgh Healy, KWD and Breda Moriarty, Environmental Awareness Officer, Kerry County Council with Cllr. Jim Finucane, Mayor of Kerry. Photo: Pauline Dennigan



## Tight lines as THE CHARITY is launched

With an amazing €300,000 raised to date, Members of Lough Lein Anglers' Association, Killarney, one of the longest established fishing clubs in Ireland, launching the 36th annual charity open fly fishing competition known as 'The Charity' which will be held on Sunday 28th April 2024.

This years beneficiaries are Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone - a most deserving charity. The event is always the most popular event on the fly fishing calendar in Ireland. Spearheaded by Timo O'Sullivan, and to date the anglers have raised in excess of €300,000 for deserving charities in Kerry and Cork. The main sponsor of the event is Lee Strand Co-op, Tralee.



At the launch, at Ross Castle this week were from left, Boris Uzick, Lough Lein Anglers, Padraig Coghlan, Lough Lein Anglers/organiser, Denis Russell, Nora Murphy, Secretary, Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone, Pat Kelleher, Treasurer, Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone, Lee Strand CEO Gearóid Linnane, Corrie O'Flaherty, Chairman Lough Lein Anglers, Rory O'Flaherty, Lough Lein Anglers/organiser. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan





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Rathmore & District Credit Union have announced their support of Autism Awareness earlier this week.

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Staff members ready to welcome you at Rathmore Credit Union.  
From left: Joan O'Callaghan, Mary Roche, Michael Brosnan, Mairead O'Leary



Staff members ready to welcome you at Rathmore Credit Union.  
From left: Tess Vaughan, Fergus McAuliffe, Aoife Fleming, Betty O'Riordan

## Killarney Dancers & Musicians Participate in Celtic Festival

This week saw dancers from the Hegarty Irish Dance Academy and representatives of the Stage Works performance group from the Killarney School of Music travel to the Isle of Mann for the Shennaghys Jiu festival, a Celtic festival with attendees from many of the celtic nations.

Following a rapturous welcome in Ramsey Town Hall on Thursday, the weekend was filled with workshops, céilís and concerts. The festival celebrated 25 years this year and we were delighted to welcome back a lot of our older dancers to travel with us and celebrate with all our Manx friends. We have been going there for years, it's now an annual event for us! The celtic traditions are truly alive at this festival, our dancers and musicians learn from the Manx, Cornish and Galicians and we pass on our irish music and dance to them, "it's such a wholesome experience", Lisa Hegarty told Killarney Outlook. "We look forward to returning year on year and our students thoroughly enjoy the experience", she added.



Dancers from the Hegarty Irish Dance Academy and representatives of the Stage Works performance group from the Killarney School of Music who travelled to the Isle of Mann for the Shennaghys Jiu festival last weekend.





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# KILLARNEY looking beyond big picture projects



At an information evening at the Killarney Avenue Hotel, Guest Speakers and committee members, were from left, Chris Austin, INUA, Ann Courtney, Chamber Sustainable Committee, Mike Stack, Tricel and Chair Sustainable Committee, Bridget O'Keeffe, Chief Executive, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Aileen Deacy, Fáilte Ireland, Marcus Treacy, Chamber Sustainable Committee, Aidan McDonnell, Acutrace, Alex Grassick, Kerry County Council, Tom Randles, Chamber Sustainable Committee. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The train has left the station in terms of climate change and Killarney has to act fast to get ahead of it, a prominent local businessman has stressed.

Tricel managing director, Mike Stack, is spearheading a Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce sub-committee on sustainability which is aimed at trying to make Killarney the most sustainable town in Ireland with a number of projects already up and running.

He was speaking at a public meeting at promoting sustainable businesses and promoting carbon and cost reductions.

Fáilte Ireland unveiled its climate action programme at the meeting held in the Killarney Avenue Hotel which was attended by over 70 local business interests

Mr Stack outlined how his family run business is reacting to the climate challenge and they opted to go down the solar route a few years back by installing 784kw of solar panels on the roof of the factory buildings and plant at Tiernaboull.

In March 2022 they were fully operational and they will be fully paid for by March 2025 and it covers about a fifth of the electricity used in the factory which operates 24 hours a day, six days a week.

"It's not just about the big picture projects. We run projects every year to reduce the amount of waste we produce and electricity we use," Mr Stack said.

He said investing in solar, in heat pumps or wind and using less

electricity, less oil, less transport and less waste is going to make businesses more profitable in time. Mr Stack said his involvement with the Chamber is aimed at trying to make Killarney the most sustainable town in the country and there are a number of projects already underway.

"We are trying to build on the success of the wonderful coffee cups initiative which really showed what a town can do when people get together and decide to drive on and do something," the Tricel managing director added.

Other issues being explored include the provision of more electric charging points in the town and addressing issues like food waste and an application for capital has been submitted to Kerry County Council to help all interested businesses to start the sustainability programme.

"Climate change is happening. There's no more time to be waiting and saying I'm going to do something this year or the year after – we have to get at it straight away," Mr Stack said.

Kerry County Council's climate action coordinator, Alex Grassick, told the meeting that the local authority has adopted a five-year climate action plan which looks at a variety of actions that can be taken across the county to meet internal targets and to support external sectors.

In 2020, the council had a target of 33 per cent improvement in energy efficiency and it exceeded that by 10 per cent.

Mr Grassick said the most



At an information evening at the Killarney Avenue Hotel, Paul O'Neill, ODR Hotels, Ann Courtney, Chamber Sustainable Committee, Mike Stack, Tricel and Chair Sustainable Committee. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

important action is to identify the areas to concentrate on in terms of energy savings as if it's not measured then it's not managed.

"On a global scale, every month from last June to February of this year has been the warmest month on record and in the last eight months we've had more rainfall in Ireland than we've ever had so there are changes there and we can all see them," he said.

"We have to be able to react. We have to see where our vulnerabilities are and what we can do to address those. Use less is the first thing you have to do and we have to change that mindset". The public meeting heard that there is a plan to make Killarney a sustainable destination by bringing about carbon and cost reductions. It is seeking to be the first town to provide community-wide energy monitoring, information and benchmarking and become Ireland's most electric vehicle charge destination Fáilte Ireland, which is leading the initiative, will enhance its strategic supports under a new business resilience framework which will provide a tailored package of supports to businesses focused on building commercial and financial resilience.

The three-step programme encourages businesses to evaluate where they are currently at and make a commitment to



At an information evening at the Killarney Avenue Hotel, Louise Byrne, Sustainable Manager, Killarney Park Hotel, Kevin Leahy, The Black Sheep Hostel, UNESCO Biosphere Officer, Brendan Kirwan. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

implementing a sustainability goal, develop a bespoke plan designed to reduce their carbon footprint and implement the plan by assigning roles and outlining clear priorities and actions.

Every business that signs up to the sustainability plan is assigned an advisor by Fáilte Ireland who can provide reassuring and empowering advice and insights and the programme will be tailored and relevant to suit individual businesses regardless of where they are on the climate action journey.

The business benefits include saving money and resources, the retention of staff and enhancing the company's reputation.

SMEs can save 30 per cent of their energy bills by implementing simple, cost-effective energy efficient measures.

The meeting heard that tackling climate change is one of the biggest challenges and opportunities facing businesses with rising costs impacting the sector. Reducing carbon emissions is a smart way to save money and boost a reputation as a sustainable tourism business.



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# GOOD FRIDAY HOSPICE WALK RAISES €5,775

There was a great turnout for the Good Friday Walk for Kerry Hospice Fountion which took place at Muckross House on the 29th March. The ambassador for this year's walk was Sports Journalist and Disability Activist Joanne O'Riordan.

The walk was held in memory of two very special ladies, Vivienne O'Shea and Sheila MacGillycuddy.

"While there was an early shower of rain prior to start it didn't dampen the spirit of the many people who participated", organiser, Cathal Walshe told Killarney Outlook.

"An amazing €5,775 was raised for the Killarney Branch of Kerry Hospice/Palliative Care and we are most grateful". Cathal added.

*Joanne O'Riordan pictured at the start of the Good Friday Walk for Kerry Hospice Fountion*



*Local families supporting the walk*



*All smiles for the camera at the Hospice Walk*



*Joanne O'Riordan with family members and friends at the walk*



*All smiles for the camera at the Hospice Walk*



*Walkers pose for a photo with Joanne O'Riordan before the walk starts.*

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

With Anne Lucey



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

*Killarney Community Hospital could be the new minor injuries clinic in Killarney.*



## Minor injuries clinic a major bonus for Killarney

A new minor injuries clinic is to be established in Kerry with a strong possibility the soon to be vacated old District Hospital in Killarney will be the preferred location.

Killarney councillor John O'Donoghue, is the latest councillor to seek clarity and did so at last week's meeting of the Southern Health Forum. A clinic would help alleviate 'the extreme pressure' on the county's single A&E unit in Tralee, John said.

It is ridiculous there is not a minor injuries unit in Killarney, John said in a written submission.

Dr Gerard O'Callaghan Chief Operations Officer South/South West Hospital Group revealed that plans are in fact underway. Killarney town rather than Tralee is the preferred option and logistics with regard to sharing diagnostics with Tralee if necessary can be overcome, John was told.

In the meantime Kerry's health services are unacceptable and pressure must be kept by our public representatives. While we welcome foreign workers in our health system, and need them in the face of the obstacles faced by Irish people trying to get into medicine, we must also acknowledge how the high numbers of immigrants are themselves adding to the demand. Tourists in

Killarney get sick and injured too, particularly adventure tourists. In a ward at UHK recently, I saw first hand what GPs are complaining of. Three out of the six patients were non Irish; two had absolutely no English and were relying on interpreters and apps and very patient nurses - some of whom whose English was not the best either. This all takes time. Meanwhile, the corridors were full of people, Irish and non-Irish, on trolleys.

## Local elections are hotting up - should the embargo on council workers be extended to all well-paid public servants?

It is April and the elections as well as the sweet showers of summer are on the way. Local elections are indeed hotting up. Back west, farmer Seamus Cosáí Fitzgerald has decided not to retire from his job as a politician. If Fine Gael stuck with him from day one - he came near taking a seat twenty years ago - the party might still have a TD for the next Dail election.

In the Castleisland area a strong spoken woman, Michelle Keane, is shaking up the all male council there. She seems to have a strong presence on social media, judging by the number of messages being enthusiastically shared.

In Killarney we have a retained firefighter who is challenging the Government guidelines that only public sector workers under a certain income threshold can go forward for election.

Local authorities everywhere have been reminded of these guidelines with the increase in pay from the council purse for part-time firefighters.

My wonder is why the embargo on taking a council seat does not extend beyond council employees to other public sector

workers? All are paid for out of the public purse. Politicians and well-paid officials are a joined force against the beleaguered private sector. Outside of major multinationals here, who enjoy all kinds of concessions, the private sector is in reality at the mercy of the cosseted public sector.

Personally, I see little point in teachers, HSE workers, parliamentary assistants, council or any kind of public servant hot "seating" as public representatives - and being paid twice by the State. They are double jobbing in other words. I have the additional concern that teachers and others are a comfortable part of the system. They are also highly protected by their public sector unions - and unions have all but deserted the private sector. Teachers and others have a natural interest in not rocking the boat. Yes, teachers and such are fine orators, and fancy themselves no end as philanthropists for the poor people. And shure why wouldn't they! But we need people in politics to shake up, not talk down. The sums for what is a part-time position as local councillor are gob smacking. (Remember too, much of expenses and allowances councillors and other state employees get is untaxed, a privilege no private worker enjoys.)

In 2022, according to the councillors register for the year, the lowest payment in the Killarney MD to a councillor - was two euro short of 34,000 euro. The highest payment was nine euro and three cent short of 78,000 euro, in the form of a gratuity.

There is plenty of unpaid voluntary work out there if they want to serve communiites. And there is also the option of a career break. I think we might need to widen the debate on eligibility, now that the door has been opened

## A crow to pick with raining cats and dogs

The crows in Muckross are still picking away at the putty in the Victorian glass houses, it seems. I see now where an elaborate scarecrow has been erected. No offence, the very good likeness of a crow is not fooling anyone. Not even me. The last time I wrote about this here, the idea was the crows were attracted by the linseed oil in the new putty. In the absence of tourist sandwiches, and cakes, before the tourist season, they were eating the softish putty.

But Niall Hatch of Birdwatch Ireland has put forward a further theory about the Muckross crows: They may well be eating the putty, because of the linseed oil - but also because of boredom, Niall thinks.

He points to how intelligent the Corvid is as a species and he thinks the crows in Muckross are particularly smart.

'Part of me thinks the rooks are playing. They are incredibly intelligent and with intelligence comes boredom.' All species of crows are very very smart and good at solving problems, Niall said.

Crows are on the international conservation red list of endangered species in much of Europe where they have declined massively. The Corvid population are healthy in this country so far, and Ireland is one of the best places still to observe crows, Hatch says.

Meanwhile, crows along with all other birds are phenomenally busy right now. The past mornings have been a veritable dawn chorus at around 6.15 am just before it gets bright. And the singing starts up again in the evening dusk. The wet weather does not seem to impact at all on the feathered friend. When you think about it, nest construction is probably easier in the rain.. Moss is out of the ground easier and mud is also much much softer. Maybe it is time to revise our old saw about raining cats and dogs and change it to feathers and quills!

Meanwhile the National Parks and Wildlife Service said it is looking for long term solutions and is studying the crows and the scarecrow. Other historic properties have come under attack also, and the lessons in Muckross will be valuable.







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The O'Donoghue Ring Collection hotels in Killarney have achieved the prestigious Green Hospitality Eco-Certification. Killarney Towers Hotel & Leisure Centre, Killarney Avenue Hotel, and Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa have each been recognised for making positive strides towards a more sustainable future with their commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible business practices.

A luxurious portfolio of Irish family-run hotels, self-catering apartments, independent restaurants & bars, destination spa, and even its own Killarney Urban Farm in Killarney, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection has long placed sustainability at the centre of the group's ethos and operations. The Green Hospitality Awards is an internationally recognised third-party environmental & sustainability certification awards programme. It requires businesses to implement an Environmental Management System focusing on energy, carbon, waste and water.

Group General Manager Brian Lawlor said: "The Green Hospitality Eco-Certification across these three hotels is a milestone step for our group on our environmental journey. Since 2020, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection has taken a property-by-property approach to minimise environmental impacts on our properties. The group initiative called 'Our Green Way' is part of our vision to be the championing leader of sustainable hospitality, locally and regionally, by transparently investing both time and money into coming up with innovative solutions that benefit people and the planet through sustainable and responsible tourism."

Other ongoing initiatives led by the group's internal Green Team include: forging partnerships with local suppliers to recycle coffee granules as fertiliser; the introduction of e-chargers at the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa and Killarney Avenue Hotel; mass reduction of single-use plastics with a focus on replacing traditional bedroom key cards with virtual cards or wooden key alternatives; removal of single-use toiletries in guest bedrooms; and the championing of food sustainability focusing on local legacy dishes including ingredients sourced from the group's own Killarney Urban Farm.

# Leading by example in Killarney:

## Three hotels from the O'Donoghue Ring Collection earn Green Hospitality Eco-Certification



Commenting on the group's achievement, Gemma Ring, Managing Director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection said: "First and foremost, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to our dedicated Green Teams at each property. Their unwavering passion and hard work have been instrumental in driving our sustainability initiatives forward. This certification is a reflection of our dedication to reducing our ecological footprint while simultaneously enhancing the guest experience."

The certification follows the group's recent Green Hospitality Award win at the Killarney Looking Good Awards for the Killarney Urban Farm. Proud to be Ireland's first hospitality hydroponic urban farm, growing for and servicing bars, restaurants, and hotels in the

Kerry region, the ultimate objective behind Killarney Urban Farm is to innovatively curtail food miles, produce the freshest produce around, and reduce the carbon footprint of its partners.

And the group intends to keep up the green momentum, Gemma Ring added: "While we celebrate these fantastic achievements, we also recognize that our journey toward sustainability is ongoing. Our eco-certification serves as a launching pad for further innovations and improvements in environmental practices. Together, with our partners and the communities we serve, we will continue to explore new opportunities to make a lasting, positive impact on our environment and society."

## VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN TIMES AT KILLARNEY LIBRARY



Historian and collector Brendan O'Sullivan along with Mary Rafferty are hosting a display of Victorian and Edwardian presents and gifts at Killarney Library, tomorrow Saturday 6th April from 12 to 4pm.

The exhibition will also include postcards from this era.





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The St. Paul's Mothers and Others Team pictured with organisers of the Jeremiah "Skip" Buckley Tournament.



Mothers of the Mothers; Eileen Switzer, Patrica Buckley and Mary Griffin.



Tom Looney a former teacher in Killarney Community College coach and the player presented bouquets of flowers to Patrica and Emer Buckley.



Mark, Seán, Annmarie, Ciara, Conor, Ann & Derek O Leary enjoying the memorial tournament last Saturday



Action from the tournament.



Patricia Buckley wife of Jeremiah Skip pictured with their daughter Emer.



The teams that took part in the tournament.

# TOURNAMENT TO BECOME AN ANNUAL AFFAIR

The 'Mother's and Others' Tournament held in memory of Jeremiah "Skip" Buckley on Saturday, March 30th, at the Presentation Gym in Killarney was a resounding success, marking the beginning of what promises to be an annual affair. Conceived by Patricia and Emer Buckley, daughters of the late Jeremiah Buckley, the tournament paid homage to their father's profound impact on basketball in Killarney and Kerry.

Teams and supporters from various towns including Killorglin, Cordal, Farranfore, Rathmore, Bantry, Dromtariffe, Glamire, and multiple teams from Killarney participated, creating a vibrant atmosphere reminiscent of the old town leagues. Playoffs commenced at 9:00 am, with crowds swelling as the morning progressed, evoking the electric energy of past basketball events Skip cherished.

In between matches, free throw competitions honoured Skip's belief that "free throws won games." Karl McMahan of Killarney clinched the senior title, while Fionn Clifford secured the junior competition. Refreshments provided by volunteers and family members sustained the participants, leading into the fiercely contested semi-finals, culminating in the Plate and Cup finals.

The plate final saw Glanmire triumph over Dromtariffe in a closely fought battle, while the anticipation for the Cup final between Killarney's 'Creaky Blinders' and Cordal reached fever pitch. Ultimately, the 'Creaky Blinders' emerged victorious, with additional awards recognising Sheila O'Donoghue for the "funniest moment of the day" and Diane Griffin as Player of the Tournament, both representing 'Creaky Blinders'.

The overwhelming success of the tournament, coupled with the enduring legacy of Jeremiah Buckley, has prompted the Buckley family to pledge its continuation as an annual event. With gratitude extended to all who contributed their time and sponsorship, the Buckley family looks forward to next year's tournament, anticipating even greater attendance and support. A quick change from sneakers to heels and deep heat to perfume the festivities extended into the night at The Shire pub, where participants enjoyed well-deserved relaxation and camaraderie, cementing the tournament's place as a cherished tradition in the local basketball community.



On duty.... family members pictured at the tournament keeping score.



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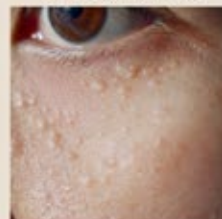
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# Community events to address climate change and Sceilg Mhichíl



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Sceilg Mhichíl is one of ten World Heritage Properties selected to take part in the international ICOMOS-National Geographic Preserving Legacies: A Future for our Past project, and is the only European site selected. Other sites include Petra in Jordan, the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras and Angkor Archaeological Park in Cambodia. The National Monuments Service (NMS) in partnership with the Office of Public Works (OPW) represent Ireland on the project. Fundamental to the Preserving Legacies project is engagement and collaboration to inform communities on the implications of climate change on the World Heritage sites, and to enable them to safeguard their cultural and natural heritage against future impacts. The Outstanding Universal Value of Sceilg Mhichíl transcends boundaries but at its heart are the communities who

live with Sceilg on their doorstep.

Over the coming weeks there will be two public meetings in Portmagee, organised by the NMS and OPW to discuss the roles of the State bodies responsible for the management and protection of Sceilg Mhichíl and to encourage community participation in discussions on climate change and the World Heritage site. Both events are open to all to attend. People can read more about the international conservation project on 'Preserving Legacies: A Future for our Past'.

**Upcoming public events:**  
 Sceilg Mhichíl public information night  
 Monday, 8 April at 7pm in Portmagee Community Centre  
 Sceilg Mhichíl community climate vulnerability assessment (CVA) workshop  
 Saturday, 27 April from 11.30 am in Portmagee Community Centre.  
 More details are available on: Sceilg Mhichíl Archives - World Heritage Ireland

A group of musicians and singers have come together to raise funds for those who are working in Gaza.

Killarney group, Deeper Well, which is comprised of Joan Greene, Brighid Daly and Ronnie Moore hope to bring people together for an evening of song to raise funds for Médecins sans frontières in support of their work in Gaza. Concert - Songs for Peace will take place on Sunday 14th April at 5.00pm in the Brehon Hotel. They will be joined on the night by Nick Moloney on Keys and Brian Fleming, percussion. Tim O'Shea on sound and Raconteur, Joe Brennan will guide us through the evening as MC. 'Like most people, we wish we could do more to help the victims of the atrocities that we are seeing and hearing about. But we can sing – and in so doing we hope to create something positive in the light of so much destruction', Ronnie Moore told Killarney Outlook.

"So please join us where we dedicate an evening to sharing beautiful songs together and continue to keep our hearts strong", she added.

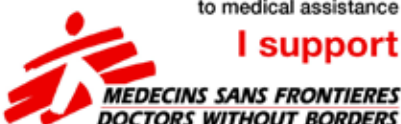
'Brighid's haunting, earthy tones, Joan's sensual, jazzy slant and Ronnie's true singer songwriter style – somehow this combination works, lifts the spirits and brings us back to the melody and the story with strings, keys, percussion and the greatest instrument of all, the human voice' Joe Brennan Coordinator VTOS Killorglin Tickets €25 available at door or phone 086 0633618

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# Let there be light..... Easter Vigil at St. Mary's Cathedral



From darkness into Light... The Easter Vigil ceremony began at the entrance to St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday night, with the lighting of the Paschal candle by Bishop of Kerry Ray Browne, a procession of light from this candle made its way to the altar of St Mary's Cathedral, with Steven Murphy, singing the traditional Easter Proclamation 'The Exsultet'.



The Choir at St. Mary's Cathedral at the traditional Easter Vigil ceremony began at the entrance to St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday night, with the lighting of the Paschal candle by Bishop of Kerry Ray Browne, a procession of light from this candle made its way to the altar of St Mary's Cathedral. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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With a single ticket for this weekend’s Lidl National Football League clashes giving access to two games at each venue, families can enjoy double the entertainment for less than half the price of a typical family day out to some of Dublin’s other iconic attractions.

For just €50, a family of four can enjoy a full afternoon at Croke Park taking in two exhilarating Ladies Football games, compared to a family day at Emerald Park which costs between €164-198 or a family show at the Bord Gais Energy Theatre which will set families back a steep €252.

The Croke Park finals double-header on Sunday 7th April throws in at 2pm with Kildare and Tyrone facing off in the Division 2 decider while the Division 1 final between Armagh and Kerry gets underway at 4pm.



In attendance at a photocall ahead of the 2024 Lidl Ladies National Football League Finals is Kerry captain Niamh Carmody. The Divisions 3 and 4 Finals will be played at Grant Heating St Brendan’s Park, Birr, next Saturday, April 6, followed by the Divisions 1 and 2 Finals at Croke Park next Sunday, April 7. Photo by David Fitzgerald/Sportsfile

## “Justice was given and history was made in Killarney”

### FIGHTING FIRE AND THE GOVERNMENT

On Friday the 22nd of March Cllr. Martin Grady was notified of a Circular issued by the Dept of Housing and Local Government, based on a statutory instrument dating back to 2004 that he was not eligible to run for the upcoming election. Over the past 20 years this has affected many retained fire fighters, where they were declined when seeking to run for local elections across the state.

"When I was informed of the circular and statutory instrument after going through it in detail I felt it was unjust to target any public sector employee and take away my democratic right to run for election", Martin saidl.

"Having gone through the circular and Statutory Instruments with my solicitor Dan O Connor and Barrister Liz Murphy, we made the decision to go ahead and fight this matter through the courts".

"With less than 24 hours to the court date in Killarney, an updated circular was issued from the Dept of Housing and Local Government, where the wording was changed and now making me eligible to run in the upcoming local elections, I'm glad these changes were made however it shouldn't have taken this to make those changes , Darragh O Brien is the Minister for Housing and Local Government, clearly his focus and priorities weren't where I feel they should have been on delivering houses and serving the people, where he has the luxury of a full time fire service in Dublin".



Cllr. Martin Grady pictured with members of his family outside the Court in Killarney.

"I can assure the people of Killarney Municipal District my focus and priorities will be in the right place, whatever their needs are I'll be hardworking making sure Killarney is a place place for the present and our future generations"

"I'd like to thank everyone for their support and good wishes", Martin added.





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# Easter Bunny Fun

## at the Killarney Outlet Centre

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Lynda and Elena Enright and Philo Brosnan, Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday.



Charlene and Ciaran Brosnan and children Bella, Bobby and Noah Brosnan, Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday.



Odhran and Eve Kavanagh, Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Sunday.



Francis and Fiadh O'Riordan and Fiona Foley, Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday.



Martina, David, Odhran and Fiadh Long, Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday.



Safiyah Jahan and Mohamed Anas, Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday.



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Majella and Daithi Breen, Fionn Henderson, Doireann, Daniel and Aidan Breen and 'Kourtney', Killarney, with the Easter Bunny at The Killarney Outlet Centre Family Fun Day on Easter Sunday.



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# Kilcummin dancers to star on TG4's An Ríl Deal this Sunday



*Dancers from Kilcummin who will star on TG4 this weekend.*

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and groups from many counties across the country, including Rinceoirí Seite Kilcummin this weekend.

Each week will feature different dancers as they battle it out with showstopping numbers in the hopes of reaching the finale to be crowned winners of An Ríl Deal.

Let the battle of the dance commence!

An Ríl Deal will air over eight weeks, starting on Sunday 10th March at 8.30pm on TG4 and on the TG4 Player - TG4.ie.

## Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Plan Car Run

Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage are on the road again with their Car Run taking place on Sunday April 14th

Meeting at the club's Vintage shed at Upper Lewis Road V93 YOYC from 9am the group will head off on the road at 10am.

The cost to enter is €20 and the run is for cars, jeeps and motorbikes that are 20 years and older (pre 2004)

Leaving Killarney to head up the famous Molls Gap, Sneem, stopping in Waterville for lunch, Caherciveen and across to Glencar, Beaufort and back to Killarney.

It should be a great day out and everybody is welcome to join in.

Club is open for 2024 membership on the day or at [www.killarneyvalleycv.com](http://www.killarneyvalleycv.com)



*Last year's Car Run which was a great success.*



A plaque in memory of Mr. Brian Waldron RIP, Consultant General Surgeon at UHK, was unveiled today at the endoscopy services unit at UHK, honoring his invaluable contributions to healthcare. His legacy of excellence and compassion will forever inspire us. Our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Waldron's family and friends for his dedication and service."

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World Champion Marcus O'Sullivan pictured with Caoimhe O'Halloran from Kilcummin Aine Murphy.



# AINE'S DANCERS ENJOY AMAZING SUCCESS IN SCOTLAND

The Aine Murphy School of Dancing has just returned from the World Irish Dancing Championships which were held in Glasgow and the club enjoyed amazing success at event.

Marcus O'Sullivan, the son of Paudie and Helena O'Sullivan from Firies was crowned World Champion in the Boys Under 11 section. "This was an amazing feat for this hardworking young man who was also crowned All-Ireland Champion in February to add to the many other titles he won over the past year. Marcus is undefeated in all major competitions over the last 4 years and winning this World Title was the icing on the cake", Aine told Killarney Outlook.

Another winner was Caoimhe O'Halloran from Kilcummin, who herself has a world title to her name, also brought back another World medal in a phenomenal Under 17 competition making it her 5th medal in a row at the World Championships.

Three other dancers, Laura Cronin and Grace O'Sullivan from Shrone in Rathmore and Caoimhe Cawley from Camp in Tralee also made it to the final rounds of their respective competitions making it a clean sweep of medals for the school.

Over 20 dancers and parents from the school made the long trip to Glasgow to join these dancers and their families in Glasgow over the week to show their support and this support was phenomenal to say the least.



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## FAMILY HOME DESTROYED IN FIRE

The family of a South Kerry man have created a gofundme after he lost the family home in a Fire on Friday 29th March 2024 in Castlecove.

"To say we are heartbroken is an understatement, we are devastated and in complete shock!", Linda Bot, told Killarney Outlook.

Pieter & Marianne moved from Amsterdam in the late 1970's and built the family home in which they raised 5 daughters. Pieter spent his entire life building the family home and took pride in everything he did. His home wasn't only his home it was also his work. Many people who know dad, know the passion he had for his work as a builder and the pride he took in it. He not only lost his entire home, he also lost his work shop, tools, his life's work.

"We are forever grateful that dad wasn't inside the house when it burned down and that's all that matters", Linda said.

Only last year Pieter had a bad accident after falling off his roof and spent months recovering, but like the strong and positive dad that he is, he got on with it and slowly got better again. His smile returned and he started doing work again.

Pieter has always been a big part of the community and many of you might recognise his smiling face or his van whizzing around the place.

"We hope that you can help our dad in slowly starting to rebuild his life, his home, his workshop in the coming months. We would really appreciate anything you can spare. He has literally been left with only the clothes on his back, everything has been burned and destroyed", Linda added.

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## MAYA TAKES THE TITLE as Talented Students Perform for their School

Killarney Community College was buzzing with excitement when students showcased their incredible talents at the annual Who's Got Talent competition. With a mix of singing, dancing, comedy and other impressive performances, the event was a huge success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved.

Huge credit must go to participants, presenters, helpers, and teachers who contributed to making this event truly fantastic. Special mention to Ms. Joanna Hughes, Ms. Denise O' Sullivan, and Ms. Mary Fuller for their tireless efforts in organizing and coordinating the competition. The competition was fierce, with eight outstanding acts vying for the top spot. Judges who were made up of both teachers and students, had the difficult task of choosing winners among the talented pool of performers. After much deliberation, the results are finally in!

Taking the coveted first place spot is Maya Basel, a second-year student whose captivating performance wowed the audience and judges alike. Maya's talent and dedication shone through as she performed a Billy Eilish cover, earning her the well-deserved title

of Who's Got Talent 2024 champion.

In second place were the dynamic duo of Mischa McCarthy and Wiktorija Gluza from Transition Year. Mischa sang and played piano while Wiktorija captivated the audience with her modern dance and interpretation of Mischa self penned song.

The atmosphere was electric throughout the event, with cheers and applause ringing out in support of all the participants from all students and staff. Each act brought something unique to the stage, showcasing the incredible diversity of talent within the Killarney Community College community.

Principal Stella Loughnane note "it was a lovely way to round off the term. I'm in awe of everyone who got up on that stage and put themselves out there. Not alone were we impressed by their various talents but their stage presence, confidence and aura on stage was truly remarkable. The annual event celebrates the talents students have that they don't necessarily get to show case to their classmates and teachers. They are all winners in my eyes"



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## Ross Castle Welcomed 116,587 Visitors in 2023



The Office of Public Works (OPW) has announced that 2023 was another successful year for visitor numbers at its heritage sites. The number of recorded visitors last year exceeded 15.3 million, up from 15 million in 2022. Ross Castle in Killarney welcomed 116,587 visitors in 2023 and it expected that that number will increase in 2024.

The 2023 data highlights a continued trend in number of visitors to Historic Castles, Gardens and Monuments across the country. Minister of State with responsibility for the OPW, Patrick O'Donovan, T.D., said: "The 780 sites under the care of the Office of Public Works contribute to the local sense of place, the local economy and are great places for domestic and international tourists to enjoy. The 2023 visitor data clearly indicates that there is a strong interest in heritage tourism and that an increasing number of visitors regard Ireland's heritage sites as great places to visit."





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## IRELAND'S MASTER GARDENER BILLY ALEXANDER receives prestigious Lawrence Medal from Royal Horticultural Society

The Royal Horticultural Society has awarded the Lawrence Medal to Billy Alexander from Kells Bay, Co. Kerry.

The medal was awarded for his Gold Medal and Best in Great Pavilion winning exhibit, The Ferns of Kells Bay Gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2023. The Lawrence Medal is awarded for the best exhibit shown to the society during the year. The Lawrence medal is the highest honour an exhibitor can receive for their display.

Alexander, who has restored and developed Kells Bay House and Gardens on the Ring of Kerry since he bought it in 2006 also won a Chelsea Gold Medal in 2021. This is his first time to receive the Lawrence Medal.

On receiving news of the award, he said: "I am honoured to receive this award, which is evidence of high standards of excellence in Irish Horticulture, and is also a recognition of the fantastic ferns which grow so happily at Kells Bay.

I am delighted that so many people saw the exhibit and recognised how the simplicity, beauty and elegance of the ferns can enhance any garden. We won't be competing at RHS Chelsea 2024, but visitors are always welcome to visit them in Kerry where they are happiest. I am pleased to report that the mild winter has ensured that the Ferns of Kells Bay Gardens in situ are in prime condition, and we are fully open to visitors. This award is also a recognition of the great team we have at Kells Bay House and Gardens and our commitment to achieving the highest standards."



The presentation of the award was made at the Annual RHS Awards ceremony in Lindley Hall by Mr. Keith Weed CBE, RHS President. Mr. Alexander has also been appointed to the RHS Judges Panel.

Situated just off the Ring of Kerry between Glenbeigh and Cahersiveen, the business offers Plants, Thai Restaurant and Café, Botanical Garden, Dinosaurs, Rope-bridge, and boutique accommodation. It employs up to 20 people in high season. When not designing award winning displays, Billy supplies tree ferns to botanic gardens in France, Britain, and Ireland. He travels extensively to the remote native habitats of lesser-known species, to enable replication of their optimal growing conditions.

## FAKE FRIENDS SIGN MAJOR MUSIC DEAL



Song City Management, a dynamic collaboration between Dublin Studio Hub, a pioneering music production house, and AMA Artist Management, Ireland's foremost artist booking agency have announced the signing of Irish indie rock band Fake Friends to their roster, signing them to a 3-year exclusive deal. We are currently recording their first EP and their first single "Maybe" is scheduled for release on the 12th April.

"Killarney musician Cathal Flaherty and Patrick Kelly from Carlow have unique sound and undeniable talent perfectly align with our vision at Song City Management and we are eager to collaborate with them and support their journey to even greater heights", Song City Management said.

"Together, we are embarking on a journey to redefine the landscape of music management, recording, and booking services in Ireland".

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LEFT: FAKE FRIENDS: Patrick Kelly and Cathal Flaherty.

RIGHT: Signing on the dotted line: Cathal Flaherty signs up to Song City Management watched by his fellow band member Patrick Kelly.

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# SADNESS AT THE PASSING OF PA MANNIX

Members of Listry GAA Club held a guard of honour for their esteemed president Pa Mannix who passed away last week.

Pa was an integral part of the club and loved to support all age groups and enjoyed nothing more than attending matches at Allman Park in Listry.

A proud Listry man, Pa was involved in a variety of roles within the club and will be remembered as a great character and a kind man.

Pre-deceased by his beloved wife Hannah, Pa passed away peacefully on March 27th at University Hospital Kerry and will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his son Brendan & daughter Margaret, daughter-in-law Siobhán & son-in-law Liam, his dearly loved grandchildren; Stevie, Donncha, Adam, Ronan, Cormac & Siún, brothers James, Denis & John, (predeceased by his brother Michael), nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours & many friends.

Following Requiem Mass at the The Church of the Immaculate Conception Listry on Monday morning, Pa was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilís



Pa Mannix pictured with the Tommy Markham Cup at a Listry GAA club social.

## Scott Bradlee's Post Modern Jukebox

Famed "Pop music in a Time Machine" concert act Postmodern Jukebox has announced a new World Tour to celebrate the dual milestone of their 10th anniversary of touring and their 1,000th show in 2024. Dubbed The '10' Tour, the show stops by the Gleneagle INEC Arena on April 19th.

When pianist Scott Bradlee started the time-twisting musical collective from a basement apartment in Queens, NY, an online, "viral" success



story was born —one that quickly led to sold out shows across North America and Europe in the Summer of 2014.

The touring act received rave reviews from industry publications and world-renowned artists alike. In the years that followed, "PMJ" built a reputation as the "Saturday Night Live of Singers" by introducing audiences to dozens of exceptional musical artists —many of whom had been previously overlooked by the modern record industry — and turning them into bonafide stars.

Ten years and two billion views on their YouTube channel later, a Postmodern Jukebox show has become something of an annual musical tradition for hundreds of thousands of dedicated fans all over the world — fans that often show up dressed to the nines in their vintage best, eager to immerse themselves in the experience.

Concertgoers can expect a dazzling, inspiring trip through the PMJ Universe — where modern-day earworms and iconic pop hits alike are reimagined in classic genres like 1920s jazz, Swing, Doo-wop, and Motown, and brought to life by a cast of some of the world's best singers, dancers, and instrumentalists. Think "The Great Gatsby" meets "Sinatra at the Sands" meets "Back! ... To The Future".

Tickets from €38.65 available from [www.inec.ie](http://www.inec.ie) or via the Gleneagle INEC Arena box office on 064 6671555.

David O'Hare who works for Trócaire has recently returned from Malawi in southern Africa where he saw the devastating impacts of climate change. The President of Malawi has just declared a State of Disaster in 23 out of the 28 districts in Malawi to try to help the millions of people now facing hunger due to crop failures.

"One of the poorest countries in the world, Malawi is also one that is suffering the consequences of climate change most acutely. The problem is water - either too much or too little. Farmers told me that the number of cyclones and floods have increased and droughts are now more prolonged and severe. The upshot is the same. Crops either wither and die in the ground during the droughts or are washed away in the floods and families can't harvest enough to feed themselves," David said.

The donations from Co. Kerry to this year's Lenten Appeal will continue to support the people we work with in Malawi and right across the world going forward and I can't stress how important these donations are as parents should not have to wonder where they will get the food to feed their families and children shouldn't have to go to bed hungry," David concluded.

To make a donation to the Trócaire Lenten Appeal visit [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org), call 1800 408 408 or contact your local parish.

## PUBLIC URGED TO RETURN LENT DONATIONS as Trócaire warns millions could face hunger in Malawi in coming months



David O'Hare listens to the challenges facing farmers in Malawi where the maize harvest has been devastated by a lack of rainfall.





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# Bumper birthday celebration this weekend

This time last year a whole new shopping experience was BORN in Killarney – and after a fabulous 12 months, a very special first birthday celebration is planned for this weekend.

When BORN opened its doors for the first time at Killarney Outlet Centre last April, it was a great boost to the town as it attracted one of Ireland's leading fashion retailers and created 10 new jobs in the process.

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The party will continue right through the weekend so make it your business to pay a visit to Killarney Outlet Centre.

You may have already experienced BORN – now it's time for BORN again.



## SKIN SAFE FOR SUMMER WITH PLASTIC SURGEON MR AMIR ISMAIL

During the summer months, as the weather tends to become warmer, people pay more attention to their skin. In fact, it is important to look after your skin throughout the year. Mr Amir Ismail, consultant plastic surgeon answers some common questions.

### Do I need to wear sun protection?

YES! It is important to remember that even if your skin is not burning it is still being damaged by sun exposure over your lifetime. Wearing sunscreen can delay the signs of ageing and reduce your risk of developing skin cancers such as basal cell carcinomas, squamous cell carcinomas and melanomas. You should wear sunscreen any time you go outdoors, including when gardening and walking.

### What is SPF and which one should I use?

SPF stands for Sun Protection Factor and indicates how well a sunscreen will protect you against sunburn. SPF only gives an indication of sunscreen protection against ultraviolet B radiation (UVB) which is a key risk factor for developing some forms of skin cancer. A sunscreen with SPF 15 allows 7% of UVB rays to reach your skin, SPF 30 allows 3.3% of rays and SPF 50 allows 2% to reach your skin.

The difference between SPF30 and SPF50 is therefore minimal and hence an SPF of 30 or more is recommended.

### What about the star rating on sunscreen?

This relates to protection against ultraviolet A (UVA) radiation. Damage to the skin by UVA radiation causes ageing of the skin and wrinkles. Five stars offers the highest protection.

### What about make-up with SPF in?

I wouldn't recommend using this as the sole form of sun protection. Often a very thick layer would be required to get adequate protection and we often fall short of this. It may be better to consider make-up with SPF as a second line of defence once sunscreen has already been applied.

### What if I am still getting burnt?

It is important to apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outdoors. Tests which indicate a product's SPF are determined using a generous amount of sunscreen, so it is important to ensure a thick enough layer of sunscreen is applied. Sunscreen often needs reapplication every two hours and is affected by sweating, swimming or being rubbed off on clothing.

It is also important to check the product is still in date otherwise the active ingredients may be less effective.

### Do I still need to wear sunscreen on cloudy days?

Yes, this is because clouds don't block the harmful UVA and UVB rays from penetrating your skin.

### Should I be concerned about my moles?

Any existing moles or freckles that have changed in size, shape, colour or have started to itch or bleed should be checked by your GP. If your doctor has any concerns regarding your skin you may be referred to a specialist dermatologist or plastic surgeon who will be able to advise further. If your doctor is happy your mole does not look suspicious you can opt to have it removed privately.

### Where can I go for more information about moles?



### SKIN SAFE ADVICE

- Protect the skin with clothing, including a wide brimmed hat to protect the ears.
- Ensure scalp coverage if hair is thinning
- Don't forget eye protection
- Avoid peak exposure between 11am and 3pm if it's sunny
- Use a sunscreen with at least SP30 and high UVA protection
- Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours
- Stay hydrated

Mr Ismail is a British trained plastic and cosmetic surgeon who works both in the NHS and privately. Following specialist training throughout the best centres in the United Kingdom and New York, he became a consultant plastic surgeon. He is a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, The British Association of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons and The American Society of Plastic Surgeons. He has a specialist interest in aesthetic and reconstructive breast surgery, skin surgery (benign and malignant), body contouring, liposculpture and post weight loss surgery.

He is experienced in skincare and products to help prevent and reverse the signs of ageing and is a specialist in nonsurgical treatments including toxins, fillers and chemical peels. He also uses toxins in the treatment of excessive sweating. Mr Ismail has published widely both in the medical and plastic surgery literature and presented several papers to both national and international audiences.




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## HOW TO LIVE MORE MINDFULLY

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**Try these 2 gentle mindfulness exercises to help increase your own mindful awareness.**


- Whatever you are doing, do it with great attention. The next time you are doing a simple task such as making the bed, washing up or cleaning out a cupboard, practice giving it all of your attention. Feel the items that you hold, notice how you feel, listen to any sounds and be fully present in the activity.
- Slow down and focus on your breathing. Every so often through your day, practice being still for a few moments and just observe your breath (without trying to change it).

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- Most contact lenses fitted in Ireland are soft lenses. They are available as single-use daily, fortnightly and monthly disposable lenses, and more specialist lenses that are designed to last for longer.

**Which type of contact lens is best? Contact Lenses**

The type of lens that is best for you will depend upon several factors. These include how often you want to wear your lenses – for example do you want to wear them just for certain activities such as sport, or do you want to wear them most of the time, instead of glasses?

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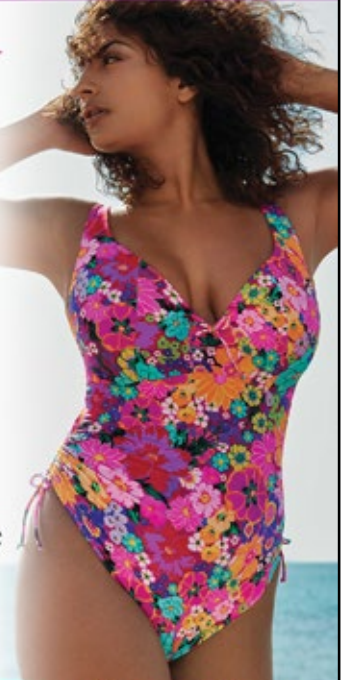
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SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

➤SPA LOTTO

01/04/24 Results. Numbers drawn: 4, 11, 14, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Dan O'Donoghue, Online; Jacob Haigh, Dromid; Pat Carroll, Ballaugh; Julie McGowna c/o Mick O'Connell; Monthly Ticket Holders Draw: All Ireland Gaa Golf Challenge. Next weeks draw is on Monday 8th April for a jackpot of €4,200

➤CROKE PARK MUNSTER ACTIVITY DAY

Our U12 boys had the opportunity to live out their dreams when they took to the field in Croke Park as part of the Croke Park Munster Activity Day U12 Go Games. 24 players and mentors Paul Casey, Flor Rice and David Coughlan represented Spa when they played Monaleen Limerick, Rathgormack Waterford and Sloane Luachra Gaels Cork. Super experience for the lads.

➤EASTER BUNNY VISITS SPA

On Saturday, our Coiste na nÓg chairperson Liam Ryan and his fantastic committee and volunteers held a Family Fun Day at Spa GAA. The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit along with other activities and a BBQ on the day.

➤CREDIT UNION SFL DIVISION 1

On Saturday 30th March our senior men travelled to Gallarus where they



The Easter Bunny on a visit to Spa GAA Club. Photo: Anne Holland.

played An Ghaeltacht in Credit Union SFL Division 1 Round 2. FT score Spa 3-09 An Ghaeltacht 0-10.

In the next round Spa host Glenflesk at home Saturday 6th April at 2pm

➤CREDIT UNION SFL DIVISION 6

Our Division 6 side had a win on Saturday when they played away to Dr Crokes. FT score score Spa 2-10 to Crokes 2-07.

In the next round this side will play Beaufort on Sunday April 7th at 12noon



SPA U12 boys pictured in Croke Park as part of the Munster Activity Day U12 Go Games.



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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>ANABLA NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Anabla N.S. Parents Association will be holding a clothes collection on Thursday, 11th April at Anabla National School. Clothes can be dropped to school yard under canopy from Wed 10th April.

>KILCUMMIN CCE

TG4 Television appearance. Some local dancers, from The Moriarty School of dancing, representing Kilcummin CCÉ, will appear on TG4 "An Ríl Deal" programme, at 8.30pm Sunday 7th April. The piece was filmed in RTE & here in Kilcummin, tune in for some local entertainment.

>NEW BRANCH LEISUREWEAR

In 2023 we commissioned new branch leisurewear from Azzurri. We are giving members an opportunity at this time to place an additional order (subject to being able to fill minimum order quantities). The leisurewear is available in t-shirts, half zips & full zips. Child sizes are ages 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 10/11 & 13/14. The cost for the child range is t-shirt €27, half zip €37, full zip €38. Adult sizes are available in x small, small, medium, large, xl and xxl. The cost for the adult range is t-shirt €33, half zip €46, full zip €48. The branch leisurewear is widely in circulation since last year therefore we recommend that you try sizes with members within your own group before placing your order as garments can't be returned. Order forms will be available from branch officers for completion on Sunday 7th April in Kilcummin Recreational Hall from 12 noon until 1pm. Cash or card payments on the day to secure your order.

>SINGING CLASS

Martina Ryle O'Sullivan will continue her group singing class at Kilcummin National School, starting on Thursday 18th April to Thursday 16th May from 5pm to 6pm. The cost is €8 per class, concessions for siblings, which must be paid in full for the 5 week term on the first evening. New pupils are very welcome. The class will only go ahead if sufficient numbers register so to confirm participation please contact Kilcummin branch Secretary on 087 6764368.

>OSKAR DOWNLOAD

The OsKaR movies are now available for download for free until the 7th of April. To access the link see the clubs social media pages. The link is also available from all actors, directors and committee members in Kilcummin and Glenflesk. Memory sticks with all movies are available from Niamh on 087 9801105 at a cost of €10 until Sun 7th April.

>MS SOUTH KERRY BRANCH

Church Gate collection for the MS South Kerry Branch will take place on the weekend of 6th and 7th April.

>COUNTY CLEAN UP

The County Clean Up this year takes place on Saturday 6th April. We are

looking for volunteers to assist in collecting rubbish on the roads in their area. Refuse sacks are available from the Kilcummin Rural Development office. They can be returned or left on the road side & KWD will collect after the Saturday the 6th April.

>FREE ELECTRICAL PICKUP

Free electrical recycling drop off day will take place in "The Mart" Tralee on Saturday 6th April from 10am to 4pm. Drop off any household electrical item with a plug, a battery or a vape.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1

Kilcummin 0-11 Kerins O Rahillys 0-8

Well done to our senior team with this win over Rahilly's on Saturday last in Kilcummin. Trailing by two points at half time 0-7 to 0-5 having played against the wind was a fair reflection of their efforts as the defence coped well with the lively and direct Rahilly's forwards. Chris O' Leary, James Williams and Dara Stack showed well in this period. The highlight from a Kilcummin perspective was a point scored by Paul O' Shea from near the side-line that fought the difficult wind to land just over the crossbar. The second half saw us draw level after seven minutes but due to some erratic shooting we were not putting them away and a pivotal moment came in the fifteenth minute when O Rahilly's were awarded a penalty. Keith O' Leary executed a brilliant save and from that we kicked on and ran out winners by three points keeping the opposition scoreless and collecting two valuable Co. league points. Paul O' Shea gave a masterclass in fielding and passing throughout and was well supported by Philip O' Leary, Cian Foley and Matt Keane in the second half.

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 6

Kerins O Rahillys B 5-11 Kilcummin B 2-11.

Our "B" team travelled to Tralee on Sunday and lost out to a good Rahillys B team. This was a very young team and called on the experience of Jerdy Sheehan to guide them throughout. Darren Lehane and Sean Doolan were the goalscorers while Gavin Morrissey and Colm Kelleher did well in midfield. Luke Daly, Jack Fogarty and T.J.Healy were the pick of the defence. Well done to all.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 29th March 2024 of the Jackpot for €9,800. Numbers drawn were 11,14,18,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Kate Devane, Mastergeeha; Kilcummin Community Care c/o Rural Dev. Office; Eileen & Orla, Glounonea; David Sheehan, Barraduff. Easter Hamper was won by Joan Barry. The next draw will be on Friday 5th April for Jackpot of €10,000.



Fr. Jim Lenihan's Lenten Rosary Group who did a Rosary Walk through the Gap of Dunloe at 7am on Easter Monday.





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**GLENFLESK**

Written by: Seamus Healy

**>CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

Glenflesk 0-13 Rathmore 1-13

**>CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 5B**

Finuge 1-09 Glenflesk 2-07

**>GLENFLESK GAA ACADEMY 2024**

Have Fun, Make Friends, Learn to Play Football! Begins Tuesday 9th April. Every Tuesday 6:15 to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field V93WF6F. Free treats on the 1st night! Girls U6/U8, Boys U7/U9. For further information please contact 087 2900476. Also anyone looking for information on joining U11 to U17 Boys and U10 to U18 Girls please contact the number.

**>LOTTO**

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 2/4/24 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €8,200. The numbers drawn were: 1, 2, 7, 8. Consolation Prizes of €50. 1) Eoin O' Sullivan c/o Gearoid O' Sullivan. 2) Reilly's Bar, Kilgarvan (Sellers' Prize). 3) Kerrie Hardwick c/o Murphy's Bar. 4) Patricia Ryan, Ballycullane, Rathmore. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Tuesday 15th of April 2024. Jackpot will be €8,400 Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

**>KERRY UNDER 20 FOOTBALL PANEL**

Congratulations to Cian Lynch, John Kelleher and Luke Crowley who were named on the Kerry Under 20 panel.

**>THE OSKARS BY GLENFLESK AND KILCUMMIN GAA**

The Oskar movies are now available for download for free until Sunday the 7th of April. You can access them on the following link <https://drive.google.com/.../1cehryTcGf5QpkDDSFFOquvM46Vj...>

The link is also available from all actors, directors and committee members from Glenflesk and Kilcummin. If you want to order a memory stick with all movies on it, contact Niamh on 087-9801105 or Emma on 085-7547586 by April the 7th. The cost for a memory stick is €10 and must be paid when ordering.

**>NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place this year on the W/E Saturday and Sunday 13th/14th April 2024. Coach leaving Killarney at 7.00 a.m. on Sunday Morning. Details on coach Contact Breda: 087 6742306 or Catherine: 087 9282421.

**>HEGARTY IRISH DANCE ACADEMY**

Beginners & Intermediate Irish Dancing lessons beginning after Easter in Glenflesk GAA Hall. Registration April 11th at 5pm. Classes commence on Thursday the 18th of April. For further details please contact Lisa Hegarty 087 6403828

**>RING OF KERRY CYCLE - ST FRANCIS SPECIAL SCHOOL**

St Francis Special School Beaufort are reaching out to all clubs to encourage anyone who may be cycling the Ring of Kerry on 6th July to consider cycling for them. Check out St Francis Special School Beaufort Facebook page for more information or the following link: <https://in.njuko.com/rokcc-20241697612967426/competition/cv0f6cobltpcv0f6cobltp?currentPage=select-competition>

**>NOTES**

If you would like anything included in the clubs weekly notes, please email it to [pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie)

**RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA**

By Michael O' Mahony

**>SHARE THE BUCKET**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. To celebrate Easter we had our usual Jackpot prize and an Easter hamper to give away. Saoirse Dillane won the jackpot of €213 and Marguerite Moynihan won the hamper. Congratulations to you both. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5..They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or> in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket. Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses who

**>ROAD FUNDING IN RATHMORE**

Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, Deputy Danny Healy-Rae AND Cllr Niall Kelleher Mayor of Killarney Municipal District are glad to welcome funding for the following roads:

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- L7045 Bounard Lower Cross to Scranagullaun Lower Cross - 1000 metres - €92,855
- L3014 Bounds @ Auniskirtaun to Shrone Beg Cross - 1000 metres - €92,855
- L 7057 Shinnagh Cross to Hollymount Bridge - 1000 metres - €83,633
- L3014 Droum to Lisnagrove Cross - 1100 metres - €100,100

I have also allocated funding for the provision of extra lighting on Station Road. Works will be done in 2024.

**>RAMBLING HOUSE** at Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday 8th April at 8pm. Refreshments afterwards.

**>SYMPATHIES** to Paddy, Betty & Kathleen Dineen & families Gortnabroces, Rathmore on the death of their sister Sr Consilio Dineen l/o The Convent of Mercy Templemore. Sr Consilio was laid to rest on Friday 29th March in Templemore.

To Michael, Con & Sean O'Keeffe & families on the death of their mother Eileen Creagh Killarney l/o Bounard. Eileens funeral took place on Monday 25th March in Gneeveguilla.

To Janie, John & Paul & families on the death of Anthony (Tony) Martin, Shinnagh whose Funeral Service took place on Friday 22nd March in Rathmore. May Sr Consilio, Eileen & Anthony rest in peace

**>BOOK LAUNCH**

Fr Ferris's History of the Parishes of Rathmore, Gneeveguilla and Knocknagree will be launched at Teach Iosagáin, Rathmore on Friday 5th April at 6.30pm. All welcome"

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**>NOTES**

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

**BEAUFORT**

By Bridget Hartnett

**>FIXTURES**

Beaufort Senior men will be away to Kenmare in Division 2 and away to Spa in Division 6 next weekend.

**>RESULTS**

Beaufort 2.13 Castleisland Desmond's 0.08 in County League, round 2, Division 2.

Milltown/Castlemaine 0.11 Beaufort 1.08 in Co League, round 2, Division 6B

**>LOTTO RESULTS**

No jackpot winner on Sunday, 31st March. Numbers drawn: 8, 18, 27, 28. Consolation Prizes €80 Gene Ferris, Dunloe Upper, €50 Michelle Coffey,

online, Stephen Dermody, Carnahone, Christine Breen, Beaufort

The next draw for a jackpot of €3,200 will be on Sunday, 14th April. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com). Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw.

**>MEMBERSHIP**

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311. For Ladies football, LGFA membership has to be paid by 22nd March. For more information, please contact Sue 086 2632219.



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### UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 96 LIMERICK SPORT HUSKIES 75

Report by Enda Walshe

Promotion to the Superleague has only served to whet the appetite of Utility Trust St Pauls for more success, judging by their win over Limerick Sport Huskies in the semi final of the MissQuote.ie Womens Basketball League Trophy semi final, played in Killarney Sports and Leisure on Holy Thursday Night. In a week where the Easter Bunny always delivers, James Fleming's squad showed no let up in their quest for more honours as they brushed aside a Limerick side with the minimum of fuss. Admittedly, the Shannonsiders came down understrength, but it's doubtful that even with a full deck, they would have lived with the Killarney side who clicked through the gears as needed.

With the Kerry Ladies footballers limbering up for the National League final on April 7th, Niamh Ni Chonchuir, Lorraine Scanlon and Siobhan Burns were all on the easy list but in total eleven players saw court time and with the final of this competition due to take on Saturday April 13th in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght, St Pauls should be at full power for that joust.

The Huskies might have come to Killarney with a slightly diminished hand, but in Scout Frame, they had the Leagues top scorer and Ashley Harte leading the way in assists. The ageless and lionhearted Lynn Jones hit the opening salvo from beyond the arc as Sofia Paska and Khiarica Rasheed settled quickly into the groove. At 12-3 ahead, that forced the visitors into an early timeout, and Frame struck straightaway. But Rheanne O'Shea was also starting to heat up, with Leah McMahon and Meabh Barry giving fresh impetus off the bench to push it out to 16-5. Aisling McGann has been the Huskies markswoman from distance all season, and she duly delivered with two before the buzzer to make it 16-11.

As has often been the case this season St. Pauls exploded out of the blocks in the second quarter with O Shea netting early. Denise Dunlea announced her arrival before Sofia Paska was central to two nice baskets. She took delivery of a wonderful Rasheed pass to net and then combined with Jones for the latter to pounce. The Huskies needed to get Frame into the game, and she answered the call, but Rasheed, Dunlea from three point land, and Paska pushed it out to 36-24. Leah McMahon then produced her own razzle dazzle to get the score of the half, and despite Harte and Frames' promptings,



Lynn Jones and Leah McMahon fight for possession.  
All Photographs: Pat Shanahan Photography

the Paska-Rasheed axis ensured it was a 44-31 halftime advantage.

The third quarter really saw St. Pauls drive on, hitting thirty-six points in the period to open up an unassailable 80-50 lead. It featured five three-pointers, three coming from the hot hand of Game MVP Denise Dunlea, with Rheanne O'Shea getting in on the act as well. Paska and Rasheed chipped in also as Meabh Barry and Cliona Coffey helped to keep the momentum going. The Huskies, through Orlaith Woods, Frame, and Harte, were not too shabby from beyond the arc either, but they had no answer to the power play of the hosts. The quarter finished with Barry's basket sandwiched by two O Shea efforts.

Liadh Tobin, Aisling Counihan, and Mary Kate Smith were all called to arms in the final quarter where a brace of threes from Rasheed early on made it 88-56. Not surprisingly, the game lost a bit of intensity, and Scout Frame had a productive quarter hitting 12 points. Fiona O Connell and Aisling McCann also contributed to what was a flagging but spirited Huskies' final push, which helped bring their total to 75. Mary Kate Smith, Paska, and O Shea kept the pedal to the metal while Leah McMahon had the final say for the home side to record a twenty-one point victory.

Denise Dunlea was named MVP after the game and she is happy with her own game, as well as looking forward to another trip to Tallaght. "I enjoyed the game and some nights the shots fall in and thankfully tonight was one of them. It won't make any difference to us who we are playing, we'll work hard for the next two weeks and James (Fleming) will do the scouting and prepare us for whoever it is we will be meeting."

Sofia Paska led the scoring for St Pauls with 24, Rheanne O'Shea and Khiarica Rasheed



Rheanne O Shea shoots for a basket

both had 20, Denise Dunlea netted 17, Lynn Jones 7, Leah McMahon 5, Meabh Barry 2, Mary Kate Smith 1, Aisling Counihan, Cliona Coffey, Liadh Tobin.

Scout Frame was the games top scorer with 34 points, Orlaith Woods had 14, Aisling McCann 13, Ashley Harte 12, Fiona O Connell 2.

Following their 67-58 win over Limerick Celtics on Sunday evening, Swords Thunder have also qualified for the final of the MissQuote.ie Womens Basketball League Trophy final, in a repeat of the League final, played on March 9th.

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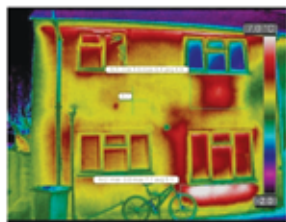
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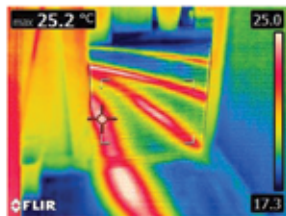
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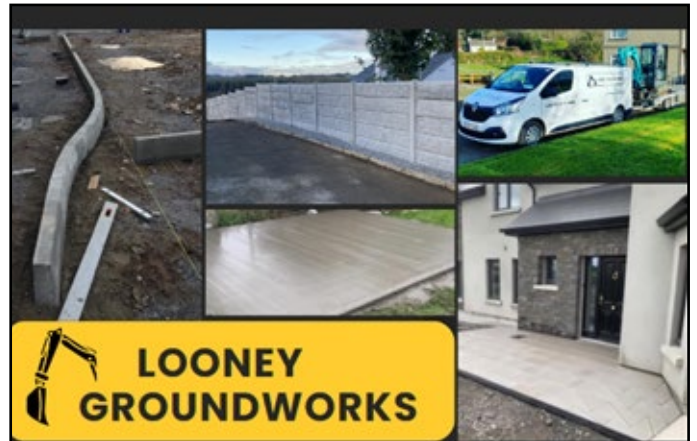


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**EASTER DRAWS**

Results of our draws over the Easter Weekend. Thanks to everyone who played all three days and attended our Drive-In for our Captain Noel Moynihan on Easter Sunday.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Fourball Betterball- First Nett: Bobby Kelly & Niall O'Loughlin 37, Gross: Daniel Kelly & Robbie O'Brien Snr 47 and Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & John Looney 40.

Easter Sunday: Fourball Betterball- First Nett: Bobby Kelly & Betty O'Brien 33½, Gross: John McGrath & Daniel Kelly 46 and Second Nett: Noel Moynihan & Sean O'Brien 39½.

**EASTER MONDAY**

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Looney & John Murphy 35½, Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Noel Moynihan 47 (B6) and Second Nett: John Murphy & Niall O'Loughlin 36½.

**CLUB MATCHPLAY**

Unfortunately, we have had to call off the competition for the foreseeable future due to the present work on the greens. We will look into a new date in due course.

County Matchplay: At the time of writing the closing date for the event remains this Sunday April 7th. However, we ask those interested in playing to check closer to Sunday for more up to date information.

**NATIONAL MATCHPLAY**

Entries for this being taken up until Sunday evening (April 7th). We ask male members to note that this year National have introduced Intermediate and Junior events in addition to the standard one grade event. Further info available from entry form on noticeboard. Please ensure you are a registered member and have relevant entry fee paid in advance of entering.

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**RESULTS**

On March 30th & 31st we held a club sponsored 18 hole stableford competition.

The winners were :-

- 1: Peter Wickham 37 pts
- 2: Virginijus Jonikaitis 36 pts.
- 3: Michael J O'Sullivan 35pts

On Easter Monday we held a 9 hole competition in good weather and ground conditions and with a large number of participants all eager to make up for the recent shortage of golf due to the poor weather.

The winners were :-

- 1: Michael J O'Connor 19 pts



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Captain Noel Moynihan teeing off at the club's Easter Sunday morning draws last week watched on by club members prior to the commencement of play.



Ross Ladies Golf Club Easter Egg Scramble winners Elaine Casey, Jennifer Nash and Susan Shorten photographed with Captain Mary McCarrick and President Betty O'Farrell.

- 2: Peter Wickham 18 pts
- 3: John Ivory 17 pts
- 4: John Nolan 16 pts

**FIXTURES:**

On April 6th/ 7th we will hold the first round of the M D O'Shea Spring League. This will be a stableford round.

For Saturday players please book your tee time with the clubhouse and use the online system for sign-in and score entry.

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**RESULTS - EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE SATURDAY 30TH MARCH KINDLY SPONSORED BY LIR CAFE**

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*By Nicky Barry*

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And his name is writ in annals, in Tyrone folklore,  
But he can be contrary, and is not a man to cross,  
So he left Tyrone for Louth, but is now the Derry boss.  
He shows no emotion, as he stands there on the line,  
With a stoic aura, that things will turn out fine.  
It was a thundering contest, with lots of cut and thrust,  
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**KILLARNEY RFC 21 CLONAKILTY RFC 19**

Report: Diarmuid O'Malley

This cup final was a repeat of the league semi-final meeting in which Killarney emerged 7 – 3 winners after a titanic struggle in difficult conditions down in west cork, so both teams were aware they were in for a tough contest, and so it proved. The weather at Virgin Media park was dry, but with a strong breeze into the Dolphin end which Killarney opted to play against in the first half. For 25 minutes of the first half both teams showed good running and handling skills and tested each other out with their kicking games, but defences were also ferocious and well organised, so despite Clon dominating territory the match remained scoreless.

Then a training ground move off a Killarney scrum created space for open side Clodagh Foley to show her strength and trickery to spin through three Clonakilty defenders and dot down under the posts, with Fia Whelan converting. Clonakilty responded well but conceded a breakdown penalty 10 metres from the Killarney try line. Co-captain Lily Morris immediately took the quick tap, broke the defensive line, and turned on the gas to sprint the length of the field for the second Killarney try, also converted by Whelan. A period of sustained Clonakilty pressure saw them camped in the Killarney 22 at the end of the first half. The Killarney girls repelled wave after wave of attack but with the clock deep, deep in the red Clon scored their first try, unconverted, to leave the half time score at 14 – 5.

Early in the second half Killarney produced the best spell of attacking play of the game. Starting with a scrum on half way a series aggressive line breaks and barbarian-style handling, with Katie O'Donoghue, Cara Reilly, Fia Whelan, Clodagh Foley, Emma Dunican, Lily Morris and Mary Ellen McDonnell all prominent saw the Clon defence pulled to pieces and presented Ali O'Donoghue with the opportunity to cut back inside against the grain, swerving and stepping past no less than six defenders to score a third Killarney try, which was duly converted to put Killarney ahead 21 – 5.

Clonakilty piled on the pressure, and were finally rewarded with a converted try for 21-12. The referee then took issue with Killarney's breakdown work and awarded several penalties in succession to Clon, resulting in a yellow card for Ella Guerin Crowley, and with Killarney down to 14 they worked the ball from one side of the field to



The victorious Killarney RFC U18 team members who were crowned Munster Champions at the weekend.

the other and the right winger showed good pace to touch down once gain for a try, which when converted left the score at 21-19.

The drama wasn't over yet. Strong carries from Niamh Dorrian and Holly O'Sullivan saw Killarney into the Clon 22 and Fia Whelan got over the line, but was deemed to have been held up. Although the stadium clock was in the red, several more minutes of Clon attack ensued, with the introduction of Molly Gabbett and Sara O'Connor lifting the Killarney defence. Clon came dangerously close to the Killarney line once again before a decisive turnover from Clodagh Foley allowed Whelan to kick the ball dead and seal the victory.

Speaking after the game Killarney coach Josh Whelan said: "To give credit to Clonakilty, we were under pressure for large parts of the game, but our line-out and 22 exits were excellent and that helped us a lot. The fitness and attitude in defence of the girls really held

up, and the tackle counts of Emma Dunican, Ella Guerin Crowley, Clodagh Foley and Fia Whelan were just off the charts. When we attacked, some of our play was just superb. After that finish I'm both delighted and relieved to get the result this squad deserves and complete the league and cup double. As a coaching and management team Diarmuid, Elaine and I are so proud of them all. They are a genuinely special bunch."

Full time score Killarney RFC 21 Clonakilty RFC 19

Team: 15) Marina Eagar 14) Niamh Dorrian 13) Ali O'Donoghue -1 try 12) Cara Reilly 11) Mary Ellen McDonnell 10) Fia Whelan, co-captain – 3 conversions 9) Bronagh Dorrian 1) Annie O'Reilly 2) Emma Dunican 3) Emer O'Keefe 4) Joanne O'Keefe 5) Melissa McCarthy 6) Ella Guerin Crowley 7) Clodagh Foley – 1 try 8) Lily Morris, co-captain – 1 try

Replacements: Molly Gabbett, Jasmine Dwyer, Sara O'Connor, Katie O'Donoghue, Holly O'Sullivan, Nell Crowley  
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Team members from Audi Approved plus Kerry from l to r\_ Norma Lucey, Workshop Manager Adrian O' Regan, General Manager and Emmet O'Grady, Sales Manager

## MILLSTREET VINTAGE CLUB

### take to the road for a very worthy cause

Millstreet Vintage Club are delighted to be in a position to help Kerry Cancer Support Group "Healthlink Transport" with their mission to transport those receiving cancer treatment to CUH, The Bons and many other hospitals in the region. The Club believe that charity begins at home and as many of us live on the Cork Kerry route we are united in our efforts to make the car run a success for this vital service. Vintage club Member Aidan who is Clerk for the course for this event currently has a family member using the service so this makes it particularly special for his family and friends.

A cancer diagnosis comes as a shock to everyone and raises many questions (is the cancer treatable? where will the treatment take place and for how long? how will I get there?) There are many factors to take into consideration, emotionally and financially. This is where Kerry Cancer Support Group's services play a vital role in the persons journey. Their free transport service provides psychological support as well as its very practical service in saving on transport and parking costs. Service users share their thoughts and concerns with each other and have the advantage of having block booked slots at the hospitals so the group are treated together avoiding long delays.

The fundraising Car Run will take place on April 14th. Sign in is at the Wallis Arms Hotel in Millstreet from 10.30am with the run starting at 12.15pm. The route is a lovely scenic one taking in Rathmore, Knocknagree, Gneevguilla, Quarry Cross, Kilcummin, Killarney and finishing at the Gleneagle Hotel. Entry is by donation or people who want to make a donation can do so on the following link <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/MillstreetVintageClub>

Kerry Cancer Support Group was established in 2007 and has been transporting the people of Kerry, West Cork and West Limerick to hospitals in Cork and Limerick for their cancer related treatments since 2010. Their motto is that "No one should face their cancer journey alone" and having transported over 75% of those diagnosed in the region since foundation they hope that they are living up to this. They also provide information and support to families experiencing cancer and to schools and groups in the region with their different campaigns. Their centre at Maine Street in Tralee is very welcoming and people are always encouraged to drop in to discuss anything relating to their journey. Call 066-7195560 for information.



Members of the Millstreet Vintage Club pictured at the recent launch of the upcoming Millstreet Vintage Club Charity Run with Breda Dyland of the Kerry Cancer Support Group.





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Sympathies to John, Niall and Adele o Brien on the death of John's mother Marie o Brien (nee Riordan).

**FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB****RESULTS Thursday 28th March****North/South**

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Thursday 21st March

**North/South**

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2nd: Eileen Crehan and Joan Culloty

**East/West**

1st: Ciaran Broadbery and Ursula Daly  
2nd: Imelda Healy and Karen O'Keeffe

**KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB**

Our Streets of Killarney 5-mile road race took place last Friday evening at 6.30pm started by our very own Jordan Lee, National High Jump medallist, Tokyo 2020 Paralympian and Paris 2024 hopeful. The rain came down heavily initially however it failed in its attempts to dampen the high spirits among all participants, with a great buzz and atmosphere surrounding the race. The route took in the scenic Killarney house and gardens, followed by the National Park around the river walk and back up passing by the Deenagh Lodge, exiting out the gate to

then take on 2 laps of New Street, High Street, New Road and Port Road, finally finishing just off New Street with the runners enjoying fantastic support from start to finish. Well done to all 500 participants.

Congrats to all prize winners. Top 3 Males: 1st. Oisín Spillane, Ennis Track Club – 24.45. 2nd. Gavin Sweeney, Togher AC – 25.29. 3rd. Darragh O'Leary, Killarney Valley AC – 26.17. Top 3 Females: 1st. Carol Finn, Leevale AC – 29.15. 2nd. Niamh O'Sullivan, An Riocht – 32.07. 3rd. Caoimhe Ni Shuibhne, Inishowen AC – 32.19. It was great to see Killarney Valley's Grace O'Meara winning the Junior Womens race and placing 5th woman overall

We would like to thank all our Sponsors, and all the Stewards that helped us make this possible. All relevant information on our club is on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie)

## EDWARDS WINS CIRCUIT, CRONIN RETAINS TARMAC LEAD

A tactical tyre strategy on the part of Matt Edwards and David Moynihan helped them to victory on today's Circuit of Ireland Rally in their Ford Fiesta Rally 2. They finished the event with a 14.4 second margin over Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin in the M O'Brien Group of Companies/Lyons Motor Group/Shane Casey Electrical Services supported Fiesta. It is Cronin and Galvin who retain the lead of the Irish Tarmac Rally Championship as the contenders head south again for the next round, the Killarney International Rally of the Lakes, at the beginning of May.

The event saw the lead change over between the two top crews a couple of times during the course of the day. Edwards and Moynihan headed the field after the opening stage, but only by .4 of a second from Cronin and Galvin, with Callum Devine and Noel O'Sullivan in third, seven seconds off the lead. Devine reported that his Volkswagen Polo cut out briefly on the stage, but was more concerned about his suspension set-up, which he found to be too soft.

Cronin and Galvin went fastest on the second stage, by one second, to lead Edwards and Moynihan by .6. The Killarney and District Motor Club crew added 1.3 seconds to their advantage on the next, while their rivals took back 1.7

on the fourth, to leave the gap at just .2 of a second heading to the mid-rally service in Dungannon. Devine and O'Sullivan crashed out on a stage three, seriously denting the reigning Tarmac champions' hopes of retaining their crown. This left Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes third on the leaderboard, despite a half minute time loss when they encountered cattle on the same stage.

With rain forecast for the afternoon, Edwards opted to suffer the additional weight of carrying two spare wet tyres for the second loop of stages. While Cronin was to add 4.5 seconds to his lead on stage five, Edwards' decision proved to be the correct one when the rain arrived ahead of stage six - the Welshman fitted the wets and went ten seconds faster than Cronin, to move into a lead he would not relinquish. "The heavens opened and we didn't have any wets as spares, we were on a cut slick, so it was a tough stage, Matt took a lot out of us in there", said Cronin. The penultimate test saw the rain ease but the roads remained wet in places, and Cronin remained on the back foot. "Matt made a really clever decision coming out of service, he brought two wets with him. We couldn't get temperature into our tyres in the drier sections, the wet sections just cooled the tyres completely", he reported.

The gap stood at eight seconds going into the final stage, and Cronin opted to play the safer option. "There was too much in it starting the stage, we said we'd try to hold second and get the points", he conceded. "It's been a sprint, but it has still been a really tough rally", he added, in reference to the event's one-day format. "It's a good result for us in terms of the championship. Matt made an inspired decision for the second loop and gave us the jump, it was a good call by him".

Moffett and Hayes finished in third place in their Citroen, off the pace of the leading duo but comfortably ahead of Cathan McCourt and Brian Hoy, who finished fourth in a Fiesta.

Cronin now heads the Irish Tarmac

Rally Championship standings with 61 points, Edwards is second on 41.5, and Moffett third on 39.

The attention of Cronin and Galvin now switches to the second round of the British Rally Championship, the Severn Valley Rally, which takes place in two weeks time.

Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin are supported by M O'Brien Group of Companies, Lyons Motor Group, Shane Casey Electrical Services, Molson Equipment, Pirelli, EARS Motorsport Ireland, Cronin's Centra (Ballylickey, Union Hall, Leap, Millstreet and Dundrum), Cronin's HomeValue Hardware, Westlink Service Station and Daybreak Shop, Cremin Coaches, Keohane Seafoods, M-Sport and Wurth Ireland.



Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin finished second on the Circuit of Ireland, and retain the lead of the Irish Tarmac Rally Championship going into round four, the Assess Ireland Killarney International Rally of the Lakes. Photo: Martin Walsh.



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# 500 Athletes Take On The Streets of Killarney 5 Mile

The inaugural "Streets of Killarney" road race took place on Friday night hosted superbly by Killarney Valley A.C. It was great to see a return of road racing to the town with a great buzz generated as the 500 runners made their way around the 5 mile route.

One of the Kerry's top talents, Irish U23 International Oisín Spillane (Ennis Track A.C.), was on show, and he didn't disappoint, leading from the start at Killarney House and then through the National Park, he had a clear lead by the time he hit the streets of Killarney. Oisín completed the 5 miles in a top class time of 24:45. He was followed in by Cork runner Gavin Sweeney and Killarney Valley's own Darragh O'Leary having a great run in his home turf and leading his club into first place. The team prize also stayed local with a strong run from Elisha Kehoe leading St Brendan's College to take the win.

In the woman's race, Leevale's Carol Finn broke the 30 minute barrier to take a fine win in 29:15 ahead of the evergreen Niamh O'Sullivan (An Ríocht AC) and Caoimhe Ní Shuibhne (Inishowen A.C.)

It was great to see fine junior athletes on show with Killarney Valley's Grace O'Mara winning the Junior Women's race and placing 5th women overall, and Kenmare's Tommy Arthur, now running for Lagan Valley AC winning the Junior Boys in an impressive 27:04.

In the masters categories, husband and wife duo Doreen and Stephen Moore of An Ríocht AC took the F40 and M50 wins, whilst Ray O'Connell (Tougher AC) rediscovered his form to win the M40 in an impressive time of 26:50. Caroline Murphy (Gneeveguilla AC) and Geraldine I'Sullivan (Bantry AC) clearly won the F50 and F60 categories, whilst Liam Lynch (Donoughmore) narrowly took the M60 category.

The race was fully inclusive of all abilities with the popular Ross Gallagher and Ger Daly taking the Visually Impaired and Wheelchair categories.

Killarney Valley Athletics Club said We are delighted with the response to the race, and we have many people and organisations to thank:

- The OPW and Killarney House and Garden staff for allowing us to use their facilities and giving access beyond normal opening times.
- An Gardaí Síochana and Kerry County Council for their assistance with the race, road closures and notices to the public.
- Sincere thanks to our main sponsors – Polly's, Luna, Activate Gym, Port west, Daly's Supervalu, Property Partner Galvin and to all the local businesses who donated prizes for the runners. We are so grateful for your generous support.



And they're off.... runners at the start of the Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Race



On hand to help at the 5 Mile Road Race. Volunteers from Killarney Valley AC



Runners on the streets of Killarney during the Killarney Valley AC Event



Runners in the grounds of Killarney Gardens during the Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Race



Runners on the streets of Killarney during the Killarney Valley AC Event



Finish line in sight for two runners in the Killarney Valley AC Event



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## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### U17 CUP SEMI-FINAL

#### Killarney Athletic 4 -2 Inter Kenmare

The Blues faced a tough Kenmare side on Easter Sunday in their cup semi-final. With several players missing the boys knew it wouldn't be an easy task.

However, the blues dominated the opening proceedings. Winning 50/50s and playing some lovely football along the way and deservedly were up 1-0 when James Dempsey opened the scoring. The blues could have added to their lead but it was Kenmare who would score against the run of play to make it 1-1.

The blues were undeterred and with a couple of minutes remaining of the half, we're back in the lead when Liam O'Brien found Brian O'Shea who slotted the ball past the Kenmare keeper.

The second half started poorly when Kenmare equalized with a long range shot. Kenmare would continue to frustrate the lads until Brian O'Shea doubled his tally for the day and put the blues ahead for the third time.

Kenmare continued to look for an equaliser and came close when JJ O' Donoghue produced a brilliant goal line clearance.

Luke Doolan would soon after put the game to bed to make it 4-2.

The blues now look forward to facing The Park in the cup final.

### U15 CUP RESULT

#### Tralee Dynamos 1 - 3 Killarney Athletic.

Our boys travelled to the KDL this morning to take on Dynamos in the cup and came away with a big win. We started the game aided by a strong wind and played front foot football. Darragh and Jamie worked tirelessly up top and Alex, Jack, Jayden & Sam dominating the middle third. Our breakthrough came from a free kick from Tadgh o Donoghue which found its way to the Dynamos net aided by the wind. Cillian and Tadgh dealt with balls into the back line very well and Conor and Eoin were tireless on the wings. Dynamos got back into the game before the break from a great free kick from their no. 10. HT 1-1. Second half started in the same fashion with Athletic controlling the tempo of the game and then came the turning point of the match. Dynamos were awarded a penalty which Ethan saved superbly down to his left. From here there only looked like one winner.... Shortly after we broke down the left, Finn fed Jamie would in turn

slipped in Juan who riffled an excellent shot to the net. Athletic keep pushing for a 3rd through Junior, Finn and Juan which eventually came when Juan swivelled in the box and smashed home a cracking shot. Tadgh and Will added some steel at the back and Athletic saw out a well deserved 3-1 victory. Thanks to Dynamos for a sporting game and we look forward to the next round of the cup and the conclusion of the league.

### U13 CUP RESULT

#### Fenit Samphires 1 - 3 Killarney Athletic A.F.C AET. 1-1 full time

A really hard fought win today in Fenit in very difficult conditions. Fenit went a goal up with 10 mins remaining. But our the boys battled back and scored an brilliant equaliser from Nathan Mulcahey to force extra time. A goal in each half of extra time from Shea Driver and Eric Corcoran saw us through to the next round.

Thanks to Fenit for a good, sporting game. Fenit really put it up to us today, the final scoreline does not reflect how tough this game was for us today.

Well done to all our squad today, and thanks to the parents who travelled and supported the boys

### U12 PREMIER RESULT

#### Killarney Athletic 2 - 2 Killorglin

The U12A's had a hard earned draw against a tough Killorglin team today away in Killorglin. The boys went up 2-0 in the first half by two well taken goals from Sean Quill and Myron Svyripa. The boys should have had a couple more in the first half but unfortunately gave up a goal late in the first half to make it 2-1. The lads were against a strong wind in the second half and played very well defensively. Killorglin was awarded a late penalty to even the match and the lads were unlucky they get the win. Good performance from all the boys today in tough conditions. Man of the match was Sean Quill who lead the line well and was constantly a threat for Athletic all day. Great day out and good sporting game from Killorglin. Well done lads!

### U14 GIRLS CUP RESULT

#### Killarney Athletic 2- 0 MEK

Today the Killarney Athletic under 14 girls played MEK in very highly entertaining match with both teams playing to the best of their abilities, there was nothing between the teams for most of the contest, a goal in the first half by

Sophie O Shea was all that was between them at the break.

In the second half MEK played some brilliant football but Athletic stood up to them, Roksana Wawro getting a late second to win the Cup game. 2 nil! An outstanding performance by all the girls.

## MEK GALAXY NOTES

### U13 GIRLS DIVISION 1

#### MEK Galaxy v Listowel Celtic 5

The girls battled hard against a well organised Listowel team. As throughout the season, our bunch of girls never gave up and gave 100%. Many thanks to the parents for their support during the season. POTM

### GIRLS REGIONAL CUP SEMI FINAL

#### Ballingarry 0 - MEK Galaxy 1

What an amazing display by the whole team today, from amazing defence shown from all the back line with Grace R, Grace B holding solid in the centre backs, to the attacking midfielders and wingers, it was one of the most physical games our girls have had to play so far this season, the first half was very much MEK pressing and trying to find an opening, this finally came from a well placed free kick from Ava onto Izzy he headed it into the net to put us 1 up one Ballingarry, the second half was the same, this time both teams trying to find an opening, our girls showed their true character in the dying minutes to not allow a goal past our keeper who herself had a few amazing saves, well done to everyone of the players, nail biting stuff, bring on the final in the coming weeks, Goal Izzy Lyons, POTM Izzy Lyons, Ellis Cronin

### BOYS U 14S SHIELD SEMI FINAL

#### MEK Galaxy 4 v Fenit 3

A great match and a serious performance from all the lads. Goals from Harry O'Mahony, Mikey Cooper and goal machine Cade Jameson with 2. Thanks to all the parents who travelled to support the team

### BOYS U16 CUP QF

#### Tralee Dynamos 2 v 3 MEK Galaxy

Great Win for the MEK U16 in the cup vs Tralee Dynamos. Goals by Dylan and Danny and a Dynamos OG along with two great assists by Jack saw us win this great cup tie. It was an amazing very hard fought win. The lads played their hearts out and left it all on the pitch. With



Killarney Celtic U15A squad vs Inter Kenmare in the Healy Family Cup



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U12s who were defeated away by St Brendans Park FC B in Division 1 of the KSB league on Saturday last.



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no reserves they dug very deep and found a way to keep going and keep Dynamos to only 2 goals. Amazing teamwork, great communication, a massive defensive team effort for last 20 minutes. All on a very poor and muddy pitch. Man of the match: Dylan with a massive defensive effort. However all players 11 deserve a mention. Jack, Fionn setting examples in Mid field for all to follow. Endless running by Michael and Danny. David and Jady tracking back to defend and managing to get back to position when we were on attack. Shay, Josh being sturdy and strong in defence. Fergal keeping is head up and never giving up against a very tricky and difficult number 11 from Dynamos. Solid goalkeeper performance from Cory.

## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### LOTTO

No.s 2, 16, 22, 27. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Timmie Lucey, Kilcummin. C. Kelly, Farranfore. Lina Dagn, Ballyhar. Tim Casey, Kilcummin & Debbie Rourke c/o Butlers Bar. Next draw for a Jackpot of €14,500 will take place on Sunday next 7th April at Henderson's Bar, Furies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

### TEAMS

The Club U13s team two bowed out of the shield competition in a mid week fixture when MEK visited Murt Scott Park. The game finished 1-1 after extra time with the visitors advancing to the next round on a 1-3 penalty shoot out victory. There was little between the sides. Best of luck to MEK in the next round.

The u12s travelled to St Brendans Park B on Saturday last in Division 1 league action where the home team came out on top in a 2-0 victory. On the day Jack Duggan, Reuben Griffin, Elliot Lyne, Ciaran Ferris & Josh Nelligan gave it their all.

### SYMPATHY

The club offers its Condolences to the O Sullivan Family, Farranfore, the Finn & O'Brien families Furies on their recent family bereavements.

### KERRY FC

Kerry FC who have been on a recent unbeaten run have upcoming home league games on Friday April 5th V Longford Town & on Friday April 19th V Athlone Town. The home venue being Mounthawk Park, Tralee.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC NOTES

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 10,16,17,28. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €30. Next jackpot €7,000 on Monday April 8th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### CHARLEVILLE PREMIER A

#### Killarney Celtic 0-3 Killarney Athletic

A very disappointing day for the team as they slumped to a defeat to local rivals Killarney Athletic.

### U15 HEALY FAMILY CUP

#### Killarney Celtic A 2-1 Inter Kenmare A

*Samuel Scroope, Luca Mosca*

Celtic came from behind to secure a place in the next round. Despite good early pressure from Celtic, it was Kenmare who hit the front in the 1st half. Celtic continued to press but it took until late in the game before Samuel Scroope fired home the equaliser. Celtic went in search of the winner and Luca Mosca finished a Jack Culloty cross to the net to send Celtic into the next round.

### U15 HEALY FAMILY SHIELD

#### Killarney Celtic B 4-3 LB Rovers A

*Andrew Sheehan 2, Stephen Shine, Marco Mosca*

For the 2nd time in a week the U15B team provided great drama after a fine contest with LB Rovers. Celtic opened the scoring through Stephen Shine but LB responded to go 2-1 up before Andrew Sheehan grabbed the equaliser to force extra time. Andrew Sheehan and Marco Mosca put Celtic but LB came back again with a goal and competed right to the final whistle. However Celtic stood firm to gain the win

### U14 DIV 2

#### Castleisland B 1-4 Killarney Celtic B

*Tristan Murphy 2, Majid Khaleel, Noah Brosnan*

After a fine 1st half performance Celtic led 2-0 through Tristan Murphy and Majid Khaleel. Celtic continued to force the issue and went 3up when Tristan Murphy lobbed one home. Noah Brosnan finished off the Celtic scoring before Castleisland pulled 1 back.

### U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD

#### Killarney Celtic B 0-2 Dingle Bay Rovers A

Celtic B gave a fine performance but Dingle were just that little more clinical and took the win

### U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP SEMI FINAL

#### Killorglin A 0-4 Killarney Celtic A

*Jack Kissane 2, Conor Doherty, Dylan McCarthy*

Celtic A qualified for the final after a fine 2nd half performance in Killorglin. Celtic kept playing and got their reward with their goals to seal the win.

### GIRLS

#### U15 PREMIER

#### Listowel Celtic 4-0 Killarney Celtic

On the day Listowel were the better team and took the league title despite the best efforts of the Killarney girls.

**CONGRATS** to Noah Brosnan U14B who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and well done to all our U15 girls who did so well with the Kerry U15 Inter League squad in the Copa Costa Bravo.

## MILLTOWN FC

### MILLTOWN FC U12 SHIELD SEMI FINAL MATCH IN CROMANE

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Scoreline: Milltown FC 2-0 Camp Juniors FC

Goal scorers: Alannah Daly, Jack Clifford

Milltown FC reach 1st Final in the club history.

## SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

It was an easter bank holiday weekend to remember in the Kerry Schoolboys and Girls league, champions crowned, finalists confirmed and a host of quality games on display. Earlier in the week the Kerry U15 Girls had success in Spain while on home soil Padraig Harnett was remembered as the U9/10 and 11 Girls finals were named in his memory.

### KERRY GIRLS FINISH RUNNERS UP IN COSTA BRAVA CUP

The Kerry U15 Girl's recorded a runners up spot in the Costa Brava Cup as they drew their final two fixtures in the competition last Wednesday. Having recorded wins over Lyngby Boldklub of Denmark and German opposition FFC Berlin-2 and SpVg Wagn Gregel, they faced a difficult test on the final day.

A 0-0 draw with FFC Berlin-1 kicked off the day and was followed by a 1-1 draw with the top side Djurgårdens IF Fotboll. Kerry did take the lead in the tie as a fantastic long range free kick by Ashlyn Falvey nestled in the back of the net. Kerry had plenty of chances in the second half but could not grab a second goal. With ten minutes left in the tie Durgardens broke and with some lovely play and struck to the Kerry net, the first goal of the tournament conceded



MEK Galaxy U16 Team who defeated Tralee Dynamos 3-2 in the Cup Quarter Final.



Milltown FC U12 Team who played in the Shield Semi Final match in Cromane





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8.15 PM	Top of the Hill, Rathmore	7.30 PM	River Island Hotel, Castleisland
8.30 PM	Bridge Bar, Rathmore	8.00 PM	The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
9.00 PM	Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore	8.15 PM	The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
9.30 PM	Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla	9.00 PM	Hughes Bar, Cordal
<b>1st Wednesday</b>	<b>Killarney Area</b>	9.30 PM	Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen
8.00 PM	Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen	<b>4th Thursday</b>	<b>Killorglin Area</b>
8.30 PM	The Village Inn, Kilcummin	7:00 PM	Golden Nugget, Fossa
9.00 PM	Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe	7.30 PM	Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
9.30 PM	The Golden Nugget, Fossa	8:15 PM	O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
<b>1st Thursday</b>	<b>Glenflesk &amp; Barraduff</b>	8.45 PM	Larkin's Bar, Milltown
8.30 PM	The Kerry Way, Glenflesk	9.15 PM	Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
9.00 PM	Spillane's Headford	9.45 PM	Anvil Bar, Boolteens
9:30 PM	Murphy's Bar, Barraduff	<b>4th Friday</b>	<b>Kenmare &amp; Sneem Area</b>
10:00 PM	Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff	8.30 PM	The Roughty bar, Kenmare
<b>1st Friday</b>	<b>Tuosist &amp; Lauragh</b>	9.30 PM	Riney's Bar, Sneem
9:30 PM	Sailors Bar, Killaha West	10.00 PM	Blackwater Tavern
10:00 PM	Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	10.45 PM	O'Connor's Bar Kenmare
10:30 PM	The Lake House Tuosist	<b>Last Monday</b>	<b>Farranfore Area</b>
<b>3rd Monday</b>	<b>Knocknagoshel &amp; Brosna</b>	8:00 PM	Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
8.30 PM	O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel	8:30 PM	James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
9.00 PM	Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel	9:00 PM	Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
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by the Kingdom Girls. That goal was enough for Djurgårdens to finish top and Kerry took second place after an incredible performance throughout the five games. The second occasion a Girl's side has represented Kerry at an International tournament.

**MEK THROUGH TO U14 GIRL'S REGIONAL FINAL**

A goal from the prolific Izzy Lyons gave MEK a 1-0 win over Ballingarry to see them advance to the final of the competition. A cagey contest throughout but Lyons kept her composure to strike the deciding goal as MEK will look to add silverware in the competition.

**KILLORGLIN PROGRESS IN U12 GIRLS SHIELD SEMI-FINAL**

Goals from Niamh Murphy and Mia Robertson helped Killorglin advance to the final of the U12 Girls Shield.

Killorglin were ahead 1-0 at half time and while Park did hit back in the second half, the second goal for Killorglin proved decisive as they hope to record success in the competition.

**LISTOWEL CELTIC CROWNED GIRLS U15 PREMIER CHAMPIONS**

In the battle of the Celtic's it was Listowel that took the honours as they struck four goals to overcome Killarney Celtic 4-0 in the decider in Listowel.

Laura Meehan struck a hat trick for the home side while Leona Meaney also got on the scoresheet as a win for Listowel was enough to see them crowned Champions of the Division.

**BOYS**

**JOHN MURPHY CUP, SHIELD AND PLATE FINAL SPOTS CONFIRMED**

Killarney Celtic, LB Rovers and MEK secured their spot in the finals of their respective competitions in the U12 Boys John Murphy Cup, Shield and Plate.

Celtic overcame Killorglin 4-0 to advance to the decider in the Cup, Jack Kissane netted a brace for the Killarney side while Conor Doherty and Dylan McCarthy also netted in the away win.

LB Rovers also recorded a win on the road as they toppled Inter Kenmare 3-0 in the Shield Semi-Final. Tiernan O'Brien struck twice for the North Kerry side while Michael Pierce also struck to the net.

Very much a week for the away sides in the competition, MEK travelled to Celtic Park and overcame Killarney Celtic C 3-1 to make the Plate Decider. Andrew Bilokhvost netted for the hosts but it was not enough to change the outcome.

**MASTERGEEHA MOVE ON IN TOM HAYES CUP**

Mastergeeha saw their U14 Tom Hayes Cup run continue as they struck five goals to overcome Ballyheigue 5-1 on home soil.

Daragh Keane struck twice for the hosts while goals from Dean Moynihan, Derry Gorman and Patrick O'Donoghue helped wrap up the tie for the East Kerry side.

**MEK BOOK TOM HAYES SHIELD FINAL SPOT**

MEK are through to the final of the U14 Boys Tom Hayes Shield having picked up a 4-3 win away to Fenit. A highly exciting tie between the two but MEK managed their game plan well to make the decider.

Cade Jameson netted twice for the hosts while Harry O'Mahony and Mikey Cooper also struck

the net for MEK.

**KILLORGLIN AND INTER KENMARE PLAY OUT SIX GOAL THRILLER**

Honours even in Dragons Den between Killorglin and Inter Kenmare in the U14 Premier, deadlocked 2-2 at the break, the sides could not be separated with a final score of 3-3 in their tie. Cillian Casey, Peter O Shea, Kieran Patton all netted for the home side, while a brace by Noel O'Neill and an effort by Nicholas Kirby were the goals for Kenmare.

**KILLARNEY AND MASTERGEEHA TAKE SPOILS IN U14 BOYS DIVISION 2**

Killarney Celtic produced a strong performance to take the spoils in their meeting with Castleisland on Saturday, while Mastergeeha had a cagey win to take three points over Tralee Dynamos.

A brace by Tristan Murphy and strikes from Majid and Noah Brosnan helped Celtic take the points with a 4-1 win. In Mastergeeha a goal from Callum O'Leary was the decisive factor as the hosts took the three points with a 1-0 outcome.

**MASTERGEEHA C ADVANCE TO U16 TUCKER KELLY SHIELD SEMI-FINAL**

Mastergeeha needed extra-time to advance to the semi-final stage of the Tucker Kelly Shield. It was hard to separate these two, deadlocked 3-3 at full-time, Mastergeeha found the two decisive goals in extra-time for a 5-3 win.

Goals from Rian McEvoy, Mwafg Mamoun and a penalty by Rory Kavanagh were the goals for Park in normal time. Conn Deally, Cian Maher and Roan Guerin all found the net for Mastergeeha in normal time. Goals from Cillian O Donoghue and Fabian Loroskwi in extra time proved the deciding factor.

**KILLARNEY CELTIC CLAIM EXTRA-TIME WIN IN HEALY FAMILY CUP**

It was a nerve wracking game in Celtic Park but one the hosts would win 4-3 over LB Rovers as they struck the hammer blow in extra-time.

Celtic advanced to the next round of the U15 Boys Healy Family Cup thanks to goals from Stephen Shine, Marco Mosca and Andrew Sheehan who bagged a brace. Sheehan has the gift for bagging late goals for his side.

**U14 GIRL'S REGIONAL SEMI-FINAL**

Ballingarry 0-1 MEK

**U12 GIRL'S SHIELD SEMI-FINAL**

Killorglin A 2-1 Park

**U13 GIRL'S SHIELD FINAL**

Camp Juniors 2-0 Tralee Dynamos

**U13 GIRL'S PREMIER**

Killorglin 3-0 Iveragh

Inter Kenmare 2-4 Park

**U13 GIRL'S DIV 1**

MEK A 0-6 Listowel Celtic A

Mastergeeha 1-1 Tralee Dynamos

**U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN MEMORIAL CUP**

Inter Kenmare 8-2 LB Rovers

Listowel Celtic 7-1 Dingle

Fenit 0-1 Camp Juniors

**U15 GIRL'S PREMIER**

Camp 3-0 Castleisland w/o

Listowel Celtic 4-0 Killarney Celtic

**U16 LOL O'LEARY CUP**

Park 2-4 Camp Juniors

**BOYS**

**U12 BOY'S JOHN MURPHY PLATE SEMI-FINALS**

Killarney Celtic C 1-3 MEK

**U12 BOY'S JOHN MURPHY SHIELD SEMI-FINALS**

Inter Kenmare A 0-3 LB Rovers A

**U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP SEMI-FINALS**

Killorglin A 0-4 Killarney Celtic A

**U12 BOY'S PREMIER**

Iveragh 5-1 Tralee Dynamos A

**U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1**

Listowel Celtic B 5-4 Mastergeeha A

Park B 2-0 Ballyhar

**U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)**

Inter Kenmare B 6-3 Killarney Athletic C

**U13 BOY'S JOHN JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD**

Ballyhar B 1-1 MEK B (MEK B won 3-2 on pens)

Killarney Celtic B 0-2 Dingle A

**U14 BOY'S TOM HAYES CUP**

Mastergeeha A 5-1 Ballyheigue A

**U14 BOY'S TOM HAYES SHIELD S/F**

Fenit A 3-4 MEK A

**U14 BOY'S PREMIER**

Killorglin 3-3 Inter Kenmare

**U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1**

Listowel Celtic A 3-2 Park B

**U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2**

Castleisland B 1-4 Killarney Celtic B

Mastergeeha B 1-0 Tralee Dynamos B

**U15 BOY'S HEALY FAMILY CUP**

Iveragh A 2-1 Park B

Killarney Celtic A 2-1 Inter Kenmare A

**U15 BOY'S HEALY FAMILY SHIELD**

Killarney Celtic B 4-3 LB Rovers A

Killarney Athletic B 3-0 Ballyheigue A

**U16 TUCKER KELLY CUP**

Mastergeeha A 1-2 MEK A AET

**U16 BOY'S TUCKER KELLY CUP Q/F**

Tralee Dynamos A 2-3 MEK A

**U16 BOY'S TUCKER KELLY SHIELD Q/F**

Park A 3-5 Mastergeeha C AET

**U16 BOY'S DIVISION 1**

Mastergeeha C 7-6 Listowel Celtic A

**U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2**

Tralee Dynamos B 0-3 Ferry Rangers

Inter Kenmare B 4-3 Ballyheigue

**KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS**

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Tadhg Gilligan (Park U12)

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**GIRL'S ROLL OF HONOUR**

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Daisy O'Donnell (Listowel Celtic)

Sarah Kelleher (Mastergeeha FC)

Sinead Lyons (Listowel Celtic)

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# JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

## takes a look at all things sport...

### NATIONAL LEAGUE FINALS DIVISION ONE

**Dublin 2-21 Derry 3-18**  
**(Derry win 3-1 on penalties)**

It has been hailed as an absolute classic, and it was certainly the best game of the year so far. Fair play to Derry; it's been a long time since they had silverware on the board and Mickey Harte has once more stamped his credentials on gaelic football. He's far too much of a gentleman to mention it, but his native county may well be regretting his fairly abrupt and enforced departure.

There were four points, two apiece, in the opening seven minutes. Derry promptly added three points, only for Dublin to reply with 1-1, Odhran Lynch punching a poor clearance straight to a grateful Colm Basquel. The scores kept coming – how often do you hear that about a gaelic football match these days? – with Derry equalising with three points to Dublin's two. By half-time, the scores were deadlocked at 0-10 to 1-7; that's fair scoring for a first half. The pace didn't relent in the second half. It was Dublin's turn to kick the first two points but a foul on the lively Ethan Doherty saw Shane McGuigan slotting home. Paul Cassidy was just wide with another dangerous effort. Dublin were getting turned over by quick Derry counters and Eoin McEvoy got in for another. That left Derry four points up but Dublin, unsurprisingly, began to pick up the pace, with Tom Lahiff, Ross McGarry, and Con O'Callaghan all splitting the posts. Derry have a bit of steel about them these days, though, and replied in kind with a Conor Glass brace and another from Eoin McEvoy. Paul Mannion and Paddy Small trimmed the gap again but Lachlan Murray's mark had Derry three points in front. Derry tried to play down the clock, but that's harder to do against Dublin than any other team (including us) and it meant that they left the door open, with Seán McMahon, Ross McGarry, and a Con O'Callaghan free forcing the game into extra-time.

Fresh legs were needed and Niall Toner kicked two points for Derry, but Killian O'Gara did likewise for Dublin. Still deadlocked at the small break. Eoin McEvoy kicked another great goal to put Derry in front but once again Dublin dug deep, Con O'Callaghan cleverly finding Greg McEaney for an equaliser. That goal led to a bit of a schmozzle – in fairness, you couldn't call it a 'melee', but you wouldn't exactly be nominating candidates for mensa either. Paddy Small picked up a second yellow card for a reaction (Brian Fenton had already departed on a second yellow earlier); there were plenty worse offenders out there. It wasn't any major talking point regardless.

Derry have that bit more experience with penalty shoot-outs and McGuigan, Glass, and Doherty all slotted their efforts and Dublin

were less clinical. In the end, Derry were worthy champions and will definitely be looking towards the summer with real confidence.

It was certainly a hugely entertaining game. Was it great football? I'm slightly less convinced than most. That wasn't a full strength Dublin team and I'd still be much more afraid of the losers than the winners here. Derry absorb opposition attacks incredibly well and break at speed then, while the likes of Glass and Rogers will always give them a strong say in the middle third. Ethan Doherty has really stepped up, but McGuigan is mostly a lone predator waiting for support – more vulpine than the ursine Colm McFadden as frontman on Donegal's great team of a decade ago, but in the same principle. Dublin were happy to go toe to toe here and take their lessons, and they still came within a heartbeat of victory. I suspect that they would be more cagey and patient if the teams met in the championship. There is also the cold reality that Ulster is simply a lot more draining than Leinster (or anywhere else), and that will be as big an obstacle for the new champions as any other.

Obviously the big two are best pleased with the league. Dublin never really showed their full hand. We all know the team to beat, especially Kerry after that trimming in Croke Park. That said, I'd genuinely be happy enough. We only lost out to Dublin on scoring average, and we were never at full strength ourselves. Cillian Burke and Joe O'Connor are real finds. Barry Dan, Paul Murphy, and Killian Spillane might not have nailed starting berths, but they'll be there at the finish in crunch games. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch back in harness is very welcome news. Injury to linchpin Jason Foley is never good news, but at least it's at the right time for him to recover – I have absolutely no interest in the messing about before the quarter-finals. Ignore the fake drama. At worst case scenario, we lose to Cork in Munster. Which makes absolutely no difference long term. Avoiding that pre-quarter-final energy-drainer yokemebob is far more important.

Monaghan and Roscommon take the drop, and I think it's a fair reflection. They'll be hard to beat when it counts, but I think they will be beaten.

### DIVISION TWO

**Donegal 0-15 Armagh 0-14**

As a man correctly observed to me, "That was a good Division Two game, but you wouldn't mistake it for Division One". Fair enough. It was a cagey affair for three-quarters of the match, two defensive teams mirroring each other. Donegal did at least try to open the play. Armagh, whom we are told couldn't train because of a bug during the week, certainly didn't look themselves. Armagh have been desperately unlucky in recent years (you'd

be as well off mentioning penalties to Gareth Southgate as Kieran McGeeney). Donegal were just a point ahead but pushed four clear in the third quarter. Then Armagh introduced Rian O'Neill and let him off the leash. Seeing O'Neill ply his trade in midfield last year was a decision to me that reeked of fear, tantamount to Dublin bringing out Con O'Callaghan or Kerry bringing out David Clifford. The last ten minutes were an absolute joy. Both of these teams have genuinely great talent and deserve to be at the top table. But – and I take no joy in saying it, but gaelic football does have an entertainment value problem – imagine if they had the self-confidence to go out and play like this for seventy minutes? Not naively, not hopeful but wasteful punts into ready defenders, but just going out intending to win instead of to avoid losing? Unleash the shackles and let loose those dogs of war?

Cavan made the jump up with surprising ease and must be quietly delighted. Cork and Meath are two former superpowers slowly but surely getting back to themselves. I imagine that having the neighbours they do hasn't done them any favours. Cork in particular showed real steel after an awful start. That said, they are a challenge for contenders, including us, rather than long-term contenders in their own right. It's no great surprise to see Fermanagh drop straight back down, to be honest, but Kildare? They have far too much talent to even be in that conversation, and yet here we are. The malaise extends far before Glenn Ryan's tenure; the modern idea that managers can work miracles and are responsible for everything is far too often just an easy cop-out from real analysis. The 2018 and 2023 U20 All Ireland champions are on the good side of the Leinster draw, but they would be no bad bet for the Tailteann Cup. I'm quite serious.

### DIVISION THREE

Tailteann Cup champions Westmeath have been quietly doing their business right and beat Down to take top spot. Both of them are going up, and deservedly so. I had certainly expected Sligo to be there or thereabouts, given their exploits at minor, U20, and with Summerhill College, Dunmore CS, and St. Jarlath's (not the force of old, but still a real force). No doubt in my mind; Sligo are rising. Limerick and Wicklow make the drop; it is what it is.

### DIVISION FOUR

Laois should never have gotten sucked into Division Four and it would have been a major shock if they didn't burst straight out of it. Sure enough, they sauntered through it with plenty to spare, apart from one point defeat to Leitrim. The O'Rourke County (the clan were prominent in the Nine Years War) are a county I like. Featherweights that regularly go the distance



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with middleweights. Yes, they famously lost to New York, a very good New York team, on penalties. It actually is possible to be happy for New York without thinking less of Leitrim. I don't know how they'll go in Division Three, but I'm delighted to see them get there.

**KERRY SUCCUMB TO DOWN**  
**Very Camogie National League**  
**Kerry 2-8 Down 0-14**

So near....and so very far away. Kerry put up a truly magnificent battle here and ran a good Down team to within an inch, but in the end a share of the spoils after their performance this year just wasn't enough to save them from the drop back into Division 2A. In fairness, manager Bryan D'Arcy had to dig very deep into his reserves to get a team on the field, missing proven players like Patrice Diggin, Jackie Horgan (between them they contribute the vast majority of scores over the last few years for this team), Niamh Leen, Aoife Behan, Michelle Costello, and with the injured Amy O'Sullivan only able to make a late cameo appearance. All of them have been regular starters.

Down drew first blood, the highly influential Dearbhla Magee bursting forward from centre back and laying off to Saoirse Sands for a free neatly slotted over by Ciara Fitzsimmons. Ellen O'Donoghue replied in kind with a long distance beauty won by Caoimhe Spillane, Kerry's best player on a day when they had many of them, but Fitzsimmons added another free after Sands once again drew a foul.

In the 6th minute Kerry were desperately unlucky when Norette Casey played Laura Collins in, but she just couldn't quite control it with just the keeper to beat. In the 12th minute Kate Lynch slotted the first point from play after good work by Ruth O'Connor but Neisha McCullogh gathered from Sands to keep her team in front. Down hit a purple patch at this stage, reeling off points through Ciara Fitzsimmons, Saoirse Sands, Grace Cunningham, and Ciara Cowan. At 0-7 to 0-2, things looked bleak for Kerry at that stage.

However, the response was impressive. Kate Lynch won a free slotted over by Ellen O'Donoghue. In the 24th minute O'Donoghue launched another long range monster free, only for a defender to rise high and bat the ball down to prevent a point....but an alert Emma Conway was perfectly positioned to pounce on the rebound and drive it home. 0-7 to 1-3. Ciara Fitzsimmons added another Down free but Caoimhe Spillane split the posts after good work by Ann-Marie Leen. Kerry's defence, especially Rachel McCarthy and Sara Murphy, were superbly rejecting Down advances at this stage and a foul on Emma Conway saw Ellen O'Donoghue close out the first half scoring and leave it all square at the break.

**Half-time Kerry 1-5 Down 0-8**

Roisin Quinn found Caoimhe Spillane for a superb score on the restart and Kerry were in front. Ciara Fitzsimmons replied with another long range free, though, and Ceallaigh Byrne nudged her side in front. Niamh McGrath and Fitzsimmons, from play this time, stretched the lead out to a goal.



Kerry had the bit between their teeth, though. A great run by Rachel McCarthy saw Norette Casey unleash a thunderbolt that the keeper could only parry, but once again Kerry were faster to the rebound and Caoimhe Spillane coolly drilled home. 1-9 to 0-12.

Substitute Aoife McDowell nudged her team back in front. A foul on Caoimhe Spillane after some great Kerry play saw Ellen O'Donoghue equalise and Kate Lynch, another to really shine on the day, to nudge Kerry in front with minutes left. Kerry, who were behind on overall scoring difference, had to win here to avoid relegation, but a foul on Grace Cunningham gave the ever-reliable Ciara Fitzsimmons to fire over a leveller. Kerry pressed very hard all the way to the finish line, but just couldn't muster the point they so badly needed and arguably, deserved, and it was Down who retained their Division 1 berth while Kerry make the drop back down after just one year in the higher echelons. However, judging by the quality of this display, they have very little to fear in the Munster Intermediate Championship or subsequent All Ireland Championship. The result may have been disappointing, but the quality of their gallant display in an immaculate Mountcollins will linger long in the memory.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Sarah Walsh, Rachel McCarthy, Ciara O'Sullivan, Roisin Quinn, Sara Murphy (0-1, 1f), Aine O'Connor, Ruth O'Connor, Ellen O'Donoghue (0-3, 3f), Ann-Marie Leen, Kate Lynch (0-2), Caoimhe Spillane (1-2), Norette Casey, Laura Collins, Emma Conway (1-0). Subs Clodagh Walsh (for Roisin Quinn, 40), Niamh Quinn (for Norette Casey, 51), Amy O'Sullivan (for Emma Conway, 51), Ciara Moloney (for Ann-Marie Leen, 57)

Down: Aoife Sherry, Isabelle O'Hare, Beth Fitzpatrick, Emily Fitzpatrick, Orlaith McCysker, Dearbhla Magee, Rhea Smyth, Ceallaigh Byrne (0-1), Ciara Cowan (0-1), Ciara Fitzsimmons (0-6, 5f), Sophie McGrath, Saoirse Sands (0-2), Niamh McGrath (0-1), Neisha McCullogh (0-1), Grace Cunningham (0-1). Subs Aoife McDowell 0-1 (for Ciara Cowan, 44), Katie Morgan (for Rhea Smyth, 61)

Referee: Karol Collins (Galway)

**RUGBY**  
**WOMENS' SIX NATIONS**  
**Ireland 20 Italy 27**

Ireland made a flying start here, getting close to Italy's line on several occasions as the Azzurri ended up coughing up a yellow card. Beibhinn Parsons in particular looked like she was primed to cut loose. All well and good, but you have to actually get points on the board. Anything else is close but no cigar. Ireland are finally awarded a penalty try.

Italy wait until the 25th minute to get on the scoreboard, but when they do it's superb in simple execution. A superb kick to get a line-out close to Ireland's line and a driving maul to get over. The basics done perfectly. The conversion came back off the crossbar, though – that's a let-off.

Ireland fluff a penalty for touch. Italy are really growing in confidence here – Italy's ladies have traditionally been more competitive than their men, and remember that their mens' team had their best six nations ever. It was just their second real attack and once again they caught Ireland off balance with their mauls and power over. This time Rigoni nailed the conversion. They add a penalty – honestly, Ireland look a bit panicked here – to lead by 15 to 7 at the break. Both sides went close to tries on the restart, with good moves breaking down at the last second. Ireland were beginning to show glimpses of their real selves but just couldn't quite execute the finish, leaving two chances go a-begging.

Coming up to the three quarter mark, Italy's D'Inca went on a superb run. She was eventually closed down, but too late as Italy once again powered over the line. Rigoni's conversion makes it 22-7.

At long last, Ireland started to play. It's a replica of Italy's opening try, a great kick by O'Brien, a close line-out, and Ireland powering over with the maul. O'Brien converts and it's an eight point game.

Italy had a try ruled out for a forward pass. Again, a let-off, but Ireland didn't heed the warning and just two minutes later Muzzo was in again, and that time the try was good. Italy had their bonus point, and they deserved every bit of it.



Rigoni's conversion attempt dropped short, but with thirteen points between them and twelve minutes to play, Ireland's chances were receding fast and hard. Ireland did get in for a late try, Katie Corrigan going over and Dannah O'Brien converting, but it was scant enough consolation.

Italy played very well here and deserved their win, but Ireland are potentially a much better side than this. They'll certainly need to be against Wales!

## U16 GIRLS REACH MUNSTER FINAL

(Report by Tony Dunne)

First up our Killarney/Iveragh/Listowel U16's hosted a very tough Midleton/Youghal in the Bank of Ireland U16 Girls Munster Cup semifinal at Aghadoe in brutal weather conditions. Killarney/Iveragh/Listowel started well, retaining possession well into the first period. This led to an early try which was converted. The opposition respond well, coming back with a score try of their own. A period of back and forth possession was followed by our second try, scored in the backs after good through the hands ball, which saw us go into half-time with a 12 to 5 lead. The second half started with our kick off and after winning possession. With good defence play followed by good possession phase play and good hands the movement of ball out wide led to a 3rd try. Killarney received the kick off, keeping the ball away from their string packs and rucks resulting in a fourth try which was converted.

Some excellent ball handling in desperate conditions coupled with our fitness led to a 5th try for one of our forwards – congrats Holly Barrett on your first official try. Final whistle blows and sees a well deserved victory to Killarney /Iveragh /Listowel and though to the final in Virgin Media Park in two weeks time.

## KILLARNEY U18.5 GIRLS REACH MUNSTER CUP FINAL

**Bantry/Dunmanway RFC 20-43 Killarney RFC**

Last Saturday the Killarney u18.5 girls travelled to West Cork and in horrendous conditions on the day, defeated a very spirited home team to be reach the Munster Cup final. Down three players who were involved in the Irish u18 camp and a number of other players, Killarney had to dig deep to win a high scoring game. The home side playing with the elements started off very strong and were first to score, which wasn't converted. After some good running rugby by the visitors skipper Ali O'Donoghue had a great interchange with Marina Eagar out wide and set up Mary Ellen Mc Donald and the Glencar speedster had too much for the oncoming defense to score under the posts, which the outstanding Killarney scrum half Bronagh Dorrian converted, 05-07 to the visitors to the away team inside the first eight minutes. The Killarney side were determined to score next which they duly did, Niamh Dorrian was at the end of a very good run from the Killarney hooker Ella Guerin-Crowley, 05-12 to Killarney. Next up was Bantry to score a fine try which

Runners at the start of the Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Race



left the score 10-12 and the home side were more than up for the challenge. Mc Donald was next to score after some good play by Joanne O'Keefe and Molly Gabbett. 10-17 to Killarney at half time. Bantry kicked off the 2nd half and were straight on the attack and crossed the try line which wasn't converted leaving the score 15-17 to the visitors. Game on! Now playing with the elements Killarney really kicked into gear and played some great expansive rugby and scored some super tries through Niamh Dorrian and Crowley and with McDonald scoring her third of the day to finish off the contest in style to reach the Munster Cup final.

## MURPHYS DARTS FINALS

Report by Maureen McCormick

Tuesday night the 26th March 2024, saw the finals of both the Peg Murphy Cup and The Murphy Cup. The Murphy Cup was the 48th year of running it. These event are hosted as usual by Seán Murphy of Murphys Bar, College Street, Killarney. It was originally a drag hunt cup for beagle dogs and that ended so Sean Murphy one day, saw the cup being idle and suggested they run a darts competition, and low and behold the first one took place in 1977, and 48 years later it is still going strong. The Peg Murphy Cup was a spinoff of the Murphy Cup and it's in its 25 year.

First up was the 25th Peg Murphy Cup and this was contested by two Golden Nugget players of Dave Whyte ( Sean Murphy's golf coach )and Damien McCormick, Dave's first and Damien's third, having won on two previous occasions. Dave won the toss to throw first.

Damien took the first game hitting a 100 and 180 only one of the night and finishing 52 with 20 and two double eights. Again in the second game Damien was dominant scoring 41, 66, 115, 100, 99 and finishing 60 double 10. Third game Dave scored the better hitting a 133, and had shots at the double but unfortunately was unable to finish and Damien made it 3-0. Fourth game Dave hit a 128 letting him 60, but again doubles were not obliging him Damien hit 105 leaving him 65 and after a number of

shots at the double hitting double five to take the fourth game. Now it's 4-0 to Damien and all he needed was one more to win. Damien hit 40, 100, 100, 60, 83, 78 and hit double twenty to be the first player to win three Peg Murphy Cups. Next up was the Main Event of the night, The 48th Murphy Cup, which was the best of 13 games and the first to 7 would take the coveted title for 2024.

Jimmy Brien's Corey Doyle was contesting his first ever final against The Village Inn's own Dale McCarthy who was contesting his fourth having won one previously. Dale won the toss to throw first and threw 100, 100, 60, 60, 170 and finishing 3 double four taking the first game. Corey was not put out by this and threw 59, 60, 140, 100, 110 and hitting double 16 to make it one a piece. Next game Dale hit 140, 60, 60, 140, 49, 42 and had shots at double 5 but Corey also hit 140, 100, 60, 60, 94, 27 and finished double ten. 2-1 to Corey, The next six games saw Dale throw better dart's scoring five 140's, ten 100's a 125. While Corey hit two 140's and seven 100's and had chances on occasions, but this was Dale's year and winning six games in a row to become the 2024 and 48th Murphy Cup winner. Dale also won the John Teahan Cup for the most 180's scored in the tournament.

Roland as usual organized and chalked every game during the tournament.

Jerry Kelliher was caller on the night. Kyle was the walk on for the players and carrier of the cups.

Well done to all involved.

## ATHLETICS

Well done to everybody who took part in the inaugural Streets of Killarney 5km Road Race, including the many, many volunteers who made it such a massive success for everybody involved.

Rhasidat Adeleke has been a blazing a trail brighter and faster than any Irish athlete in history. Last weekend the former University of Texas student (she turned professional last year) competed in the 4 x 200m relay in Austin,





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Tomas Griffin, one of the organisers of the Killarney Valley AC 5 Mile Race gives a thumbs up at the Registration desk

Texas. There was no doubting the assembly of talent, but I doubt if anyone was expecting to see a world record get absolutely smashed – they clocked 1'27.05", although their different nationalities means that the 24 year old record clocked up by Penn State's all-US team in 2000 of 1'27.46" will remain on the official books. It might be worth noting that Adeleke is far from Ireland's only talented 200m runner at the moment...but let us give no hostages to fortune just yet.

## LEAGUE OF IRELAND

### Another Stalemate Shows Kerry Progression

#### LOI Division One: Kerry FC 1 Wexford FC 1

Wexford came to Mounthawk Park on the back of a really good win over Bray Wanderers and would most likely have fancied coming away with all three points, but this is a very different side to the fledgeling outfit of last year and, most significantly, Kerry no longer leak soft goals through the occasional lapse of concentration. The new signings this year have been in marvellous form, but it has to be said that the players from last year have obviously gotten much cuter and sharper, having adjusted to the pace of the higher standard. Kerry got on top early on and took the game to the Model County representatives. Ryan Kelliher got on the end of a good early through ball but just couldn't keep the finish down. It was a warning note, though, and just ten minutes later Seán O'Connell, one of the real leaders of this team, pounced to deftly rob an unwary defender and smoothly direct an unstoppable shot into the bottom corner. Last year those were the goals we were conceding; not ones we were scoring. The game was being played at a brisk pace, impressive to watch, but it maybe came at a price as two Wexford players and an impressive Samuel Aladesunasi had to come off after picking up knocks. Wexford had a tentative penalty shout late in the first half but the referee wasn't having any of it. Just before the break, Ethan Kos had to be very alert to block a very dangerous chance from Aaron Dobbs. Kerry went in with a goal advantage, but Wexford were very much still a real threat.

Five minutes after the restart Wexford got their equaliser, and it was a textbook goal. Aaron Dobbs rose high to a pinpoint cross and connected perfectly with his head to steer it past a hapless Antonio Tuta. Superb finish, to be fair.

Wexford keeper Owen Mason made a good save to deny Ryan Kelliher and Daniel Okwute's effort from a narrow angle sailed wide. Kerry were the better side here overall, but just couldn't quite finish a number of promising moves. Wexford lost a player to a second yellow under the constant pressure, but they earned their hard-fought draw fair and square.

#### LOI DIVISION ONE UCD 1 Kerry FC 1

UCD have been in flying form of late, really impressive, and would have fancied themselves to win here, especially considering the fast turnaround from Friday to Monday, the journey for Kerry FC, and the fact that UCD were only relegated from the Premiership last year (albeit spectacularly so).

Kerry had a few early half chances, but nothing that really drew any gasps of amazement. UCD were clever and composed, but Kerry weren't leaving them any openings – Kerry's supplementary work in closing off the channels for a player in possession has improved by leaps and bounds, and passed this genuine test very well. UCD were restricted to long range speculative efforts that weren't going to unduly worry a top class keeper like Tuta.

There's a reason that UCD have been winning so many games of late, though. There didn't look to be too much danger as Ciarán Behan lined up a shot, but he caught it superbly and found the net.

Kennedy Amechi and Ryan Kelliher replaced Victor Udeze and Cian Brosnan at halftime in an attempt to salvage something in the second half and just twelve minutes into the second half they caught a real lifeline. Daniel Okwute did very well to open up space on the right. With his initial cross blocked, he tried a rasper towards goal. It didn't look too dangerous, but the unfortunate Cian Moore, widely recognised as one of the best goalkeepers in the division, had one of those nightmare moments that

happen to every keeper as it squirmed away from him and into the net. Unfortunately, any goalkeeper error always makes the highlights reel and that one effectively granted Kerry an equaliser.

UCD had another couple of big chances towards finish, Ciarán Behan heading just wide and Micheal McCullagh unable to keep his shot under the crossbar. Two good chances, though, and I suspect that Conor McCarthy will be happy enough to come away with a point. That's five draws on the trot for Kerry FC. As Roy Keane pointed out in his biography 'The Second Half', constant draws and an average of a point per game isn't enough long term. You'd actually be better off winning and losing every second game (an average of three points instead of two). But draws compared to the constant rat-a-tat-tat of defeat of last year? This is a genuinely astonishing improvement by Kerry and that first win can't be too far away.



Ryan Kelliher in Action for Kerry FC (File Photo)



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### UNDER 12 TRAINING

Under 12 training continues on Friday 5th April. Venue & time tbc. Bring runners, boots, hurley, helmet & water. New players welcome. Contact Secretary Eimear Flynn for more information 087-6481736

### 2024 UNDER 15 FÉILE

Our Féile team get their campaign underway this Friday 5th April in the ARC in Ardfert at 6.10pm versus Abbeykillix, with our 2nd game versus Sliabh Luachra on Sunday 7th April, also in the ARC Ardfert, at 6.00pm. Best of luck to all of our players, along with their coaches.

### UNDER 16 COUNTY

Congratulations to Shannon Murphy on lining out for Kerry in the Under 16 Munster camogie semi final v Limerick last weekend. Limerick emerged as winners in the clash which was played in Knockanure on Sunday 31/03/24.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for all age groups on Foireann. Please check out our Facebook page for details on how to register. Contact Registrar Louise Moynihan or Secretary Eimear Flynn with any queries.

### FÉILE MEDAL PRESENTATION

Our Féile medal presentation takes place on Friday 19th April at the Gleneagle Hotel. Members of last year's winning Division 2 Féile team will receive their county medals. We have been very fortunate to receive sponsorship from The Gleneagle Hotel Group for our Junior Team so a cheque presentation will also take place on the night.

### PAT SHEEHAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

After the success of last year's tournament, this year's blitz for small teacher schools will take place on Friday 19th April. More details to follow

## DR CROKES

### SHL

#### Tralee Parnells 1-18 Dr. Crokes 1-9

While this was our third successive defeat we raised our performance levels both in terms of commitment and intensity. Colm O'Cuiv struck the right note from the very off with a monstrous point from the middle of the park. It was nip and tuck between the two teams throughout a hectic first half. Deputising for the injured Mark Heffernan, Davy Carroll pilfered four points from frees. His tally was added to by a marauding Conor O'Hare who repeatedly drove at the Parnells' defence. Alas, tragedy struck on the stroke of half time when the hosts goaled from a very fortuitous free. This score came against the run of play and left us trailing by two points at the break. Worse was to follow when illness forced Conor O'Hare to retire before the resumption. Facing an uphill struggle we remained on our opponents coattails and



Shannon Murphy (Killarney Camogie Club) who lined out with Kerry in Munster U16 semi final v Limerick last weekend

looked like springing a surprise when Davy Carroll drilled a free to the top corner of the net. However, Parnells deeper panel, not to mention their three County players, gradually swung the balance in their favour. It should be noted for the record that while Parnells were able to draw on all their resources we were denied the services of our County players but that is not to take from the wholehearted contribution of those who lined out. Our next fixture is on Friday 12th of April at home to Abbeydorney.

### ACADEMY

Our Academy continues every Saturday morning, for boys and girls between 4 and 11 from the Killarney area. Hurling from 10-11 and Football from 11:15-12:15. Fun and friendship guaranteed. Bring a friend.

### MEMBERSHIP D

r. Crokes GAA Membership for the 2024 season is now open online. This is the last week for membership. If membership is not paid players will not be able to play or train with the club. [https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=734&intMF\\_ID=13281#Anchor](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=13281#Anchor) ([https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=734&intMF\\_ID=13281#Anchor](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=13281#Anchor))r

**GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASSES** with Kathleen have now finished. They will resume again after Easter on Monday 15th April.

**OUR PILATES CLASSES** return on Thursday 11th of April and finish on 16th May (there will be no class on the 25th of April).

**LOTTO** took place April 1st. Numbers drawn were 2, 5, 20, 27 Jackpot of €8,900 was NOT WON. 3 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €135 each. Jackpot for draw on April 8th will be €9,200. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor) ([https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

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### BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

**OLD CLOTHES BANK** is located at the rear of the club house. All clothes should be deposited in bags. Donations will help to provide valuable funding to our club.

**CONDOLENCES** to the Stack family on the recent passing of Claire's father Billy Hourihan, Ballinlough. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email [pro.dcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.dcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie)

## FOSSA GAA CLUB

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 31/03/2024 for a jackpot of €10,800 were 3, 7, 19, 27. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Anthony Murphy, Nigel Anderton, Colin Myers, Patricia O'Neill and Caroline McCarthy. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

### COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 6

The Fossa B team got off to a flying start in Div 6 of the county league on Saturday evening against Keel. They built up an early lead with points from Ryan and Rocco Sheehan, Mark Donnellan, Kevin McCarthy and Ryan O'Leary. In the 15th minute, Ryan Sheehan had the ball in the net after a pinpoint pass from Peadar Kelliher. Fossa were well in control at this stage, the defence was rock solid, Mark Dennehy and Mark Donnellan were winning great ball in midfield and our forwards were moving well. In the last attack of the half, Joe Cahillane capped a fine personal first half display, flicking the ball to the Keel net to leave the score at the break; Fossa 2-09, Keel 0-02. The second half was a more even affair but Fossa, with a nice blend of youth and experience ran out winners on a score of, Fossa 2-13, Keel 0-08.

### COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 2

Fossa got their first win in Div. 2 of the county league on Sunday against Glenbeigh/Glencar in Glenbeigh. Played in good weather conditions, the opening minutes were played at a frantic pace. Glenbeigh/Glencar scored from their first two attacks, Fossa settled with a free from Tadgh O'Shea and a brace from Matt Rennie. It was nip and tuck but Fossa kept the scoreboard ticking with points from Tadgh O'Shea and Eoin Talbot to lead by a point after 15 minutes. A searing run by Rian Colleran set up Emmett O'Shea for a goal and from there on Fossa never looked back. In the 23rd minute, a brilliant ball over the top of the opposition defence by Killian Buckley led to Paddy Sheehan slotting home another great goal with his left foot. Glenbeigh/Glencar did respond with three points but a long-range point from Tadgh O'Shea left Fossa leading at the break; 2-07 to 0-08.

Glenbeigh/Glencar reeled off the first two scores of the second half, however in the 6th minute, Cian O'Shea gave a defence splitting pass to Emmett who ran 30 yards to crash home an





unstoppable shot to the net for a brilliant goal. Glenbeigh/Glencar never gave up but scores from Harry Buckley, Cian O'Shea and Emmett O'Shea meant Fossa registered their first win and a valuable two points on a final score of 3-14 to 1-13. It was a very solid team performance where Dan O'Keefe and Ruari Doyle were excellent in the half back line, Cian O'Shea gave a towering performance along with Matt Rennie and Rian Collieran in the middle third while Emmett O'Shea kicked some brilliant scores on the day.

**LADIES FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to Kelsey Cummins, Anne and Lily O'Shaughnessy who were part of the Kerry U-16 teams that were victorious against Clare on Saturday. Well done girls.

**U15 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE RD. 1**

Fossa U15 boys made the long trip to Waterville on Monday night to play Dromid/Waterville in the first round of the Division 5 county league. The game was played in extremely wet conditions. Dromid/Waterville started the brighter of the two teams and raced into a two point lead. The home team dominated the opening proceedings and created a number of chances but were denied by some resolute defending by Oisin Cryan & Charlie Griffin. Dara Welton in the Fossa goal also made some great saves to deny the home team.

However, it was Fossa who struck the first goal, with the hard-working Luke Rennie finding the net. Dromid/Waterville responded swiftly, extending their lead to four points before James O'Meara chipped in with an excellent goal for Fossa. The seesaw battle continued, and as the halftime whistle approached, Luke Rennie once again found the back of the net, followed up by a Luke Clancy free to push Fossa ahead with a scoreline of 3-1 to 1-6.

The second half saw Dromid/Waterville regroup, launching a renewed offensive. With just ten minutes remaining, the Fossa boys found themselves trailing 3-1 to 2-10, but they refused to yield. Donnacha Vaughan's midfield prowess, combined with the tenacity of Eoin Bennett and Paddy Myers, breathed new life into Fossa's challenge.

Luke Rennie and Luke Clancy chipped away at the deficit, narrowing the gap to a mere four points. And then, in a dramatic finish, Luke Clancy, fresh from injury, stepped up to send a free kick into the back of the Dromid/Waterville net.

Despite their valiant efforts in the treacherous conditions, the Fossa boys fell agonisingly short. Dromid/Waterville emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins, securing a hard-fought win with a final scoreline of 4-3 to 2-10.

**KEEL GAA**

**KEEL GAA EASTER BINGO**

Keel GAA Bingo is BACK. Keel GAA Easter Bingo takes place on Tuesday the 2nd of April at 8pm in Keel Community Centre. Lots of cash prizes to be won. All funds raised on the night will be for a new field for training and games especially for our underage teams. This is such an important development for our club but in particular for

the young boys and girls of our community. We hope that you will all join us again for a great night of fun

**CLUB LOTTO**

Keel GAA Lotto Draw 25th March. Numbers drawn: 4, 20, 22, 25. No jackpot winner. Congratulations to our two €50 lucky dip winners: Kieran Foley, Keel and Kathleen Foley, Ross Cottages. The jackpot will be €2,050 on Monday the 1st of April. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce or through the local outlets. Thank you for your continued support of our club lotto.

**COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 3**

Our Division 3 team hosted our underage comrades Listry on Sunday afternoon in Keel. It was Listry who has the upper hand in the first half going in ahead at the break. It was Keel 0-05 Listry 1-05. However, Keel dominated the second half with Listry only registering one point. The final score was Keel 0-11 Listry 1-06. We are away to Firies on Saturday at 6:30pm for round 3. All support welcome! Thank you to Boyles of Castlemaine, Killorglin and Tralee for their sponsorship of our Division 3 team

**COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 6A**

The Division 6 team were away to Fossa B on Saturday evening. The final score was Keel B 0-08, Fossa B 2-13. Our B team are at home to Killarney Legion B on Sunday. Time to be confirmed. Thank you to Kitty's Food Truck Inch for their sponsorship of our Division 6A team.

**KERRY LADIES**

Best of luck to Ciara Murphy and the Kerry Ladies team in the Division 1 Lidl Ladies National League Final versus Armagh this Sunday in Croke Park.

**KILLARNEY LEGION**

**SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1**

Our Senior Men travelled to Killorglin last Sunday afternoon for Round 2 of the Senior County League. A quick start had us 0-4 to 0-2 in front at the end of the first quarter but the hosts finished the half the stronger, nailing four points on the spin. A penalty save from Brian Kelly just before half time meant it 0-6 to 0-4 at the short whistle. Points from Ryan Grady and Finbarr Murphy closed the gap to the minimum, 0-9 to 0-8, at the three quarter stage. But again Laune Rangers pulled clear with a purple patch, nudging them 1-14 to 0-9 to the good with the final whistle in sight. A late goal from Eoghan O Sullivan put a better look on the scoreline, which finished 1-14 to 1-10. The visit of Kerins O Rahillys to Direen this Saturday April 6th is next on the agenda, the game throwing in at 6pm.

**SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 6**

Our Senior B team were not in action this week past, their game against An Ghaeltacht now deferred until Sunday April 14th. They are due to play Keel this weekend.

**MOTHERS AND OTHERS**

On Saturday 6th April our Mothers and Others group will be part of a new European blitz in Rennes Gaa. The aim of the event is to celebrate

community, inclusivity, and the spirit of Gaelic. Four other Mothers and Others teams from Ireland will also be travelling. It is supported by the LGFA, Rennes City Council, Gaelic Games Europe, the World GAA Global Development Fund Grant, and the French Federation for Gaelic Sports. The event also marks a significant milestone in the promotion of Gaelic Games in France. The focus of the day will be on fostering friendship and inclusivity, with non-competitive games aimed at promoting the ethos of Gaelic4Mothers & Others which emphasises participation, fun, and community engagement over winning.

Our group are very proud to be representing the club, town and country and they go with our very best wishes.

**U17 BOYS**

Following a defeat to Spa in Round 5, our U17 Boys face Rathmore in Direen at 6pm on Thursday April 4th, weather permitting, in a series of back game due to be played in Division 1. With two wins and two defeats out of their four games, a win here would be most welcomed. We wish them the best of luck.

**KERRY LADIES**

The very best of luck to the Kerry Senior Ladies team as they face Armagh in the Lidl National League final this Sunday April 7th at 3pm in Croke Park. Keri Ann Hanrahan is now a mainstay of the squad and you can catch all the action on TG4.

**SENIOR SCOR**

Well done to Brian Looney, Liam Fahy, John Kelly, and Fergal Courtney, who competed for the Club in the Scór Sinsear Tráth na gCeist team. They finished a highly respectable sixth in what is always a real test of knowledge.

**PLAYING PITCHES**

With the current unprecedented rainfall level the Field and Facilities committee took the decision to close both our playing pitches to give them some breathing space. We are fortunate to have a very good training surface in our upper area which is invaluable in weeks like this. With the opportunity given, both pitches have now been verti drained and they should assist their development no end in the short term. Its crucial in adverse weather conditions that we all accede to the request of our hard working committee.

**KENYA EDUCATION PROJECT**

We were delight to donate some of our Jersey to Eddie Sheehy and his Kenyan Education Project recently. Eddie has done huge work in the less privileged areas of the country and we are always glad to help out in anyway we can.

**LOTTO**

Results Monday March 25th. Numbers were 8, 10, 15, 25. Bonus 16. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. John Mannix 2. Aideen O Mara 3. Marguerite O Connor 4. Sandra Daly 5. Colm O Cuiv

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**LOTTO**

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The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Tuesday, April 2nd at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 13, 22, 27 and the bonus ball was 21. Lucky Dip Winners were as follows: €50 Sandra Finnegan, Mallow, Cork. €50 Kieran Hogan, Callinafercy. €25 Willie O'Shea, Milltown. €25 Emily Curtin, Tournafulla, Limerick. €25 Patricia Spillane, Milltown. €25 Rhoda O'Shea, Basingstoke, UK  
Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 15th at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000.

**GAELIC 4 MOTHERS & OTHERS: RETURNING FOR THE 2024 SEASON!**

Milltown-Castlemaine Gaelic 4 mothers and others is back again! We are hosting two sample training sessions on April 15th and 22nd from 8:00pm - 9:00pm at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. If you want to play football, get fit, learn new skills & do it all in a fun relaxed

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**CLUB VOLUNTEERS DISCOUNTED JACKET**

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club is delighted to offer our Club Volunteers a heavily subsidized Club Jacket as a thank you and reward for the hard work and dedication given to the club over the last number of years.

Under our partnership with MFC for team leisurewear, we have received a giveback voucher that is being used to substantially cover the cost of the volunteer jackets, meaning we can offer the MFC ARMOUR Jacket to volunteers for just €10 (normal RRP €50).

Please complete the attached form before this Friday 5th April to receive the club Jacket - <https://forms.gle/WWbHbKiWH68RdhWj8>

For more information on this offer, please feel free to contact our Club Secretary, on the attached email address: [secretary.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie)

**CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 6B, RROUND 3 FIXTURE**

Round 3 will take place on Saturday, April 6th when Milltown/Castlemaine take on Kenmare Shamrocks 'B' at 6:30pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown.

**KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 4 SEMI-FINAL FIXTURE**

Milltown/Castlemaine's Minors have qualified for the Keane's Supervalu County Minor Football

League Semi-Final and will take on Cordal on Monday, April 8th at 6:30pm in Cordal.

**CONGRATULATIONS: NEW ARRIVAL**

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to Colin and Caroline McKenna on the birth of their beautiful Baby Girl named Dawn last week. Wishing you many years of health and happiness with your new little bundle of joy!

**U12 BOYS: TRIP TO CROKE PARK - A DAY TO REMEMBER!**

What a great day was had in Croke Park ast Monday for our U12s footballers and their families, thanks to all the mentors and coaches, Oliver Kirwan, Liam Doherty, Derek Twiss, Haulie Clifford, Brendan Lynch, Eugene O'Sullivan together with the Coiste na nÓg committee secretary Joan O'Shea, Suzy Doherty and Ian Twiss for making this happen and what a great job ye done. Thanks to Linus Burke, who was our 'Official Referee' and kept everything in order on the Croke Park turf. Thanks to Danny McClure who fulfilled the role of 'official photographer' on the day and to Tadhg Clifford who was our 'videographer'. Thanks to Donal Daly and Kerry GAA for giving the club the opportunity to go with special thanks to all the family, friends and supporters who filled the sponsorship cards for helping the boys to get there. Thanks to Niall Scully & MFC Sports for getting the 'Croke Park hoodies' out in record time and finally thanks to Flynn's Coaches for getting them all home safely. The boys had an amazing day and here's hoping this isn't the last time some of these lads get to play in such an incredible stadium.

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# INCREASE IN FUEL PRICES is not an April's Fool Joke, it is crippling people and businesses.

Cllr. Marie Moloney has criticised the fuel price increase which took place on April 1st.

"If the Government is serious about helping businesses and workers, they need to be absorbing the increase in fuel prices", she told Killarney Outlook.

The increase in the price of fuel has a knock-on effect on everyone. There is not a business who does not have deliveries to their premises and thus their delivery costs increases. At the moment businesses are buckling under their costs, rents, rates, energy, increased cost of goods and now facing increased delivery costs. We are regularly seeing shops, restaurant and coffee shops closing down. The



Government must help struggling businesses and an increase in fuel costs is not the way forward.

This increase is also crippling hard pressed workers who are dependant on their cars to get to work. People living in Rural Ireland do not have access to public transport so a car is a necessity not a luxury. People are under a lot of pressure with the cost of living, some with mortgages and other the high cost of renting. The cost of fuel is constantly creeping up at the pumps and this

extra increase is just adding more pressure on people. Time for the Government put their money where their mouth is and help the people who put them in Government.

## Time to ban vaping and move towards a tobacco-free society

Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher has said that the Irish Government should completely ban the sale of vapes and move towards an incremental ban on all forms of tobacco smoking. Kelleher, a former Fianna Fáil National Health Spokesperson, was commenting on the 20th anniversary of the ban on work-place smoking by the then Health Minister, Micheál Martin.

"I am aware of, and welcome, the Minister for Health's commitment to ban the sale of disposable vapes to under 18s. However, I think we, as a society, should be looking to go further.

"Vaping is now becoming very popular among younger people, even among young people who never previously smoked. We know that e-cigarettes contain heavy metals, which are toxic to humans, such as nickel, tin, and lead. They also contain flavourings such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease. No good comes

from vaping.

"Furthermore, we need to move to a point where we incrementally ban smoking for future generations. Other countries have started this process. For example, no one born after 2009 will be allowed to smoke in the UK.

"I appreciate that this may appear to be a nanny-state type of ban but the impact of smoking both on individuals and on wider society are really clear - smoking kills and it costs taxpayers hundreds of millions of euro each and every year in terms of additional healthcare costs.

"The role of government is very clear to me. We must make the world safer for our citizens. We should at all times reduce risks to their health and wellbeing.

"As a former smoker myself, I know how hard it is to give up cigarettes, but I also know how liberating it can be once you break the habit. We owe it to future generations to never let them become hooked in the first place," concluded Kelleher.



## Letting Register Troubles

ter by Fáilte Ireland, does not have universal support throughout the country, according to Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill from Rossbeigh, Co Kerry.

"The fact that this new Register is to focus on just one type of letting, i.e. Short Term, has brought it into disrepute with those offering such a service. Many of them believe that it is discriminatory towards Short Term Letting and that they are being held responsible for the shortage in Long Term lettings" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Many of those in the AirBnB sector see this as a means to force them away from Short Term Letting, but they advise that they have no interest in, or intention of getting involved in Long Term Letting. They have found their niche, they say, they pay their taxes and they feel they should not be forced out of business" said Councillor Cahill.

"Legitimate business should be allowed to carry on and other tactics need to be employed to encourage and attract people to offering Long Term Letting. We need not use a sledge hammer to crack a nut" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

Tourist accommodation in Ireland is made up of a mixture of types, that suit different categories of visitors to the different areas of the country. There are Hotels, Guesthouses, Bed & Breakfasts, Houses, Apartments etc., and in more recent years, Airbnbs. Councillor, Michael Cahill believes that all of these accommodation options are essential to the success of our Tourism Industry here in Kerry and that there should be a level playing field for each type of business. "These are all legitimate business

operations, adding value to our tourism product, different potential customers preferring a particular option for themselves, depending on their circumstances. Some may wish to avail of the many additional facilities of a hotel, some less so, without pools, bars, prepared meals, etc.," stated the longstanding Councillor.

"I don't agree that different regulations should apply to any option being made available to our visitors, as long as everybody is on the same hymn sheet, providing safe, comfortable accommodation and are complying with the present laws. Tourism provides employment and income for our people and tax returns to the Exchequer" said Councillor Cahill.

"Here in Kerry, it is more visitor accommodation that is required, not less and we should welcome new entrants to a market which I see growing enormously with the opening of facilities, such as the South Kerry Greenway. Not everyone can afford to get involved in Tourist Accommodation with the traditional forms of Hotel or B&B for example, but the Airbnb model does offer an opening to people to rent one or two rooms or a renovated cottage, etc.," said the Fianna Fáil man.

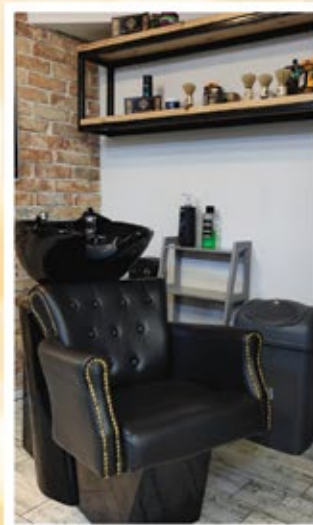
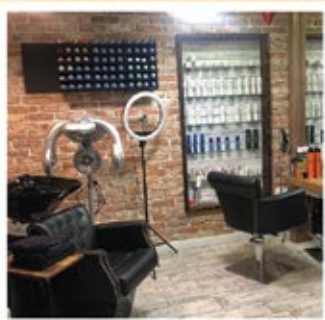
"The more varied offerings and options we here in Kerry have for our potential visitors, with different levels of holiday budgets, the more people will visit here to sample the delights of our county" added Councillor Cahill.



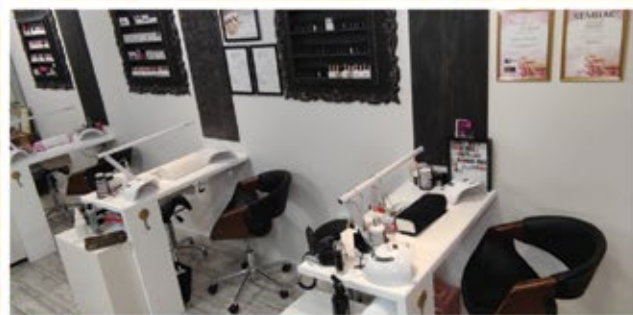
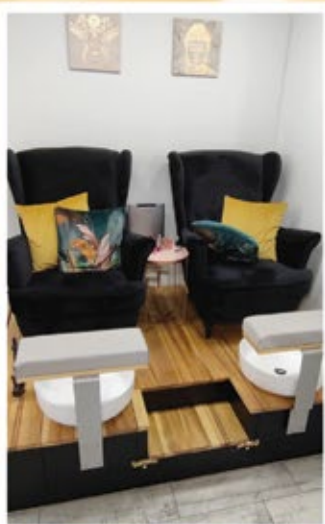


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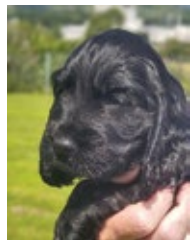
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## A Word of Victory

*"The Lord God is my Strength [my source of courage, my invincible army]; He has made my feet [steady and sure] like hinds' feet and makes me walk [forward with spiritual confidence] on my high places [of challenge and responsibility]" (Habakkuk 3:19 Amplified Bible).*

Welcome back dear student, last week we saw how Jesus, the Lord of Hosts is strong, mighty, and invincible in battle (Psalm 24:8). On studying the word 'invincible' in the Bible, God's title 'The Lord of Hosts' is translated: Invincible Warrior or Champion. At various stages in life people feel invincible, especially the young. It's great to live unafraid and feel you can accomplish anything, but sometimes feeling invincible can foster reckless behaviour ending in catastrophe. Life is fragile and everything can change in a moment. Self-reliance as promoted by gurus - that universal (god) power is within yourself is untrue and will never sustain long term. It wrecks a person's confidence in a crisis to find that they were not invincible after all. And when confidence is lost, strength to fight is gone. Therefore, faith must be fed constantly (Romans 10:17). This is why we need to know our Champion – our Advocate, and Mighty Warrior - the Lord of Heaven's Armies and His promises. What a great comfort to know that Jesus has your back instead of having to rely on your own power! We all make mistakes – we are human beings, and God knows all our insecurities and our weaknesses. Yet flaws are not what He focuses on, for His ways are higher than ours. His unbreakable Covenant of Love has been paid for in full with the Blood of His Son Jesus. The Lord is your greatest Cheerleader. Knowing that Jesus is for you and not against you, that He has forgiven you, calls you His friend and that He is backing you, gives one confidence to keep going and not give in to sin, fear, or the threats of the enemy. It's a confidence that will not be shaken, though everything around may be shaking (Hebrews 10:35; Hebrews 12:27) Because of the strong foundation built upon the Love of Jesus Christ you will be able to stand firm in the midst of every storm. People talk about angelic protection: angels are often wrongly depicted as whimsical fairylike creatures. Jesus is called the Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament - note the capital 'A' (Exodus 20:20-22; Daniel 3:28). He is nothing like a fairy! Jeremiah saw the Lord standing with him when he was struggling... "but the Lord stands beside me like a Mighty (Fierce) Warrior, before Him my persecutors will stumble. They cannot defeat me. They will fall and be thoroughly humiliated. Their dishonour will never be forgotten" (Jeremiah 20:11). The Lord always shows up for His people! He fights the battle whilst making our enemies fall (Exodus 14:13-31). Read about Moses, Gideon, David, Jehosaphat, Esther, Daniel, Nehemiah just to name a few. All cried out to God for help, believing that God's supernatural Power was the only answer, acknowledging, in humility that in themselves, they had zero power to defeat their enemies (2 Chronicles 20:10-17; Psalm 60:12). Conversely, there are also plenty of examples in the Bible of those who felt they were un-beatable as they attacked or oppressed God's people (2 Kings 6:14-23). But they soon found out the Truth. The Lord of Hosts watches over those whose hearts are His, and He defends them (2nd Chronicles 16:9). And it's no weakling that causes our enemies to fall – it's the Invincible Warrior Himself - Jesus Christ – He Who "is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Hallelujah!

Bible Study & Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursdays @ 7.30pm in person and on Zoom at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney - Eircode: V93V6X4.

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Sunday 7th April 2024 at 3 pm. Preceded by the Rosary at 2:40pm, Devotions only, no Mass to be celebrated

### COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY

For those who would like to fulfil the second of Our lady's requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace and salvation of souls. The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on the 6th April commencing at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Devotions will begin with the Fatima intentions and prayer. Followed by the Rosary at 9am. Mass at 9.30 then 15 mins meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. All will be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**MS SOUTH KERRY BRANCH Church Gate collection** for the on the weekend of April 6th/ 7th. Thank you for your support to the Parish

**THANKS** to all who were involved in the Holy Week ceremonies, to all who gave of their time, talents and ministry for the good of the parish community and for our praise to God. May the fruits of this past week be evident in our lives as we live with Gospel joy and enduring hope, rooted in our faith in the risen Christ.

**BINGO** at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held Thursdays @ 8.30pm . All Welcome.

### DANCE CLASSES

4 week beginners class commencing wed 10th of April beginner's class 7-8, in Nagle Rice Community Centre, Milltown. Dancing including jiving, quicksteps, waltzing, line dancing.ph:0877541631

### DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ, FRANCE

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**AWARE** offer a free weekly group for people in the community who may be struggling with depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and mood related conditions in Tralee. Details are on Aware.ie website. This group takes place at CDP Centre, Rock Business Centre, Upper Rock Street, Tralee, Co Kerry, V92 WR9P. Times: Every Tuesday at 7pm



ROSARY IS ON IN THE SQUARE TRALEE COUNTY KERRY SATURDAY 6TH OF APRIL AT 1PM



**4TH ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**BILLY  
MOYNIHAN**



DROMALL PARK AND  
TIERNABOUL, KILLARNEY,  
WHO PASSED AWAY  
ON 10 APRIL, 2020.

*For years, the lake was where  
your soul felt most at peace  
Your heart was most content when there  
With the fish and the geese  
But then, your spirit came to rest  
Where angels chose to roam  
And once equipped with ten pound test  
You made yourself at home.*

*The sky became your deep blue sea  
The clouds became your shore  
And there, for all eternity  
You sat with friends galore  
Each angel was a fisherman  
Who had traded his pole  
For golden wings and a game plan  
At Heaven's Fishing Hole.*

*The tales you told about each catch  
Its stature and its girth  
Will live in memories unmatched  
As days pass on this earth  
Until we meet again, one day  
Upon God's golden sand  
We'll picture you, no other way  
But with a pole in hand.*

Always remembered and never forgotten,  
your loving wife Mary, mother Eileen,  
sisters Noreen and Mary, brothers-in-law  
Richard and Tim, niece Miceala,  
nephew Ashton and Patricia.

**Anniversary Mass for Billy will be held  
at St Mary's Cathedral on  
Saturday, 13th of April at 6.15pm.**

**THANKSGIVING**

For favours received from Sacred  
Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes,  
St. Bernadette, St. Martin De Porres,  
St. Roch, St. Padre Pio, St. Michael  
the Archangel, St. Perigrine for  
many favours received and that  
includes health.

**FOURTH ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**JEREMIAH (DERRY)  
O' LEARY**



LATE OF MUCKCROSS ROAD,  
KILLARNEY AND FORMERLY OF  
INCH, KILCUMMIN  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
11TH OF APRIL 2020

**God's Garden**

*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
"Always in our thoughts, Forever in our  
Hearts"*

**Deeply loved, sadly missed by his wife  
Helen all the Mannix &  
O' Leary Families.**

*An anniversary mass will be held in Our Lady  
of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin on Thursday  
11th April at 7.30pm.*

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ANNIVERSARY  
REMEMBRANCE**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**SHEILA  
FLEMING**



CLYDINE, KILCUMMIN,  
KILLARNEY  
**ON OUR WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY.**

*If we could have a lifetime wish  
And one dream that could come through  
We would pray to God with all our hearts  
Just to See and speak to you  
A thousand words won't bring you back  
We know because we've tried  
And neither will a million tears  
We know because we've cried  
You've left behind our broken hearts  
And precious memories too  
But we've never wanted memories  
We only wanted you*

Sadly missed by your loving husband Pat,  
daughter Marcella, Sons David and John,  
son-in-law David, daughter-in-law Katrin  
and grandchildren.

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**

CHERISHED MEMORIES  
OF  
**SEAMUS  
O'CONNOR**



KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY  
AND KINSALE  
WHO DIED 7TH APRIL 2020

*I was supposed to spend the rest of  
my life with you,  
Now I realise you spent the rest of your  
life with me,  
I don't cry that it's over,  
I smiled because it happened.*

Your loving partner,  
Eileen Finucane

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**

**SEAMUS  
O'CONNOR**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY BROTHER, JIM  
LATE OF KINSALE & KILLARNEY  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
7TH APRIL 2020.

*You always had a smile to share  
Time to give and time to care  
A loving nature, kind and true  
In this way, we remember you.*

You will always have a special  
place in our hearts!

Helen, Humphrey and all the gang in  
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