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A group of 15 young women, likely members of a school choir or glee club, are posed in a church setting. They are arranged in three rows: five standing in the back, seven kneeling in the middle, and three sitting in the front. They are wearing red school sweaters with a crest on the left chest and grey skirts. The background features a church interior with stone walls, a wooden altar, and a yellow chair. Several white lanterns with lit candles are placed around the group, creating a warm atmosphere.

The Choir from Holy Cross Mercy Primary School, along with ten Choirs from Killarney parish will join together and sing some of the world's most beloved Christmas carols. The carol service is directed by accomplished Musician and Choral Director, Paula Gleeson. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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FROM THE EDITOR

The countdown is well and truly on as the festive season approaches. Students at St. Brendan's College are once again planning a Christmas Jumper fundraiser for the hospice, the beneficiaries for next year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle have been announced and a date for your diary is Sunday 17th December for two wonderful Carol Services with Carols by Candlelight taking place at St. Mary's Cathedral and Room at the Inn Christmas Concert taking place in Fossa Church.

Christmas came early for the parishioners in Listry, hot meals will be on the menu for primary school children in Killarney and there was an air of sadness following the passing of two Killarney ladies this week.

The Historic Rally of the Lakes brought thousands to the town, Pres students took a trip to Amsterdam and a new crib has been installed in the Cathedral.

The Christmas In Killarney parade was once again a magical experience, Kerry footballing greats were on hand to present medals in Glenflesk and plans are afoot for a 170th Anniversary celebration at the Great Southern Hotel.

We have lots of fantastic Christmas Gift ideas from our advertisers and so much more in this week's Killarney Outlook - Enjoy!

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A mirror image at the Killarney Golf & Fishing Club captured by Bridget Gleeson Healy

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STUDENTS DON THEIR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS FOR THE HOSPICE

St. Brendan's College successfully launched their Christmas Jumper Day Fundraiser last Friday morning in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation with the help of teachers and students from some of their neighbouring schools. The Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday, December 15th.

The beneficiary once again this year is the Kerry Hospice Foundation which is run entirely on donations, it costs over €10,000 a week to run, yet still provides services to its patients free of charge. Over the past three years, through the hard work of the students and staff at eight local primary and secondary schools, they have been able to donate in excess of €25,000 to Kerry Hospice Foundation.

Kerry Hospice Foundation provide services such as:

- A dedicated unit that provides medical, spiritual, and emotional treatment and support to those coming to the end of their lives.

- Additional nursing care including night-time and twilight nurses who care for patients in their own homes.
- Specialised hospice rooms in several community hospitals.
- Palliative care in designated nursing homes.
- Palliative care equipment, aids, and appliances to the homes of those who need it most.
- Extra support for patients and respite for their families.
- The funding of ongoing education of specialist nurses and carers.

At present there are twelve schools participating in this years fundraiser; Killarney Community College, Lissivigeen National School, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Knockanes National School, Scoil Bhride Loreto National School, Barraduff National School, St. Francis Special School, St. Oliver's National School, Loughguittane National School, Cullina National School, Presentation Monastery National School, and St. Brendan's College.



Launching the Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Kerry Hospice were St Brendan's 5th Year class organisers with participating local schools Presentation Monestry Primary School, St Francis Special School, St Oliver's Primary School, Scoil Bhride Loreto, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Lissivigeen Primary School, Knockanes NS, Barraduff NS, Killarney Community College and Cullina NS which will be held on the 15th December in all schools. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



CHARITIES TO BENEFIT FROM RING OF KERRY CYCLE ANNOUNCED

The launch of the 2024 Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle took place in the courtyard of Killarney House last week and next year's charities were announced.

The Tier 1 charities for the event on 6th of July were confirmed as follows. 1 Breakthrough Cancer Research, 2 Comfort for Chemo, 3. Irish Cancer Society(who will have the 170km My Way as their fundraiser). 4. BRU COLUMBANUS. 5. Focus Ireland. 6. St. Francis Special School. Tier 2 Charities. 1. Recovery Haven Cancer Support House. 2. National Breast Cancer Research Institute. 3. Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland. 4. Irish Kidney Association. 5. Kerry Stars. 6. Southwest Counselling Service. Registration for the cycle opens on Friday the 1st of December @ 10am.

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St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney, will be filled with music and glowing candles, as choirs from all over Killarney Parish gather for a community of voices together to celebrate Christmas 2023, on Sunday, 17th December, at 7.00pm. Admission is free. No booking required.

Ten Choirs from Killarney parish will join together and sing some of the world's most beloved Christmas carols. The carol service is directed by accomplished Musician and Choral Director, Paula Gleeson. Originally from Cork, her family have been involved in all aspects of choral and church music for 50 years. "This is the best experience as director, working with Fr. Kieran O'Brien, and St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, I get to work with so many talented people in Killarney. The commitment of Teachers, Principals, and the hundreds of students from the Primary and Secondary Schools is inspiring. The generosity of our sponsors, who were so willing to contribute has helped to make this night a reality. We are all so truly grateful".

CHOIRS INCLUDE:

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Choir, organist Anita Lakner

Holy Cross Mercy School Choir

St. Oliver's Primary School Choir

St. Brigid's Secondary School Choir

St. Brendan's Secondary School Choir

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Presentation Monastery School Choir

Carols by Candlelight... to illuminate St. Mary's Cathedral



The Choir from St. Brigid's Secondary School, and Musicians, from St. Oliver's Primary School and St Brendan's Secondary School. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Speaking about the carol service, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Adm., Killarney Parish said "To witness St. Mary's Cathedral filled with the community of Killarney, joining together from all walks of life, to sing carols and play music will be such a privilege. It was so heartening to hear the pupils from St. Oliver's Primary School, St. Brendan's College and St Brigid's

Secondary School, rehearsing 'Oíche chiúin' the other day, the talent is incredible."

The carol service wouldn't be complete without a traditional Sliabh Luachra element. No shortage of talented musicians to please the congregation with a mixture of music and dance.



Members of St. Mary's Cathedral Choir and ten Choirs from Killarney parish will join and sing some of the world's most beloved Christmas carols. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



St. Oliver's and Sem Trad students will be joined by ten Choirs from Killarney parish will join and sing some of the world's most beloved Christmas carols. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



The Choir from St. Oliver's Primary School, Killarney joined by the Kerry Rose, Kayley Lang McCarthy



Rehearsing are St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, St. Oliver's Primary School, Holy Cross Mercy Primary School, with along with ten Choirs from Killarney parish will join together and sing some of the world's most beloved Christmas carols.



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Members of the Listry Community enjoy the Christmas celebrations at the community centre.



Listry Community Council were delighted to welcome members of the parish back to the first post covid Seniors Social Gathering with a Christmas party. 39 parishioners joined us, an attendance which was unprecedented but Cathriona, Viv and Natalia didn't so much as bat an eyelid in the kitchen as the numbers soared. The turkey was top class, the tables were expertly laid and volunteers from the parish were eager to wait on those that attended. Neighbours caught up, old friends kissed and hugged, tears of joy were shed and the laughter was infectious. Fr. Broderick started the day with mass, the Faha National School Choir sang like angels, the nativity was performed followed by a rousing sing song. Our guests left with handmade decorated cards and Christmas tree decorations made by the Faha National School students in 5th and 6th class.

A huge thank you to all who attended, all our volunteers and all who helped in the organisation, a particular word of appreciation for the staff in the Community Centre who had the place looking spectacular. Of course none of this would have been possible without vital funding from the Listry Lotto, which allows us to provide special events like this throughout the year. Thank you to all those who play Listry Lotto and enabled this magical day to occur. We can't wait for the next one.



A special event for the senior members of Listry Community was held to celebrate Christmas.



43 KERRY PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HOT SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAMME from April 2024

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has welcomed the inclusion of 43 Kerry primary schools in Hot School Meals Programme from April 2024.

The schools have been included as part of a list of 900 additional primary schools across the country who will receive Hot School Meals from April 2024.

Minister Foley said: "It is such positive news that more Kerry schools have been included in the Hot School Meals Programme from April 2024. The Hot School Meals Programme is an extremely important initiative that helps with children's wellbeing and nutrition. It is also known to facilitate better education outcomes and I know that today's announcement will be welcomed by many parents and families."

"The Hot School Meals Programme has been a tremendous success and

it is hugely important that it is expanded to include every primary school in the country."

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CHARITY DANCE for St. Joseph's Home

The Killorglin Reunion Charity Dance in aid of St. Joseph's Home in Killorglin will take place in London on Saturday 16th December.

With music by Foot Tapper, the event will be held at Mazenod Social Club on Mazenod Avenue, London NW6 4LS and will begin at 8pm.

There will be special guests on the night along with a raffle. Tickets are €10 and for more information contact: 07860 317425 / 020 8961 1900



KILLARNEY PARTICIPANTS in the Indoor Bowls Competition



Susan Walsh (92) from Killarney, Bernie O'Leary (95) from Killarney and Norman Wilson (95) from Fossa, Killarney cheered on by fellow Kerry competitors ahead of the Active Retirement Ireland National Bowls Finals in the INEC, Killarney on Thursday.

Photo: Don MacMonagle

The finals of the Active Retirement Ireland National Bowls Competition have taken place in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, last week with more than 250 bowlers from Active Retirement Associations (ARAs) from communities across Ireland taking part.

Held over three days, 63 teams have been competing in indoor mat bowls this week for the 2023 Active Retirement Ireland Cup. The flagship event has been held every year since 2010, with the exception of 2020 and 2021 when it was suspended due to the pandemic.

Among those taking part were members of the Killarney Retirement Group including Susan Walsh, Bernie O'Leary and Norman Wilson.

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With Anne Lucey



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



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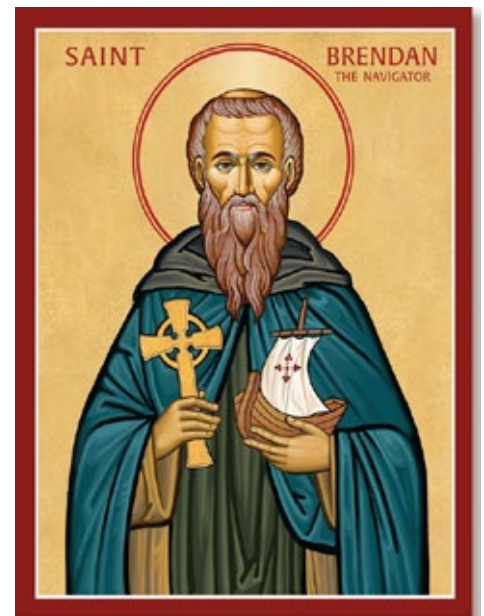
Kerry County Council has given details of concessions in parking charges over the Christmas period. In Killarney, free parking, subject to a two-hour limit, will be available between 9.30am and 2pm in the Glebe Car Park, Fair Hill Car Park, and the Upper and Lower New Street Car Parks. A parking charge of €2 per day will apply in the Rock Road, High Street and Lewis Road parks. This column is aware of a lack of clarity when it comes to parking in Killarney's lanes. To wander for a minute, the lanes were and are again a vital part of urban Killarney. The 1895 Ordnance Survey shows a network of lanes and houses off every street. Back then there weren't issues with parking - now we have traffic lanes - lanes of a different kind, you might say. Parking issues in the Glebe Lane have come to a head. There some business operators are being given parking tickets and it is not clear what the permit situation is. Does it depend on whether you are actually a resident? The council has clarified the issue (at least for me!). There is no parking allowed to the Radio Kerry building/entrance to the car park, is what they say. This would be from the slaughterhouse/Milk Market side, is my

understanding. Beyond that a resident or business parking permit is required. I have concerns too about some of the lanes off Main Street. Again, parking issues: cars parked where it clearly says no parking. Shocking litter in the area of the Well Lane. Maybe it is time we had a good plan for the lanes of Killarney? We could start with sorting out dereliction in the Well Lane which once had a thriving community. The lanes of Killarney - one for our Dear Santa Politician list!

ST BRENDAN

Brendan the navigator: He is the saint you see everywhere, and the saint you see nowhere. The Sem is called after St Brendan, Mount Brandon and the glen outside Killarney are called after him. He was the explorer who was also, at times, a hermit. This rather complex figure is the patron saint of Kerry. The Irish version is Breanán and several place names bear Brendan's name. But other than a nodding acquaintance, we don't know or celebrate him. We hear far more about civil wars and ambushes and men with rifles and bombs all to do with awful events of 100 years ago. The fifteen-hundred-year old erudite, spiritual yet enterprising Brendan is far more uplifting. Brendan is, as Frank Lewis and others said last week, 'the story of Kerry.' One startling realisation from the new campaign by Frank is that our Brendan may be better appreciated abroad than at home. There is no central archive, no real local appreciation of the Kerry saint who enjoyed a cult status for hundreds of years and whose sea voyages are believed to have inspired Christopher Columbus. Elements of his story are to be found 'in every monastery in Europe', a conference organised by Frank and others heard in Ardfert.

A great Kerry man himself, and with a keen sense of history, Dick Spring is chairing the project to bring Brendan to life for a new generation. There is a need to assemble a comprehensive Brendan archive that will include scholarly material and artistic creativity drawn from all over the world, he said. There will be a need for ongoing scholarship and research via links with a third level institution, Dick said. One idea immediately would be to set up a Brendan Institute at the MTU, it strikes me. The Tralee college is thriving under its new president. It has a big injection of funding thanks to the energetic Minister for Higher Education and Kerry enthusiast Simon Harris. He was in Tralee again on Monday to launch the design phase of facilities for around 3,000. The Brendan Institute could be on the lines of the Ionian Institute, but with a broader, more outward looking remit, I think.



THE DEMISE OF THE GURRIER

Whatever happened to that fine old Dublin word 'gurrier'? A lot of people got their proverbials in a twist over the use by Minister Helen McEntee of 'scumbag' in the Dail last week in relation to the Dublin riots. Scumbag is a silly plastic 1950s slang word. It came to prominence in the Dirty Harry films and was funny in that context. But I don't like it. I think it is utterly disrespectful of anyone and should not be used in public discourse. Certainly not by a justice minister. Justice should mean balance. I think she was advised to show a tough side and she went too far. Scum means impure matter rising to the top and has a double meaning too, by the way. It has nothing human about it. A far better, more hard-hitting, yet kinder and more native word would have been 'gurrier'. I immediately

understand gurrier. They are boys of a certain age. They are causing awful raic and they need to be taken by their scruffy hoodies and brought back into line. It is a word blended from the Irish for a rough oat cake eaten by street urchins in Dublin and the French word for warrior. It is a real Dublin word. Yet there is a sense of redemption about it. These lads will grow up, is the sense. And it might have been used. Coincidentally, in Tralee, I asked Simon Harris about the riots and he described those involved as 'thugs' involved in criminality. 'I notice you are not using scumbag?' I said to him. 'No', was his simple and dignified answer. Simon might not have McEntee's law or communication degrees from DCU. But he has natural class.



Minister Simon Harris speaking at MTU last week. Photo: Domnick Walsh.



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Sadness at the passing of popular teacher Angela

There was an air of sadness in Killarney this week when news of the passing of Angela Barry was announced.

The popular retired school teacher was a regular around town, walking on a daily basis in the National Park and always had a smile and a wave for everyone.

Originally Angela Hearne from High Street, her dad Billy ran Hearn's Bicycle Shop many years ago. She was a popular primary school teacher at The Monastery for many years, teaching many young boys throughout her years there.

Angela married her husband, Down native Nicky Barry and they welcomed two sons, Ross and Roy. The boys went on to have their own families, daughters-in-law Christina and Holly, her much loved grandchildren Niclas, Henry, Niamh, Owen, Sean and the late Sophia.

Angela's husband Nicky is a regular contributor to the Killarney Outlook with his poems and this week he wrote one about his beloved Angela.

Angela died suddenly, but peacefully, after a short illness. She will be missed by her loving family, her sisters Paula Fitzsimons, Liz Hearne and the late Mary, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, relatives, neighbours and many dear friends.

Angela's removal took place yesterday, Thursday 9th November from O'Shea's Funeral Home to St. Mary's Cathedral where Requiem Mass will be held today, Friday, 10th November at 10.30am following which, Angela will be laid to rest in Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.



The late Angela Barry, taking her daily walk in Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Nothing lasts forever

By Nicky Barry

*They tell me that my best friend, will not live beyond tomorrow,
And my heart is broken, with overpowering sorrow.
She was more my Momma than my wife, for over fifty years,
And looked after me devotedly, without ever shedding tears.
When I went out socializing, she never said a word,
And waited till I came home, to tell her all I'd heard.
I wrote a poem every night, and she read them every morning,
Most times complimenting me, but giving the odd warning,*

*If they were too close to the bone, and possibly offensive,
To some folks in society, who maybe would become aggressive.
I met her first in '68, and Cupid fired his arrow,
And on our third outing, I asked her if she'd marry.
'I will of course,' she said, without a moment's hesitation,
For she knew and I knew, that this was something special.
She had many miscarriages, and eventually two fine boys,
Who were superb oarsmen, and her pride and joy.
She walked the park three times a week, and didn't drink nor smoke,
But there are no rules at all, and life can be a sad joke.
But nothing lasts forever, and last week out of the blue,
The Grim Reaper left his calling card, and broke my heart in two.*



Room at the Inn... a Christmas concert will be held in Fossa Church on December 17th in Fossa Church. The concert begins at 7pm and donations on the night can be made to the beneficiaries, The Autism Unit in Fossa National School and The Kenya Education Project.

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Sporting Talents Wins Tomás Mary Immaculate College Alumni of the Year award

Kerry football legend, Tomás Ó Sé has been announced as a recipient of this year's Mary Immaculate College Alumni of the Year award. Tomás was presented with his award alongside three other notable graduates, Limerick hurling captain, Declan Hannon; sustainable fashion designer and educator, Miriam Keegan; and RTÉ Broadcaster, Petula Martyn. The annual MIC Alumni awards recognise the remarkable achievements of notable graduates in their personal or professional lives.

Tomás, was awarded an MIC Alumni Award in recognition of his notable sporting talents, both on the pitch—as a five-time All-Ireland winning footballer—and off the pitch as a pundit and sports writer. Originally from Ventry, Tomás is widely regarded as one of the best Gaelic Footballers of the modern game. Representing Kerry on the football pitch, alongside his brothers Darragh and Marc, for over 20 years, Ó Sé has nineteen Munster championship medals, five All-Ireland titles, five All-Stars and three National Football League medals, in addition to one All-Ireland and three Munster Championship medals at U21 level and a Munster Championship title at Minor level. Tomás successfully represented two clubs, winning two County Championships and a Munster Championship with An Gaeltacht before moving to Nemo Rangers (Cork) in 2015 and winning a further two County Championships and a Munster Championship. Tomás was described as the 'best wing back that I've seen play the game' by former Kerry manager Éamonn Fitzmaurice and in 2020 was listed as one of the 20 greatest footballers of the past 50 years by the Irish Independent. Since leaving football, Tomás has gone into punditry alongside fellow MIC Alumni of the Year awardee, Jacqui Hurley, on The Sunday Game and writes for the Irish



Tomás Ó Sé and Professor Eugene Wall. Photo Brian Arthur

Independent. Additionally, Tomás has taken up a management role, coaching Glanmire's minor footballers to a Cork Minor Football Championship win before commencing a role with the Offaly senior team in 2021. In 2022, Tomás returned to Kerry, to become manager of the County's U20 football team. Tomás graduated as a primary teacher from Mary Immaculate College in 2001 and nurtured his football career during his time at college. Teaching in Gaelscoil de hÍde in Fermoy since his graduation, Tomás was made Principal of the school in 2022. He currently resides in Glanmire with his wife Orla and four children. On receiving the award Tomás thanked Mary Immaculate College for all it had given him and for the relationships he had formed whilst a student there.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, Tomás said: "It's a huge honour to be given this award. I really enjoyed my time at MIC and made life-long friends here. I was a shy lad when I came into the College and had a desperate fear of teaching and it's not until you look back that you realise the help you were given along the way. There was a time there I didn't even think I'd graduate so I was very surprised and delighted to hear that I was to get this award! From the sporting side I was very ambitious when I was in College and I think that MIC, if anything, pushed me along further. The people I met and crossed path with her thought me a lot about leadership, about communication and about bringing people along with you, and I've valued that throughout my life."

The group pictured at Tango on Muckross Road.



Transition Year Students from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School enjoyed 'Think Languages Day' on Thursday November 30th last. Organised by the Modern Foreign Language departments in the school, this day focused on the cultural and academic benefits of learning foreign languages. Students took part in a wide variety of activities over the course of the day, including Zumba, film screenings, beginners' German, a workshop on Spanish music, Capoeira with Wilson and Ewelina from Movement & Fitness (New Street), a trip to Killarney's Argentinian restaurant, Tango and a presentation from Jean Conacher the University of Limerick.

The group began their day with a Zumba lesson led by our own Ms. Dinneen, and also enjoyed theirat Tango. The day was a fantastic success. Well done to the girls for taking part so wholeheartedly, and congratulations to all involved in organising this successful day.

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'FAIRYTALE OF NEW YORK' FAVOURITE FOR CHRISTMAS NUMBER ONE

'Fairytale of New York' is the clear 1/5 favourite for the Christmas number one in Ireland, according to Ladbrokes.

Following Friday's news that The Pogues frontman Shane MacGowan has passed away, fans are rushing to pay tribute to the iconic musician with bookies reporting that they have been inundated with support for the festive hit to top the charts this year.

Nicola McGeady of Ladbrokes said: "The bells will no doubt be ringing out for Shane MacGowan this year as fans rush to pay tribute to the iconic Irish musician. If this latest surge in support is anything to go by, 'Fairytale of New York' looks certain to be top of the charts come December 25th."

Talented Killarney Artist, Tim Spillane shares his drawing of Shane McGowan with readers of Killarney Outlook. Based in Dungarvan, more of Tim's work can be seen on Instagram at @spillanimations.

Speaking on the passing of Shane McGowan, President Higgins said, "Like so many across the world, it was with the greatest sadness that I learned this morning of the death of Shane MacGowan."

Shane will be remembered as one of music's greatest lyricists. So many of his songs would be perfectly crafted poems, if that would not have deprived us of the opportunity to hear him sing them.

The genius of Shane's contribution includes the fact that his songs capture within them, as Shane would put it, the measure of our dreams - of so many worlds, and particularly those of love, of the emigrant experience and of facing the challenges of that experience with authenticity and courage, and of living and seeing the sides of life that so many turn away from.

His words have connected Irish people all over the globe to their culture and history, encompassing so many human emotions in the most poetic of ways.

Shane's talent was nurtured from a young age by his mother Therese, herself an award



Talented Killarney Artist, Tim Spillane's depiction of The Pogues Frontman Shane McGowan who passed away last week.

winning folk singer in her own right. Therese, who lost her life in such tragic circumstances on New Year's Day 2017, inspired in Shane the love of Irish music and traditions which resulted in the wonderful music and lyrics which have been a source of such joy for so many people. Born on Christmas Day, there was perhaps some form of destiny which led Shane to writing 'Fairytale of New York', the timeless quality of which will surely mean that it will be listened to every Christmas for the next century or more. Likewise songs like 'Rainy Night in Soho', 'A Pair of Brown Eyes', 'If I Should Fall from Grace with God' and so many others will live on far into the

years and decades to come.

I think too of 'Haunted', and the particular poignancy that both Shane and Sinéad O'Connor have left us in such quick succession. It was a great honour for me, as President of Ireland, to present Shane with a lifetime achievement award in the National Concert Hall in January 2018 as we marked his 60th birthday. A richly deserved honour.

On behalf of Sabina and I, may I extend my deepest condolences to Shane's wife Victoria, his sister Siobhán, his father Maurice, his bandmates in the Pogues and other projects, and to all his many friends and family."

MINISTER FOR HEALTH ANNOUNCES FREE 'FLU VACCINE TO BE EXTENDED TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 17

Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly has announced that the nasal spray 'flu vaccine is being made available free of charge to children aged 13 to 17 from next Monday 3 December. The announcement means that all children aged 2 to 17 are now eligible for the 'flu vaccine as part of the 2023/2024 seasonal 'flu vaccination programme.

The nasal spray flu vaccine, which is available through GPs and pharmacies, and to some groups of children in the primary school setting, is a safe, quick, and pain-free way to protect children from

'flu this winter. The vaccine also reduces the risk of children transmitting infection to others, including older, more vulnerable people.

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Kenmare Bay Hotel:

On the Road to 4 star with a Green and Grand Revival

In a bold move that has set the picturesque town of Kenmare abuzz with anticipation, Riobard Lyne, (Bob) with strong roots in Kilgarvan, has announced a multi-million-euro investment to renovate the Kenmare Bay Hotel & Resort. This landmark establishment, under Riobard's ownership since 2004, has been a staple in the region, and the planned renovations are poised to elevate it to new heights of luxury, sustainability, and accessibility.

Riobard's commitment to the Kenmare Bay Hotel has been evident since his acquisition in 2004. The hotel, initially opened in 2007 after a redevelopment phase, saw the addition of a Leisure Centre, Banqueting Suite, and an impressive 44 additional bedrooms. However, he is not resting on past laurels. Instead, he envisions a greener future for the hotel, aligning with the global shift toward sustainability.

The cornerstone of this environmentally conscious transformation lies in the incorporation of solar power, biomass fuel to reduce gas reliance and electric vehicle (EV) charging points and a more recycle friendly service throughout. This commitment to renewable energy sources reflects a commendable effort to reduce the hotel's carbon footprint and contribute to a more sustainable future. It's a step towards responsible business practices, and Kenmare Bay Hotel is poised to become a beacon of eco-friendly hospitality in the region.

The renovation plan extends beyond environmental considerations to enhance the overall guest experience. The restaurant, a focal point of the hotel's charm, is lined up for a complete redesign and refurbishment. This promises not only a visual feast but also an elevated culinary experience for visitors and locals alike.

The commitment to excellence doesn't stop there. A significant portion



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of the investment is allocated to upgrading 30 rooms to a luxurious 4-star standard, with an additional 50 rooms set to undergo similar enhancements by the following winter. The move is a testament to Kenmare Bay Hotel's dedication to providing unparalleled comfort and elegance for its guests.

Recognizing the importance of inclusivity, the refurbishment plan includes the addition of a second guest lift, ensuring easier access to the 80 renovated rooms. This thoughtful touch demonstrates a commitment to creating a welcoming environment for guests of all abilities, emphasizing Kenmare Bay Hotel's dedication to hospitality with a heart.

What makes this renovation even more commendable is Riobard's emphasis on supporting the local community. From sourcing tradespeople to materials, the project will prioritize local businesses, fostering a

sense of community and boosting the regional economy. This "think local" approach adds a unique touch to the refurbishment, making it a collaborative effort that goes beyond the walls of the hotel.

As the plan unfolds over the next 18 months, Kenmare Bay Hotel's transformation is set to become a symbol of sustainable luxury and community collaboration. Riobard Lyne's vision for the hotel is not just about bricks and mortar; it's a commitment to the environment, guest satisfaction, and the local community. Kenmare Bay Hotel is not merely renovating; it's evolving into a model of responsible, refined, and locally rooted hospitality. The journey towards a greener and grander Kenmare Bay Hotel is a journey worth celebrating for both residents and visitors alike.

KERRY HERITAGE AWARD 2023 PRESENTED TO HISTORIAN TIM HORGAN

The Kerry Heritage Award, which is presented each year by the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, has been awarded for 2023 to Kerry historian and author, Tim Horgan.

The presentation to the author of several books on the revolutionary period in Kerry was made at a special ceremony at the Rose Hotel in Tralee on Sunday afternoon.

The Kerry Heritage Award is presented annually by the Society to recognise individuals who have contributed significantly to the Society or to heritage and history in Kerry.

Speaking at the event on Sunday, the President of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, Tony Bergin said: "We are delighted to be recognising a long term Society member, Dr Tim Horgan this year. He has contributed significantly to Kerry history through his research, lectures and books on numerous topics around the War of Independence and Civil War in County Kerry."

Tim Horgan is a native of Tralee and a past pupil of CBS 'The Green' Tralee. He graduated from UCD medical school in 1986. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He works as an ophthalmologist in University Hospital Kerry.

Dr Horgan is also a historian with a specialist interest in the revolutionary period in County Kerry. He has had four books published in this field: *The Men Will Talk to Me* – Kerry interviews of Ernie O'Malley (Mercier, Cork, 2012), *Dying for The Cause* (Mercier, Cork, 2015) and *Fighting for The Cause* (Mercier, Cork, 2018) as well *The Stones Still Speak – The Patriot Graves of Killarney's New Cemetery* (2022).

Tim has recently completed a book on the influence of eye diseases on

the cultural and political history of Ireland. A member of the National Graves Association, he is involved in the care of County Kerry's patriotic monuments and graves. Tim Horgan is married to Ruth, has four children and lives in Ballymacelligott.



President of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, Tony Bergin presenting the Kerry Heritage Award to Tim Horgan at the Rose Hotel in Tralee on Sunday.



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Community College Students WIN LOCAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Community College students Tamika Heaphy and Yasmin Hassan have both won places in the Regional Heat in February in the Soroptimist International Girl's Public Speaking Competition.

The girls were up against stiff competition with students from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School and Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee.

The competition took place in the Killarney Plaza Hotel and all entrants wowed the judges with their public speaking skills.

Under the tutelage of Ms. O'Shea Tamika and Yasmin are through to the next stage in the Regionals in February. Judges on the day commended all of the girls for their speeches as judges thanked them for their entertaining and educational speeches.



Students from St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School with their teacher Mr. Stackpool and member of the Killarney Soroptimists Club.



Winners: Community College students Tamika Heaphy and Yasmin Hassan pictured with Teresa Irwin at the Public Speaking Competition.



Killarney Community College students with their teacher Ms. O'Shea and Soroptimist Club members Bridie Brosnan and Teresa Irwin.

Taking Care of Your Christmas Tree

It's a magical time of year with the Christmas Tree takes centre stage in the family home. Clonkeen Christmas Tree Farm are sharing their Christmas Tree Care and Christmas Tree Facts with readers of the Killarney Outlook this week to make sure you get as long as possible out of your fresh tree. Make sure the tree has water and you can add sugar or such to the water.

The water will need to be topped up frequently. If the tree has been cut for a number of days take a slice off the base to allow it to absorb water. Keep the tree away from all heat and heat sources. Place the tree near a door or a window and preferably where there is cooler air. Good care of the tree may result in a beautiful odour in the area where the tree is placed. It is a good idea to measure the space where the tree will be before you buy a tree. Remember trees are living things that need care.



Christmas Tree Facts

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KILLARNEY HISTORIC RALLY DRAWS THOUSANDS TO TOWN



Elaine, Orlaith, Barry and Finbarr Kirby at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally finish ramp at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Rob Duggan and Ger Conway (overall winner Modified Category) at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally finish ramp at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night. Ger dedicated the win to his late father Brendan Conway. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Leigh, Chase and Craig McCarthy at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally finish ramp at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Mary, Eric, Gemma, Luke and Chloe Nott at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally finish ramp at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Mary and Kayla O'Connell, Gneeveguilla, at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally finish ramp at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killian, Joey, Danny and Anthony Bennett, Ross, Ewan and Anthony McSweeney at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally finish ramp at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Saturday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Donal, Andrea, Jake and Cillian Horgan at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally ceremonial start at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Mike and Noreen Marshall at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally ceremonial start at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Jack, Elaine and Daniel Kelleher at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally ceremonial start at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Rachel, Diarmuid and Ruby Healy at the Killarney Towers Hotel Killarney Historic Rally ceremonial start at The Killarney Plaza Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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The 3 CHAMPIONS Alexandria Scally, Marcus O'Sullivan and Caoimhe O'Halloran pictured with dance team leader Aine Murphy

Dancers finish 2023 on a high...

Dancers from the Aine Murphy Academy of Irish Dancing brought the year to a very successful end at the recent Munster Championships which were held in the INEC at the end of November.

Following huge wins recently at the Great Britain and All-Scotland Championships the dancers continued the winning ways over 4 days of competitions.

3 dancers, Alexandria Scally Under 7, Marcus O'Sullivan Under 10 and Caoimhe O'Halloran Under 16 retained the Munster Titles they won last year in some style.

In addition to this there were 5 further dancers who made the podium in their respective age groups, Ceallaigh Fahy Murphy, Réidín Ni Laoithe, Isabelle O'Sullivan, Grace O'Sullivan and Caoimhe Cawley.

Following this competition 6 of the older dancers have qualified to dance at the World Championships which will be held in Glasgow next Easter. These dancers are Marcus & Grace O'Sullivan, Laura Cronin, Saoirse Griffin, Caoimhe Cawley and Caoimhe O'Halloran.

Further to the fabulous solo results, the Under 12 Ceili team finished in the Runners Up spot and there was super dancing from Roisin McAuliffe and Katie Heneghan.

The dancers now look forward to Christmas before the competitions start again with the All-Irelands back in the INEC in February and the World Championships in Glasgow in March.



World Qualifier Saoirse Griffin



Podium placers all Under 9
Alexandria Scally, Réidín Ni Laoithe, Isabelle O'Sullivan and Ceallaigh Fahy Murphy



Podium placer and World Qualifier
Caoimhe Cawley pictured with dance team leader Aine Murphy



8 Hand Ceili Team Under 12

NATIONAL CATERING HONOUR for University Hospital Kerry

The catering team at University Hospital Kerry is celebrating after its commitment to creating healthy menus for staff and visitors won top honours at a national ceremony.

In total, 21 healthcare facilities across Ireland, providing healthier meals for almost 18,000 health service employees, were honoured this year at the Happy Heart Healthy Eating Awards for their commitment to healthy food choices. Fifteen units, including the Tralee facility, achieved gold awards for creating a healthier food environment. Two sites received silver awards for their meal choices, while four were bronze winners. The Happy Heart Healthy Eating Awards have been running for over 25 years, and are a joint initiative of the Irish Heart Foundation and the HSE. The awards ceremony took place on November 28 at the Gibson Hotel, Dublin



Pictured at the awards are Emma Balmaine, Irish Heart Foundation, Caitriona Murphy and Margaret Horgan, University Hospital Kerry, Sarah O'Brien, HSE.



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Once upon a time in Amsterdam....

Sixth Year Students at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School visited The Netherlands recently and **Keira Geaney**, a sixth year student at the school fill readers of the Killarney Outlook in on their Leaving Cert Trip to Amsterdam

On Wednesday the 22nd of November the 6th year girls set off on their final school trip abroad. We left the school at the early hours in the morning and landed at Amsterdam airport at 9am. Our first activity was visiting the NEMO science museum. The museum had five interactive floors, each representing an area of science, technology and human existence. The NEMO Museum allowed us to explore the world of science in a fun interactive way. After this, we had the amazing opportunity to cycle around the city of Amsterdam on a guided tour. On this journey we cycled through the Vondelpark, over many bridges and canals and we got to see the beautiful architecture in the city. After a day full of exploration and excitement we had a well-needed meal in our very unique hotel on the outskirts of Amsterdam.

There was more energy within the group on Thursday morning after a good night's sleep. Our first visit was to the Anne Frank House tour. Anne lived in hiding from the Nazis for more than two years before being deported and dying in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945, aged 15. A visit to the museum was a moving experience as we relived Anne's hopes and fears growing up in World War 2. Once our tour was over, we met our coach and travelled to the Rijksmuseum. This Dutch national museum is dedicated to arts and history in Amsterdam. We got to see some of the world's most famous paintings like "The Night Watch", "Van Gogh Self Portrait" and so much more. In the evening we travelled around the canals of Amsterdam on a relaxing scenic boat tour. The journey followed a complete loop of the city, pointing out iconic highlights such as the Anne Frank House, the A'DAM Tower, the Magere Brug, century old canal houses and historic neighbourhoods. On Thursday night we discovered an open stage within the hotel and so we held a 6th year St. Brigid's talent show. This was a special memory for all students and a bonding experience which brought us all closer.

Friday was our final day in Amsterdam. Our first visit was to The Irene Hoeve Cheese & Clog Warehouse. Here we

got to embrace in the culture of the Netherlands and talk to local people of the area. We had the opportunity to try the delicious homemade cheese and see how the traditional clogs are made. Next, we made our way to the famous Amsterdam Dungeon which is a journey into 500 years of Amsterdam's horrible history. Before we prepared to set off on our journey home, we finished off the trip in Stadshart Amstelveen shopping centre which was filled with top brand shops and amazing black Friday sales. Once our shopping was over, we sadly had to make way to the airport where our trip had to end.

Many thanks to Ms. Malone, our year head, and to the other teachers who accompanied us, Ms Gilligan, Ms Daly, Ms O McCarthy, Ms Healy and Mr Roberts.



Sixth Year Students at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School who visited The Netherlands recently.

New beginnings at St. Mary's Cathedral

Continuing the wonderful tradition of St. Mary's Cathedral life-size Christmas Crib in Killarney, this week a new crib is being installed in the iconic church. Inspired by Mrs Rena Kennelly, who created the iconic Cathedral crib for over 50 years. Fr Kieran O'Brien, Administrator, Killarney Parish, commissioned the very talented Eamonn Mulvihill, to design and construct a new crib in time for the annual blessing during 6.15pm mass on Saturday 16th December. Eamonn is assisted by John O'Brien, centre, with Andrew Joy on hand to help with the installation. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Eamonn Mulvihill, creator of the new crib with John O'Brien and Fr. Kieran O'Brien. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Shock at the sudden passing of **MARY TANGNEY**

There was shock and sadness in the Beaufort Area and beyond when news broke of the tragic death, following an accident of Mary Tangney.

Mary Tangney (nee Dennehy) with her husband Eugene Tangney were from Doogara, the Black Valley, Killarney.

Her passing has caused wide spread shock in Kerry, especially for her family and neighbours in the Black Valley. Mary was very popular and much loved. A dedicated sheep and cattle Farmer, which she shared with her husband Eugene Tangney. In summertime Gene and Mary operate the famous pony-and-trap trips through the Gap of Dunloe, mainly from Kate Kearney's Cottage to Lord Brandon's Cottage. Mary was very active in the social and community life of the Black Valley and Beaufort.

Thousands attended Mary's removal on Monday evening at O'Shea's Funeral Home.

Following Requiem Mass on Tuesday at St Mary's Church, Beaufort Mary was laid to rest in Churchtown Cemetery, Beaufort.

Mary will be greatly missed by her loving husband Eugene (Genie) and her children, Karen (O'Sullivan), Patie, Niall, Eugene and Donnacha, her son-in-law Patrick, Eugene's partner Eileen, brothers Michael, Neilie, Jim and Patrick, sisters Nora, Joan and Breda, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, relatives, neighbours and a wide circle of friends.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Mary and Gene pictured with their sheep at their home in Doogara, the Black Valley, Killarney.
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Christmas Gift Fair

RETURNS TO RANGLES HOTEL THIS DECEMBER



Lynsey Lawless and Sylvia Carcagno who are displaying at the fair.

Randles Hotel are delighted to announce the return of the Christmas Gift Fair at the luxury Killarney Hotel this December. Following the overwhelming success in 2022, which saw shopper flock to the warm and cosy setting, the team at Randles expect this year to be no different as there will be a plentiful supply of suitable, affordable and unique Christmas gifts and decorations for sale.

With a central location on the Muckcross Road, access to high quality, unique exhibitors and bustling festive atmosphere, it's sure to be one of the must attend events on the Christmas in Killarney calendar once again in 2023. A festive inspired weekend is planned & includes the best of locally produced and sustainable gifts, homeware and giftable foods.

As well as complimentary entry for all, shoppers will also enjoy complimentary mulled wine on arrival, soak up the festive spirit amid the crackling log fires and wander at ease through the exhibitor stands.

The Christmas Gift Fair at Randles Hotel will run over the weekend of Saturday 16th December & Sunday 17th December 2023 inclusive.

Trading times will be 1pm - 6pm each day with up to 20 stalls ranging from Christmas decorations to jewellery, festive food and hampers to stunning prints, candles, ceramics & much more. A great event to include on your Christmas shopping list, while supporting local artisans.



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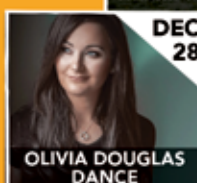
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Glenflesk u12 Girls medal presentation with David and Paudie Clifford and Ava Doherty at Glenflesk Hall on Friday last. Photo Seamus Healy



Glenflesk Girls u16 team at the medal presentation with David and Paudie Clifford and Ava Doherty at Glenflesk Hall on Friday last. Photo Seamus Healy (3)



Glenflesk Girls u14 with David and Paudie Clifford and Ava Doherty at the medal presentation at Glenflesk Hall on Friday last. Photo Seamus Healy

Christmas Comes Early at Tiernaboul National School

Students at Tiernaboul National School are once again busy rehearsing and preparing for some Christmas festivities.

A Mass will be celebrated for the whole school community on Friday, 15th December at 11:00am in Spa GAA. Afterwards, all classes will perform some festive songs and entertainment. In conjunction with the Parents Council, the school are also hosting a fundraising cake sale with lots of tasty festive treats available for purchase as well as teas and coffees and there will be a huge Christmas raffle on the day with lots of fantastic spot prizes donated by local businesses.

Principal Maria Breen has extended a warm welcome to families, extended families and all neighbours and friends in the local community to attend and enjoy this festive occasion. Ample parking is available in Spa GAA on the day.



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Join them for the Christmas party 90s-00s style to an epic line-up featuring a host of disco favourites spanning the most iconic eras, including Vengaboys, Alice DeeJay, 2 Unlimited, Mark McCabe, DJ Sash and many more, guaranteeing ticket holders six hours of nostalgic fun.

The Biggest Disco just celebrated its 5th birthday at Dublin's 3Arena last month, as fans illuminated the venue with their very own Biggest Disco light up wristbands, grooving to the iconic beats of the disco era. To make the occasion truly memorable, legendary disco figures graced the stage, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event.

Over the past 5 years, The Biggest Disco has entertained over 100,000 disco lovers nationwide with its wild disco events across the country. 1.5 tonnes of confetti has been launched into the crowds at the various events and 500 litres of flame liquid has been used - making these events the hottest tickets of the year!

Speaking about the success of the event, Dublin DJ Mark McCabe, famed for his hit dance track 'Maniac 2000,' said:

"Biggest Disco once always prove why it is one of the best events going. The production, sound and lighting is incredible and a credit to the organisers who put so much effort into making The Biggest Disco one of the best clubbing experiences."

Fans can expect an immersive experience featuring fancy dress, flash mobs, lots of confetti and many more surprises.

Ticket prices are from €56.20 (+ fees) are available from www.inec.ie

Viva la France....

at Fossa National School

Students at Fossa National School enjoyed French Day following 8 weeks of learning not only French but about the French and francophone culture and the appreciation of languages in general in our multicultural society.

The school applied for the new and welcome Language Sampler as part of the 'Say Yes to Languages' initiative in primary schools organised by PPLI post primary languages Ireland in 2021. This is the school's third year running the module.

Hélène Olivier-Courtney, the school French teacher and director of French For All Killarney School of French, covers ten schools in Kerry over the three terms. The success of the initiative relies on an all-school approach and the active involvement of class teachers, SNA and management. The whole staff in Fossa certainly helped make this new journey a special and enjoyable experience for the children as we learnt French through art, songs, games and food tasting! This year, we also organised a cat walk on our last day. Our 6th class students will have such a head start before secondary school and most importantly will have develop curiosity interest and love for the language.



Students are pictured with Hélène Olivier-Courtney, French for All outside the school on French Day



Students dress up for French Day at Fossa National School



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CALLING ALL FORMER KILLARNEY GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL STAFF

A night of nostalgia and celebration is planned for February 10th 2024 at the Great Southern Hotel on the occasion of the hotel marking 170 Years in hotel hospitality. This week Mark Scally and Michael Jacobi joined current staff for another historic photograph on the iconic steps of the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney for the launch of the Killarney GSH Evening of Celebration. Former colleagues and staff are invited to the night marking 170 years in hotel hospitality. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Great Southern Hotel's longest serving staff member Martina O'Leary and Kathleen Buiyan seated pictured with fellow staff members, Betty Doody, Blissford Barreto Aine McMahon, Kathy O'Callaghan, Brian O'Doherty, Aoibheann O'Leary and Gavin Nolan at the launch of the Killarney GSH Evening of Celebration which will take place on February 10th. Former colleagues and staff are invited to the night marking 170 years in hotel hospitality.

Christmas Videa from St. Oliver's

The staff and children of St. Oliver's have once again produced another entertaining and moving Christmas video. The cast selected from 6th class really shone during filming and they had short windows of time to do the various scenes. It was an idea by Oisin O' Connor originally, and after some creative discussions, a lovely heartwarming storyline came from Elaine Price. The video was directed by Noel O' Sullivan and produced by Oisin O' Connor. We had great help from the local community with enjoyable cameo roles played by Kate O'Leary of the Laurels, Niamh Sheahan, manager of Reidy's, Garda Gillian O'Donoghue, singer Maura Reen and former All Star Kerry goalkeeper Diarmuid Murphy. The video is accompanied by an original Christmas song written by Noel O' Sullivan, sung by fellow teacher Sinéad Flynn and school principal Colm Ó Súilleabháin. The video is released on Friday the 8th of December to launch St. Oliver's new Facebook and Instagram pages.





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Brendan Fuller meeting Mini Mouse at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.

Donal 'Dux' O'Donoghue with his little helper, on patrol soaking up the atmosphere as Santa Claus makes his second appearance in December at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Tom Leslie, left and Jonathan Harig, Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.

Soaking up the atmosphere as Santa Claus makes his second appearance in December at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.



Blossom O'Callaghan, meets O'Donoghue's white horse, at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.



Soaking up the atmosphere as Santa Claus makes his second appearance in December at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.



Bridget O'Keeffe, Chief Executive, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, on duty with the floats.



John Dineen and Fiona Carroll, Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade in Killarney town on Saturday night.

Christmas in Killarney



Derry Healy, as O'Donoghue's White Horse, in town as Santa Claus makes his second appearance in December at the Christmas in Killarney Magic Parade.





The launch of the Storied Killarney Exhibition at Killarney House.

Killarney House welcomed locals to the launch of the Storied Killarney Exhibition, a voluntary community project which brings to life eight Killarney stories.

The exhibition was officially opened by Michael Gleeson who spoke of the importance of sharing local histories and stories in Killarney and commended the storytellers for their time and creativity and wonderful work now on display in Killarney House. Pat Dawson, Diana Fawsitt and the team at Killarney House have been given their support for this community project by providing a wonderful exhibition space. They are simple stories told by Killarney people for our community, with the aim of sharing some of what they love, have learned and remember about their unique home place. Here we see them told through words, photographs, art, dance and song.

Storytellers /groups involved.

- Daisy Sugrue (11) wrote her version of the legend Tír na nÓg and

Painted Oisín and Niamh.

- Jessica McCrohan & Lauren Casey shared the story of their favourite place – Torc waterfall through words, art and dance, including Lauren's painting and a video of Jessica's performance of her own choreography in response to the waterfall.

- Killarney Creatives: Michale (mick-gale) Pingo, Rachel Griffen, Anna Dunlea, Mischa McCarthy, Ellen McSweeney and Elizabeth O' Shea explored and documented their response to Reenadinna woods through words, photographs, art and poetry.

- Stephen Cotter – introduces us to the incredible world of Moths with facts and practical protection measures. His macro photography is as good as anything you'll find in National Geographic.

- Maurice Moriarty gives us a flavour of growing up on Lower New Street in the 50's with the Demesne as their playground and his song The Fields of Cnoc na Ri takes us back in time and through the landscape and lifespan – not a dry eye in the house.

- Anna Dunlea – shows how to complete family tree research and presents some of the interesting people in her family tree.

- Brian Bowler – displays his short film script based on a local ghost story at Derrycunihy and his son Glen Bowler captures a stunning image to accompany it.

- The Men's Shed give us an idea of what happens in the Shed and introduces us to some of the people involved and the type of work undertaken along with lots of fun and banter.

There are also a group of children's micro stories, showing off their favourite Killarney spots.

The exhibition will run through to the end of January and is free to all.

Education Minister Norma Foley welcomes progress on multi-million student learner centre for the Kerry Munster Technological University.

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley has welcomed the progress being made on the new multi-million student learner centre for the Kerry Munster Technological University.

The Student Learner Centre on the North Campus in Tralee will have the potential to serve 2,000-3,000 students.

Minister Foley said: "I welcome the confirmation by my cabinet colleague Simon Harris, the Minister for Further and Higher Education, that the Student Learner Centre is progressing to the design stage." "It will be another step forward in providing state of the art facilities for

the benefit of students at this great technological university.

"I want to express my thanks to Minister Harris for his personal engagement with me on our ambition plans for the development, enhancement and growth of MTU."

"The MTU provides first class education and opportunity for students of the south west region and beyond. It is a university that is going from strength to strength, and I look forward to further development and initiatives to support the limitless ambition we have for the MTU."



Minister for Higher Education Simon Harris and Minister for Education Norma Foley pictured at MTU. Photo: Domnick Walshe: Eye Focus.

Christmas In Barraduff

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It's all things Christmas in Barraduff again this year with a number of activities planned for the festive season.

The Memory Tree will be placed outside Barraduff Church and Memory hearts will be available from O'Donoghue's Store Barraduff. €5.00 per heart & all proceeds to Barraduff Tidy Village Group. "Our memory tree is dedicated to all the beautiful souls who are no longer with us but they are always in our hearts", Diane Healy from the Barraduff Tidy Towns committee told Killarney Outlook.

Then it's time for the Barraduff Christmas Lights Switch on, which takes place on Saturday the 9th December 2023 at 7.30 pm inside the Church in Barraduff. There will be entertainment by local school children and everyone is advised to wrap up warm for this fantastic night which is a beautiful way to start your Christmas! Finally, the Barraduff Festive Fun Quiz takes place on Friday the 29th of December 2023 at 7.30 pm in John Dan's Bar Barraduff.

Has your team got what it takes to win it? Prize for best Christmas Jumper/Attire, spot prizes & you never know who may call in on the night!! No booking required, just come along on the night & support all the fantastic team at Barraduff Tidy Village Group.

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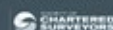


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By Dermot Cronin,
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By Michael O' Mahony

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➤RATHMORE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL FOOD APPEAL

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of December before & after the 7.30pm Mass in aid of Fr Sean Cremin's Missionary Work, your support will be greatly appreciated. These donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries help to fill hampers at Christmas for need families in our area

➤OUR ANNUAL SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION will be taken up on this weekend 9th / 10th of December at all Churches in the parish and Ballydesmond

➤SHARE THE BUCKET

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

➤CHRISTMAS SPECIAL RAMBLING HOUSE at Heritage Centre, Scartaglen, Monday 11th December 8pm. Refreshments served, all are welcome.

➤NOTES

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

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

➤FIXTURES

Beaufort senior men have bowed out of the 2023 Mid Kerry senior championship having suffered a one point defeated by Laune Rangers. That game marked the end of the 2023 playing season. Thank you to all our players of all teams, their managers, coaches, helpers and administrators for all the time and effort all through the year. They will have a deserved break for a few weeks.

➤LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €16,000 will be on Sunday, 10th December. This is also the Christmas draw with extra prizes of six hampers and bottles. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that the online lotto closes at 7pm on the night of the draw and tickets sold after 7pm are entered into the following draw. Thank you to everybody for your support of the lotto

➤OFFICIAL OPENING

The Official Opening of Beaufort G.A.A. Club All-weather surface and upgraded walking track took place on Friday, 1st December at 7pm by Kerry T.D. and Minister for Education, Norma Foley. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the event and those who helped out on the night.

The event was enhanced by the presence of all the talented musicians and Beaufort youth choir and their mentors.

The Club wish to thank everybody, including Public Representatives, Kerry GAA Officers and South Kerry Development Partnership Officers, who attended.

We wish to thank everyone who helped in any way over the last two years in the development of these two projects. These facilities will be there for



Kerry G.A.A. Chairperson, Patrick O'Sullivan speaking at the Official Opening of Beaufort G.A.A. Club All-weather surface and upgraded walking track took place on Friday, 1st December at 7pm by Kerry T.D. and Minister for Education, Norma Foley.

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➤CHRISTMAS SHOP

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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>KILCUMMIN MEMORY TREE

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>KILCUMMIN CCE CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

Kilcummin Comhaltas will be raffling three Christmas Hampers on Thursday 21st December. Entry cards are available in Kilcummin Post Office, the Village Inn and Klub Bar. Entry is €2 per line or 3 lines for €5. Please support and be in with a chance to win a fabulous hamper just in time for Christmas.

>ANNUAL PINK NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Save the Date for the Annual Pink Night Fundraiser for 'Comfort for Chemo' which will take place on Saturday 6th January in the Klub Bar, Kilcummin. More details to follow.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

>O'DONOGHUE CUP Q/F: KILCUMMIN 0-17 FIRIES 0-10

This was indeed a novel pairing as few could remember when these two sides last met in a championship game. Kilcummin may have been favourites but Firies with a lively young team driven on by the likes of

Jack Sherwood and Niall O'Donoghue took the game to the home team early on. However our lads settled and in a good fifteen minute spell opened up a six point gap and led by four at the break. Kilcummin 0-10 Firies 0-6. A feature of this half was that Kilcummin scored nine of their ten points from play spread out over seven players.

We generally had the better of the second half but wasted a lot of scoring opportunities allowing Firies to remain in contention. However with Keith O'Leary saving a goal chance, Chris O'Leary and Donal Maher outstanding in defence, Paul O'Shea dominant in midfield and Gary O'Leary and Danny Cronin shining upfront we imposed ourselves in the last ten minutes and ran out comfortable winners by seven points. We now play Legion in the semi-final this Sunday @ 2pm.

Paul O'Shea was presented by the Aquila Club "Man of the Match" after the game.

>MASTERGEEHA FC LOTTO

There was no winner on 1st December 2023 of the Jackpot for €6,400. Numbers drawn were 01,03,21,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Joe Scanlon, Ballinamanagh; Brian Cahill, Knocklebede; M.J. Lenihan c/o P.O.; Cathriona Hughes O/L. The next draw will be Friday 8th December for Jackpot of €6,600.

SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

>EAST KERRY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In the second round of the Dr. O'Donoghue Cup our men's side travelled to Kenmare where after a hard-fought battle they defeated Kenmare on a scoreline Spa 0-15 to Kenmare 2-07. We will play Dr. Crokes at 2pm this Saturday November 9th in the semi-final stage.

>SANTA COMES TO SPA

Santa will be arriving in Spa GAA clubhouse on Sunday 10th December

at 6pm but before then it's time to start preparing your letters so you can post it from our special edition North Pole post box - we look forward to welcoming everyone to Spa on Sunday

>ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHTS

A date for your diaries, our Annual Awards Night will take place Saturday 10th of February. More information to follow.

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LISTRY GAA

LOTTO

12,14,16, 25. €100 Philip O Sullivan, Listry. €50 Andrew O Sullivan. €50 Carmel and Tim. €25 Ned Moloney, Faha. €25 Ciara O Reagan, Rockfield. Jackpot Dec 10th €8,550

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Our U13 Keel/Listry Medal Presentation took place on Friday night in the Anvil Bar. Thank you to Ronan Buckley and Keith Evans for presenting the medals to the team and to the Anvil Bar for their hospitality on the night. We would like to extend our appreciation to Barry Jameson Mechanical for sponsoring the gear bags for the team. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also, a massive thank you to Catriona Murphy for the beautiful cake on the night.



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Lidl's annual festive fundraiser – the Christmas Trolley Dash has raised over €300,000 for Lidl's charity partner Jigsaw, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health. In County Kerry, Lidl customers raised over €10,000 for the charity. Photographed at Lidl's Killarney store in Kerry was Trolley Dash winner Louise Moriarty from Muckross, Killarney who managed to grab over €350 worth of goodies making for A Magical Christmas. Also in the photograph is Tom Moriarty. Photo: Don MacMonagle

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>LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 27th November 2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €6,400. The numbers drawn were : 9,18,19,28. Consolation Prizes of €50 each to 1. Helena Kelliher, Barraduff. 2. Helena Kelliher (Sellers' Prize). 3. Emma Favier, Co. Westmeath (Annual Ticket). 4. Sheila O'Donoghue, Salmon Leap, Clonkeen. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 11th December 2023. Jackpot will be €6,600. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

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>LADIES MEDAL PRESENTATION

There was huge excitement in the hall last Friday evening when Kerry greats David and Paudie Clifford and Ava Doherty arrived to present medals to our winning ladies teams. The teams were u12, u14, u16 and u17 and also a great night to honour all the brilliant coaches and helpers who give up their time. Congratulations to all the girls and thanks to David, Paudie and Ava for a great evening.

>THE MEMORY TREE

The memory tree will be placed outside Barraduff Church. Our Memory hearts will be available from O'Donoghue's Store Barraduff. €5.00 per heart & all proceeds to Barraduff Tidy Village Group. Our memory tree is dedicated to all the beautiful souls who are no longer with us but they are



Glenflesk u12 Girls medal presentation with David and Paudie Clifford and Ava Doherty at Glenflesk Hall on Friday last. Photo Seamus Healy

always in our hearts.

>BARRADUFF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

The lights switch on takes place on Saturday the 9th December 2023 at 7.30 pm inside the Church in Barraduff. Entertainment by local school children. We hope you can join us & wrap up warm! This is a fantastic night, its a beautiful way to start your Christmas, you wont want to miss it.

>BARRADUFF FESTIVE FUN QUIZ

The quiz takes place on Friday the 29th of December 2023 at 7.30 pm in John Dan's Bar Barraduff. Has your team got what it takes to win it?? Prize for best Christmas Jumper/Attire, spot prizes & you never know who may call in on the night!! No booking required, just come along on the night & support all the fantastic team at Barraduff Tidy Village Group.

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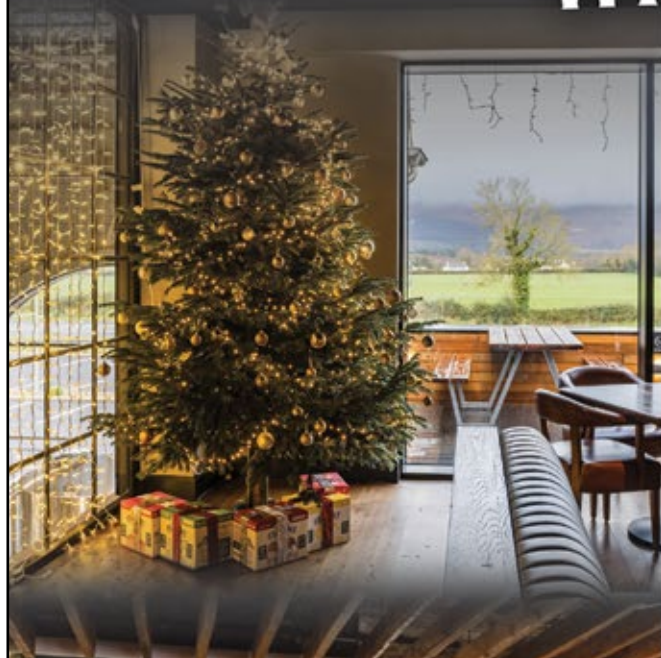
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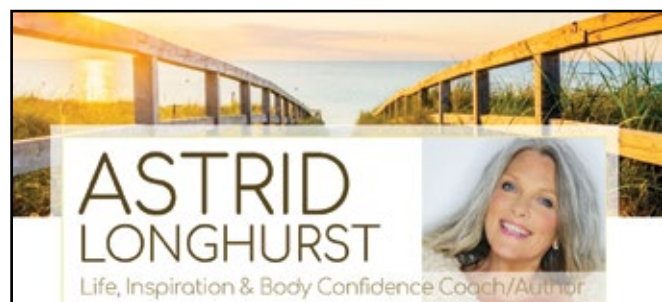



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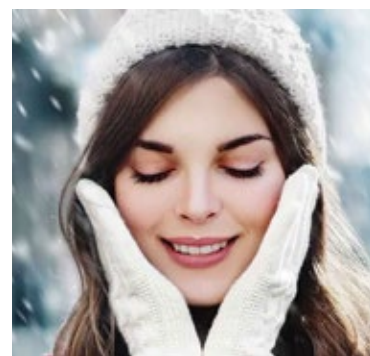
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- Keep an exercise journal. Track your daily exercise, steps etc. journaling is a great way to keep you accountable and on track
- Plan out your weekly exercise plan, days, times etc. just like a meal plan, an exercise planner can be very effective for time management and organisation.
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WHAT IS DRY EYE?

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If your eyelids are sore and red, you may also have another condition called blepharitis. Blepharitis is a condition that affects the eyelids making them sore and inflamed. If the eyelid glands become blocked, you may have a condition called meibomian gland dysfunction. It is quite common to have a combination of these conditions.

Dry eye doesn't tend to cause serious damage to the eyes, but it can be very uncomfortable. Severe cases do have a risk of causing long-term damage, but fortunately these are rare.

RISK FACTORS

Dry eye is much more common in people over the age of 50. This is often because the glands that make the normal tears, and particularly the oily part of the tears, tend to become less effective as you get older. Also the tears tend to spread across the eye less well with age.

Some general health conditions can cause dry eye as a side effect, such as autoimmune diseases and hormonal changes. The condition is also more common in windy, cold, dry and dusty conditions.

If you're concentrating on your computer or smartphone for long periods of time without a break, this may also make your eyes feel dry.

Air conditioning and central heating can make dry eye worse too, as can some medications and general health problems.

Smoking has also been linked to dry eye as it may both cause the condition and make it worse.

SYMPTOMS

People with dry eye may get some or all of the following symptoms.

- A sandy or gritty feeling
- Sore eyes
- Uncomfortable and sometimes painful eyes
- An itching or burning sensation
- Short-term blurred vision

Watery eyes, as if you are crying (having watery eyes can mean you are producing poor-quality tears and actually have dry eyes)

TREATMENT

Most cases of dry eye tend to be a long-term condition, meaning that you'll need ongoing treatment.

There are lots of different types of drops and gels that can help your eyes feel more comfortable. The best ones don't have preservatives in them, or if they do they contain very gentle preservatives, which helps to reduce irritation. They may also contain an ingredient called sodium hyaluronate, known to be very effective in treating the condition.

It's important to use the correct type of drops. The wrong drops are unlikely to cause any harm, but they won't help as much. If your drops aren't working or you're not sure which drops to use, you're a sight test can help determine the best treatment options.

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Photographed at the Ross Golf Club Seniors Hampers presentation are (l to r) Dan O'Connor, Winner, John Ivory, Captain Ross GC, Mary McCarthy.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

RESULTS

AUTUMN LEAGUE

Winner: Úna Moroney

9H RE - ENTRY

Winner: Úna Moroney

AGM took place in Arbutus Hotel followed by Christmas Dinner.

ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

RESULTS

On November 30th the Ross GC Seniors held their Christmas Hampers and Christmas Party.

We had a great turnout in good weather and course conditions. Thanks to Mary McCarthy, Mike O'Leary, Gordon and Eoin for all their hard work. A great day was had by all.

The winners were:

1st: Dan O'Connor

2nd: Colm O'Keeffe.

3rd: Brian O'Connor.

4th: Dermot O'Connor

5th: Donal Doherty.

Golfer of the year: Donal Doherty

Nearest the Pin: Mike O'Leary

Longest Drive: Donal Doherty

Best attendees of 2023: Maurice Coffey & John Joe Healy

Highest score 2023: Seamus McCarthy with 27 pts

On December 3rd we held a 12 hole single stableford competition.

The winners were:

1st: Mike J O Sullivan 28 pts

2nd: Niall O'Brien 26 pts

3rd: Ryan Scott 25 pts

4th: Peter Wickham 25pts

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

MURPHYS

A massive thank you once again to Sean Murphy and his staff headed up by John Lyne for their magnificent hospitality again at our end of year gathering in Murphys last Friday night. Thanks to all those who attended our last social event of our 50th Anniversary as we were delighted to bring the Dan O'Leary Memorial Club Person of the Year award back for the first time since 2019 with our outgoing chairman Damien Fleming honoured for his seven years of service in the role despite being based outside of the county.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Unfortunately Jack Frost put pay to our attempts to play last Sunday's Round. There are two more scheduled rounds this Sunday (December 10th) and Sunday December 17th at which the

presentation of the Christmas prizes will take place.

U16 CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Thankfully the course had thawed out enough for the U16 Christmas Hamper to go ahead later on Sunday morning. Jack Rudden was the overall winner of the event sponsored by Jason O'Connor as Ben Kelliher won the Gross. Mark Carroll was the other Hamper winner today in second as he also won the Scratch Cup for having the best Gross Second 18 of the day. Special thanks to Derry McCarthy for looking after the players with a slight unseasonal Barbeque alongside Gearoid Cronin who ran the competition itself.

CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

These are available for anyone looking for a Christmas gift. Contact Sean Kelly on 086 0508686 for further information.

ST STEPHENS DAY SCRAMBLE

This 18-hole event will take place again on Tuesday December 26th this year at 10am. The Nett winners will once again receive the Danny Nolan Memorial Cup while the Gross winners will receive the Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield.

AGM

This has been set for Monday night January 15th 2024. Further information in the coming weeks.



Members of Castlerosse Golf Club enjoying their Christmas Dinner.

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Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club U16 members pictured after Christmas Hamper event last Sunday (sponsored by Jason O'Connor). Overall Winner Jack Rudden is pictured in the front row with his Hamper with U16 Officers Gearoid Cronin and Derry McCarthy in the background



John Lyne (Murphys Bar sponsor) presenting the Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Matchplay Cup to winner Erin Moloney at the club's pre-Christmas gathering in Murphys Bar last Friday night.

The Week Through The Eye of the Lens



Staff members from Tesco pictured at their Christmas Party in Murphy's Bar at the weekend. From left: left to right, Joan Kennedy McGorrian, Tricia Dow, Julie Mccarthy, Eileen Cronin and Majella Fleming.



6th class in Fossa NS ready to send their Christmas gift boxes to children in need across Eastern Europe and Africa as part of TeamHope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.



Barry Murphy President Killarney Rotary Club (front second from left) welcoming Kenny Fisher District Governor Ireland to Killarney Rotary lunch with (front from left) Maria Murphy, Betty Fisher, Cherry O'Callaghan Secretary Killarney Rotary (second row from left) Ciara Irwin Foley, Karena McCarthy, Kevin Taylor, Anna Alcock (third row from left) Conor O'Leary, Paul Sherry, John Shanahan, James Tarrant (back row from left) Tom Leslie, Grace O'Neill, Michael Jacobi and Edmond Smith Zoner at The Great Southern, Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Barry Murphy President Killarney Rotary Club with new members of Killarney Rotary Karena McCarthy, Michael Jacobi and Conor O'Leary at The Great Southern, Killarney on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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In festive form...Grace O'Connor and Clodagh Lucey, head for the starting line in the Women's J18 2x, competing in the Men's J18 4x members of Muckross Rowing Club, Killarney, rowing in the Muckross Head of the River at the National Rowing Centre in Cork. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Under Starters Orders... Sean Tangney, left, and Sean Coffey, Muckross Rowing Club, Killarney, at the start line on a cold day at Muckross Head of the River at the National Rowing Centre in Cork. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletics Ireland National Uneven Age Cross Country Championships were held in Navan, Co. Meath last Sunday. KVAC had 3 athletes qualify for this event through Munster podium finishes, Saoirse O'Shea in U11 and Jack Culloty and Kirsten Kenny both in U15. Saoirse finished 15th in a field of 193 athletes and received a Silver Team Cross Country Medal as a scoring member of the Munster Team. In the U15's, Kirsten and Jack both finished in the top half of a huge field of 180 athletes. Only the best of the best get to Nationals, so both have had great Cross Country seasons. All information on Training Schedules are on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

MARY TANGNEY RIP

Fossa Rowing Club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Tangney and Dennehy families on the tragic passing of Mary. She was a great supporter of Fossa Rowing, at Killarney Regatta and costal regattas, and she was again supporting the club at the last regatta of this year, the Dingle All Ireland Costal Championships. Tracking all the action with the binoculars, having friendly chats and cheering on the club. She will be greatly missed. Ar dheis

Dé go raibh h'ana dílis.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

WE HAD SOME VERY COMPETITIVE GAMES IN MEN'S/LADIES LEAGUES THIS WEEK

Div1/2 ladies killarney v Castleisland 4-2

Div3 men's killarney v listowel 5-1

Div5 men's killarney v ballyheigue 2-4

Div5 ladies v annascaul 0-6

KERRY MASTERS EVENT

Well done to everyone who turned out in Pres Killarney for the Kerry Masters event. It was great to see such a good crowd turn out for the competition. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the day and had fun playing games. There were 3 sections. Division 1&2s played a team event. Division 3 played men's and ladies doubles with a mixed final and the Division 4&5s did likewise. The results were as follows:

Division 1&2 Team competition:

Winners: Sinead Galvin (Killarney), Catherine Hanrahan (Kingdom), Ruth Concannon (Kingdom) & Donnacha Moloney

R-Up: Miriam Rohan (Kingdom), Samira Hayes (Killarney), Bríd Murphy & Mike Lyne (Killarney)

Div 3 Winners: Mikey Sheehy (Tralee) & Caroline Lemass (Killarney) 22.20, 21.19

R-Up: Mike Reardon (Listowel) & Carmel Hudson (Moyvane)

Div 4 & 5 Winners: Christy Dean (Annascaul) &

Susan O'Connell (Annascaul)

R-Up: Tom Bradley (Kingdom) & Mary McNeer (Killarney)

KILLARNEY RFC

MINIS ENJOY WEST MUNSTER BLITZ

Last Saturday our Minis enjoyed a trip to O'Dowd Park in Tralee for the second West Munster Blitz against the hosts and Listowel RFC. A fab morning of rugby with our players of all ages showing off their skills in the cold weather. Thanks to Tralee for the fantastic hospitality. Training continues this Saturday at 9:45am and new players welcome. Contact Dave for details on 087-2546290.

U18 GIRLS MATCH REPORT

Killarney u18 girls came out on the wrong side of a titanic tussle away to Clonakilty at the weekend, recording their first loss in the league. A slow start cost the visitors as some poor defending saw them concede 14 points in the first 10 minutes to a well drilled and highly motivated Clonakilty team. Killarney played well once they got going with 2 tries from Ava O'Malley and one from Mary Ellen McDonnell on the board by half time bringing the score line to 22-17. Killarney dominated possession in the second half with great physicality on display from both teams. Lily Morris, Ella Guerin Crowley



Daniel Fleming, stroke, Daniel Daly, Ian Coffey and Diarmuid O'Connor, competing in the Men's J18 4x members of Muckross Rowing Club, Killarney, rowing in the Muckross Head of the River at the National Rowing Centre in Cork. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Max Coyne, Muckross Rowing Club, Killarney, waiting for his time slot in the Muckross Head of the River at the National Rowing Centre in Cork. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Killarney Rugby Club U12 girls And U12 boys who played last weekend in a blitz in Tralee.



and Emma Dunican carried tirelessly, Fia Whelan kicked well from hand and Marina Eagar put in a big shift at fullback, but ultimately the home defence held firm and a try against the run of play left the final score 29-17. These teams could well be meeting again in the knockout stages of the league and if so it will make for an interesting match. Killarney u18 girls are out again in the

League pool stage v Dolphin on 16 December. Training continues on Wednesdays at 6.30 and new players are always welcome.

RESULTS

U14 boys: Charleville 27 - 26 Killarney
U16 Girls: Killarney 46 - 24 Midleton
U16 boys: Killorglin 14 - 10 Killarney
U18 Girls: Clonakilty 29 - 17 Killarney

Seniors: Carrick-on-Suir 33 - 24 Killarney

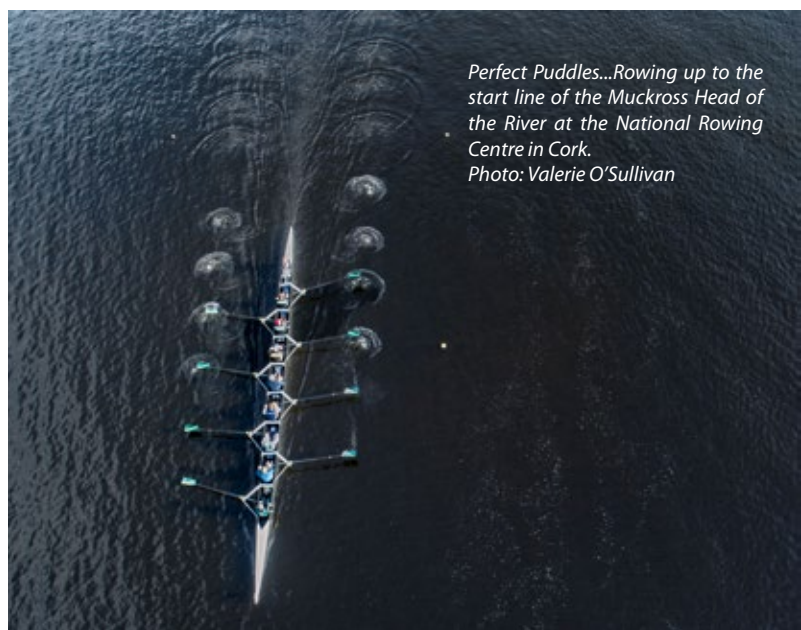
FIXTURES

U18 Boys V Bandon, Home Sat @ 11:15am
U16 Boys V Skibbereen, Home Sat @ 12pm
U14 Boys V Listowel, Home Saturday @ 2pm



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club first monthly competition of the season sponsored by O'Keeffe's Oil Rathmore were seated from left, Brendan Counihan, Neil Kavanagh, Maciej Truchan (overall winner) and John McCarthy. Standing from left are Mike Crowley, Paul Lynch, Connie Doyle, Bernice Enright, Ray O'Callaghan and Tim O'Leary. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney taking part in Kerry secondary schools competition at Killarney sports and leisure complex.



Perfect Puddles...Rowing up to the start line of the Muckross Head of the River at the National Rowing Centre in Cork.
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



MissQuote.ie Womens Basketball League
Saturday December 2nd
ALSAA Sports Centre
SWORDS THUNDER 87
UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 67

Report by Enda Walshe

All good things came to an end and so it was that Utility Trust St Pauls travelled to Dublin with their 100% record but came out of the ALSAA Sports Centre without it. They ran into a Swords Thunder side who were on top form and who looked keen and hungry to turn over the league leaders. Swords had started the season extremely well but recent defeats to Dublin rival Tolka Rovers and Templeogue had stalled their momentum. But they looked well back into the groove and on this form they will have a big say in the destination of league honours this season.

For St Pauls it was a day to forget as they found it hard to get their usual offensive fluidity going. In the opening half they had only three players on the scoresheet, were 1 for 13 from three point land and had a 36% return from the field. At no stage did they lack effort but it seemed that the harder they tried the worse it got. Days such as this happen in sport but the challenge is always to bounce back in the right manner. A date with the Cavan Eagles in Killarney next Saturday should take care of that.

The opening five minutes was an even affair with Sofia Paska, Lorraine Scanlon, Khiarica Rasheed all on target to give Pauls an early lead. Megan Howe and Peggy Black with a pair of threes alongside the forceful presence of Tia Kelly had Swords well in the game with their American duo Jensen Carretti and Jasmine Walker quiet, for now.

Leading 11-10 everything was going to plan for St Pauls but Swords hit a purple patch. Megan Connolly, Caretti, Walker and the Kellys, Tia and Kate, pushed them ahead 23-16 with Paska and Rasheed keeping Pauls in tow. Aisling O Sullivan had climbed off the bench for Swords to hit a buzzer beating three and open up a ten point advantage.

That gap was maintained in the early stages of the second quarter, Paska, Meabh Barry and Scanlon on target. It was becoming apparent though that Caretti was starting to pull the Swords strings and this coincided with a period of dominance for them. Peggy Black and Bethany Thompson both hit threes and the lead was stretched to 20, 46-26 at half time.

St Pauls started the third quarter with intent, Lynn Jones hit a three and Paska followed up with two baskets, cancelling out another Peggy Black three. Pauls were working very hard at both ends of the court but Jasmine

Walker and Black hit further threes. Rasheed hit a couple of threes of her own but the two Megans, Connolly and Howe, widened the margin again to 66-46. In a quarter where St Pauls tried their damndest they would make no impression on the lead.

Walker and Caretti were now twin thorns in St Paul's side now, scoring as they needed to, but Leah McMahon, Scanlon and Paska still didn't give up the ghost. The twenty point gap was maintained throughout the final quarter as Kate Kelly stole in for two buckets as Caretti would get her total upto to 21 points and 12 rebounds. Mary Kate Smith was now introduced to the fray for St Pauls while Rheanne O'Shea hit five quick points but Aoife O Connell helped Swords into an 87-61 lead. O Shea and Rasheed played to the final buzzer adding late scores but the winning margin mirrored the half time and third quarter time leads, twenty points. A first loss in the league for St Pauls, 87-67 but a big home game next weekend against the Cavan Eagles gives them an immediate chance to get back up and running.

Khiarica Rasheed was the games top scorer with 23 points, Sofia Paska had 18, Lorraine Scanlon 11, Rheanne O'Shea 7, Lynn Jones 3, Leah McMahon 2, Mary Kate Smith 2, Meabh Barry 1.

For Swords Thunder Jensen Caretti had 21, Peggy Black 17, Jasmine Walker 13 and Kate Kelly 9.

The Cavan Eagles game takes place in the Presentation Gym on Saturday at 4.30pm. There promises to be a family atmosphere in the Pres Gym with some festive treats, amazing raffle prizes and maybe even a visit by the man himself off court. But on court it will be a titanic tussle as St Pauls look to get back to winning ways in the best fashion possible.

InsureMyVan.ie Mens Basketball League
Saturday December 9th 7.30pm
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre
SCOTTS LAKERS VS MATER
PRIVATE MALAHIDE

Preview by Enda Walshe

With Scotts Lakers not having been in action since November 18th due to cup and rearranged fixtures it will have had the feel of a mini winter break and a period to reflect. Having played seven games they have five wins and two defeats, those both being away to SETU Carlow on opening day and the Waterford Vikings. That Vikings defeat was against the background of an injury crisis which thankfully seems to be easing. The two Marks, Sheehan and O Shea, have both returned to training and it is fair to say that Coach Brian Clarke will be pretty

pleased with their start, considering all the disruption injuries have caused.

The away win, after overtime, in UCD Marian and the performances at home to the Limerick sides the Sports Eagles and Celtics were most impressive. The summer arrivals Braden Bell and Terion Moss have really settled in, with Bell capturing the October Player of the Month gong while Moss goes about his business with great efficiency. Bell can explode into games with his accurate outside shooting and dexterity around the rim while Moss is also averaging close to ten rebounds a game, an amazing stat for a point guard. The form of the local contingent is also promising with Captain Paul Clarke enjoying his best season. Youngsters Jack O Sullivan and Eoin Carroll are contributing at both ends of the court, Jamie O Sullivan is playing better than he ever has, and the return of O Shea and Sheehan are bound to strengthen the hand. Oisín Spring and teenager Cian Forde have shown to be live options and with the next two months being pivotal it'll be a case of all hands on deck. The next challenge will be the visit of Mater Private Malahide to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre.

A tough proposition last season they have made an indifferent start to this league campaign. Having conquered Moy Tolka Rovers on day one, they surprisingly lost heavily to UCD Marian and the Drogheda Wolves. A narrower defeat to the Portlaoise Panthers kickstarted a better run of form with wins over the Killarney Cougars, Team NorthWest and Limerick Sports Eagles. BB Chuks Mady is Malahides go to man, the Canadian joining them in the summer from the UBCO Heat in his native land. He's averaging 19 points per game and he pulled down 26 boards in their recent win over the Cougars. Sean Daly captains the side and he's joined on court by his brother Cian. Dan Heaney has joined from Superleague side Eanna while Oisín Rice is well settled in his second season having previously played with the Dublin Lions. Another player on a hot streak is Matthew Harper. A prolific three point shooter, he carries the main scoring threat alongside Mady and the Lakers will have to be mindful of this duo's threat. They come to Killarney on the crest of a wave having recently qualified for the National Cup semi finals.

Last season Malahide came out on top 86-67 at home with Oisín Rice tormentor in chief. But the reality is the Lakers are a different beast now than they were in that February encounter and with an 100% home record to protect, motivation will be high to reverse that defeat. Tip off in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre is at 7.30pm.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 13,17, 24, 29. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25 - Kay O'Leary, Ballydesmond. Anne O'Donoghue, Firies. Mary Cooper Looney, Ballyhar. Conor O'Mahony, Castleisland & Jerry Kennedy, Castlegregory. Next draw for a Jackpot of €13,700 will take place on Sunday next 10th December at Henderson's Bar, Firies.

TEAMS

The club has 6 teams in action over the weekend with the U12s getting the better of Listowel Celtic B, thanks to goals from Josh Nelligan, Darragh McLaughlin, Jack Duggan & Rian Comerford. Adam Quirke did well in goal with Ciaran Ferris, Sam Myers, Eliot Lyne & Ruben O Leary Griffin leading the charge out the field. Both u13 teams suffered defeat with team 1 being defeated 0-1 by Killarney Athletic in a thrilling game with Browne, Allen, O Sullivan, Clifford, Fleming, O Connor, Bartlett & Finn in excellent form throughout the game.

Team 2 at this level visited Killorglin where the Laune sides took the points with Brian Evans on the scoresheet for Ballyhar with Eoin Cremin, Aaron Looney, Charlie Curran & Brian McMahon doing very well on the day.

The U15s had no joy in their trip to St Brendans Park. Conor Edwards on the score sheet with Kianin Cronin, Donnacha Quirke, Ryan Breen & Kevin O Shea giving it their all.

The U17s went down to MEK FC in a 8-1 defeat. Shane Doolan on the Score sheet with Sean O Sullivan, Tony Daly, Andy O Cathasaigh, Gearod Healy, Gerard Long & Luke Courtney, Marcus Clifford & Anthony Cremin giving their best on the day.

The Seniors in Premier B lost at home to Killarney Celtic B on a 1-3 scoreline. The game was scoreless at half time with Shane O'Sullivan getting the Ballyhar goal & going very close to making it 2-2. Trevor O'Shea, John Power, Dan O Shea, Danny Cronin, Ger Fitzgerald, Patrick O Connor, Mike Daly, Robert Kelly & Michael O Sullivan all having their moments during the fixture.

MEK NEWS

U12 GIRLS SOUTH

Killorglin 9 MEK Galaxy 0

A tough day for the girls. But the performances are getting better. Onwards & upwards. POTM:



MEK Galaxy Under 8 players who played in the Mastergeeha FC Blitz

Alyssa O'Connor in Goal

BOYS

Well done to our U8 players yesterday who showed fantastic skill in their blitz against Mastergeeha FC. There were 4 teams for each club of five a side and all were very evenly matched games with some excellent attacking but also great defending on show. Many thanks to the hard working coaches on both sides, a great afternoon all round. Also a mention to our U10 boys who hosted Castleisland in a blitz.

U13 DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Mastergeeha 2 MEK Galaxy 3

Another fantastic game for our U13 B side which was end to end in cold conditions at Kilbrean Park. Our MEK side took the lead with a great ball in finished well by Eoin Murphy only for Mastergeeha to break and equalise. A Carson copy of the pass for the first goal produced our 2nd with Jack Galivan finishing well. We held the lead then well into the second half and had plenty of attacks to make it three before a fine top corner finish for Mastergeeha made it 2 v 2. The pressure from our MEK side paid off as they got the winner Eoin McClure playing the ball in to create the pressure which led to the goal. A fantastic performance from the lads with the bare 11 players they worked so hard and well done to Mastergeeha again for a great and sporting game. Scorers: Jack Galivan 2 Eoin Murphy 1

KILLARNEY CELTIC

KILLARNEY CELTIC LOTTO

Monday 4th December 2023. Numbers drawn: 8, 26, 27, 28. No Jackpot Winner. No Match 3 winners. 3 Lucky Dips Receive €50.00 each. Next draw Monday 11th December 2023. Jackpot Next Week. €3,600.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER B

Ballyhar Dynamos 1-3 Killarney Celtic

John Falvey, Erin Moloney, Adam Grzesiak

0-0 at the break. Celtic started slowly in the second half but eventually took control and went 1 up with a great headed goal from a corner by John Falvey. Celtic went 2 up shortly after when Erin Maloney slotted home a penalty after being taken down in the box.

Ballyhar scored a few minutes later but Celtic showed great attitude and composure and finished strongly with an Adam Grzesiak goal assisted by Erin Maloney.

U15 PREMIER

Fenit Samphires 2-1 Killarney Celtic

Ignacy Truchan

Fenit scored twice from set pieces to lead 2-1 at half time with Ignacy Truchan getting the Celtic goal. Celtic went close to equalising on a number of occasions with Ryan Downing's strike off the crossbar being the most unlucky. Fenit were dangerous on the counter in the second half but neither side were able to add to their tally in the 2nd half.

U15 DIVISION 2

Killarney Celtic 4-2 Killarney Athletic B

Tobias Iheme, Mark Bartlett, Andrew Sheehan

The first half saw few chances with both teams working hard to cancel each other out. Tobias Iheme gave Celtic the lead with a close range finish to leave it 1-0 at the break. The 2nd half provided better entertainment. Athletic started strongly and went 2-1 up midway through the half. Tobias Iheme slotted into the bottom corner for 2-2. Good work on the right found Mark Bartlett well positioned near the penalty spot and another good finish to the corner for 3-2. Andrew Sheehan added the 4th near the final whistle.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12s who braved the cold elements on Sunday morning last in their home victory over Listowel Celtic at Murt Scott Park.



Ballyhar Dynamos u17s who were defeated by MEK FC on Sunday last in Division 1 of the Kerry District League.

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- **Small benefit** – Since January 2022, you can give employees up to two small non-cash benefits each year tax-free – such as gift cards, vouchers, memberships or tickets. They must not exceed €1,000 in total.
- **Remote working daily allowance** – Employers must now report the total number of days, amount paid and date paid.
- **Travel and subsistence** – Employers must report reimbursement of business-related travel and subsistence costs, including emergency travel and eating on site.

Pension auto-enrolment begins in Q3 2024

Auto-enrolment, the new retirement savings scheme for Irish employees, is expected to begin in the second half of 2024.

Most employees in Ireland who earn more than €20,000 without a pension scheme already will be automatically enrolled into the new system. Employees and employers will initially each pay 1.5% of gross salary into the scheme, with a state top-up. Contributions will rise over 10 years until they reach 6%.

Other payroll changes in 2024 are:

- Statutory sick leave increases from 3 days to 5 days. January 01st 2024
- Minimum Wage will increase by €1.40 to €12.70 per hour. January 01st 2024
- Parent's leave will be increased to 9 weeks from August 2024.

Board & Lodgings

If board and/or lodgings i.e., meals and/ or a place to live, is part of the minimum wage then the following amounts can be included to make up the national minimum wage rate:

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- Meals €1.01 per hour worked
- €26.70 for accommodation only per week or €3.81 per day

Increased rates from 01 January 2024:

- Meals €1.14 per hour worked
- €30.00 for accommodation only per week or €4.28 per day

Right to request flexible and remote working to be introduced into law

The right to request flexible working and the right to request flexible working under the Work Life Balance Act require a code of practice. This code of practice is currently under development at the Workplace Relations Commission. The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment has indicated that work in this regard is ongoing, with a working group meeting regularly in order to complete the code. No set date has been agreed for its finalisation. However, it is widely expected to be introduced in Q1 of 2024.

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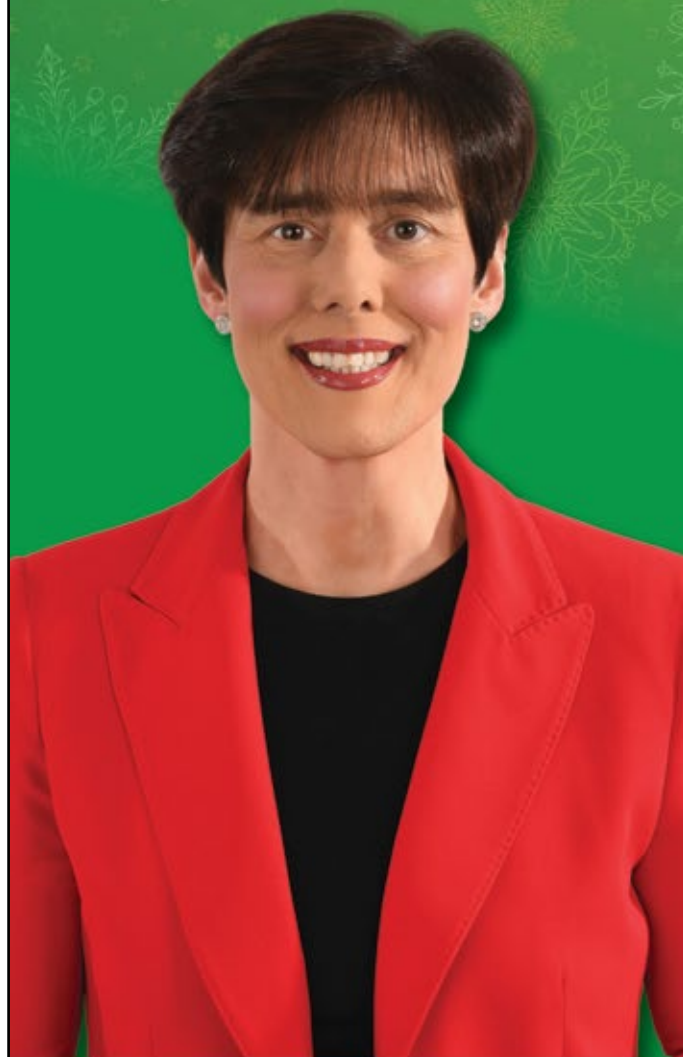
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FIANNA Fáil
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U13 PREMIER

LB Rovers 1-2 Killarney Celtic

Noah Brosnan, Cillian Scannell

Celtic U13A won away 2-1 against a strong physical and talented LB rovers in a very competitive game. First half saw both teams battling hard to take control and Celtic had the better chances and could have gone in 3 up but alas chances weren't taken. Noah Brosnan with an expertly taken penalty gave us the lead 1 up in the first half. Second half saw Celtic under pressure and LB got an equalizer midway in the second half. This spurred Celtic into more effort and the team fought their way back into the game and great passing found Cillian Scannell who slotted the ball into the bottom corner of the net. LB tried their best to grab another equalizer but Celtic defense held firm and the team took home the points.

U13 DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Killarney Celtic B 5-1 Killarney Athletic B

David Cronin, Conor Randles, Robbie Paul O'Sullivan, Josh O'Donoghue, David Ajbare

A fine display saw the U13B squad take the points against town rivals Athletic.

GIRLS

SFAI SUBWAY U16 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

Killarney Celtic 1-4 Connolly Celtic

Emma Daly

Killarney Celtic played against a very strong opposition who were fast and extremely physical. Killarney were up against it from the kick off and took a little longer than expected to settle and were punished for it. Connolly Celtic led 3-0 after 20 minutes with a deflected first goal and 2 other well worked moves. Killarney made a few changes and the Killarney girls came out firing in the 2nd half. They fought hard for every ball and had some great passages of play. Emma Daly found the back of the net and Killarney kept on pushing with a few more chances but unfortunately Connolly got a goal 2 minutes from the end to seal the win.

U15 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 6-1 Camp Juniors

Niamh Brosnan, Amelia Carroll Kelly, Ali Bowler, Sadbh O'Halloran, Lan O'Connor, Sadbh O'Brien

On a cold frosty night last week the all round performance from Killarney Celts u15 girls team was enough to warm anyone's heart. With an early goal from Amelia Carroll Kelly from an Ali Bowler cross and the 2nd goal followed shortly after the roles were reversed this time with Amelia providing a lovely cross for Ali to finish from close range for a 2:0 lead. Camp came right back into the game with a well taken goal & suddenly it was game on. A great strike from Niamh Brosnan from distance gave Celtic a 3:1 lead going in at half time. Celtic started the 2nd half the way they finished the 1st with a strike from Lan O Connor followed by a great run and finish from Sadbh O'Halloran. There were further long range strikes from Sadbh O'Brien & Amelia Carroll Kelly. Niamh Brosnan rounded the keeper to slot home for goal and cap a great night's work for the Celtic girls.

U12 GIRLS PREMIER SOUTH

Killarney Celtic 0-0 Mastergeeha

A TIGHT GAME WHERE A STRONG DEFENCE of Mastergeeha gave up very few chances. Celtic



Killarney Celtic U15B squad vs Killarney Athletic

worked hard all game but the breakthrough never came despite some fine efforts.

CONGRATS to Seán Sharma U13B who made the KSBGL Team of the Week

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

RESULTS SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER & PREVIOUS WEEK

KERRY U14 GIRLS 2 -1 LIMERICK DESMOND

NTSFL B 0 - 6 KERRY U12 BOYS

U12 GIRLS PREMIER NORTH

Listowel Celtic 2 - 0 Camp Juniors

St Brendan Park 1 -1 LB Rovers

U12 GIRLS PREMIER SOUTH

Inter Kenmare 4 - 1 Iveragh UTD

Killarney Celtic 0 - 0 Mastergeeha FC

Killorglin FC 6 -0 MEK Galaxy

U13 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Tralee Dynamos 3 - 0 Fenit Samphires

U14 GIRLS PREMIER

LB Rovers 0 - 6 St Brendans Park

Listowel Celtic 5 -1 Castleisland AFC

Dingle Bay Rovers 2 -3 Killarney Athletic

U15 GIRLS PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 8 -1 Camp Juniors

U16 GIRLS PREMIER

Mastergeeha FC 5 - 5 Camp Juniors

U16 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 3

Killarney Celtic 1 v Connolly Celtic 4

U13 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 4

Pike Rovers 0 v St. Brendan's Park 1 4

Lough Derg v Killorglin CALLED OFF

U15 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 4

Fairview Rangers 1 - 0 Mastergeeha FC

U15 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 3

St. Brendan's Park C 1 - 7 Charleville FC

Lough Derg 0 - 3 Tralee Dynamos

Breska Rovers v Inter Kenmare off

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Ballyhar Dynamos 6 - 0 Listowel Celtic B

U13 BOY'S PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 5 - 2 Iveragh UTD

Ballyhar Dynamos 0 - 1 Killarney Athletic 1

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Castleisland B 0 -4 Mastergeeha FC

LB Rovers 1-2 Killarney Celtic

St Brendans Park B 4 -0 Listowel Celtic B

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

Castleisland AFC C 3 - 0 Ferry Rangers

LB Rovers B 0 - 6 Camp Juniors

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Killorglin AFC B 7 - 1 Ballyhar Dynamos B

Mastergeeha FC B 2 -3 MEK Galaxy B

Milltown FC 9 - 3 Inter Kenmare B

Killarney Celtic B 5 - 1 Killarney Athletic B

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

St Brendans Park 7 - 1 Ballyhar Dynamos

Fenit Samphires 2- 1 Killarney Celtic

MEK Galaxy 2 - 1 Killorglin AFC

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 1

St Brendans Park B 2 - 1 Killarney Athletic

LB Rovers 4 - 8 Camp Juniors

Iveragh UTD 2 - 1 Listowel Celtic

Castleisland AFC 2 - 0 Ballyheigue AFC

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos B 0 - 2 Mastergeeha FC B

Dingle Bay Rovers 4 - 2 Iveragh UTD B

Killarney Celtic B 4 - 2 Killarney Athletic B

U16 DIVISION 1 BOYS

Killarney Celtic A 3 - 2 Mastergeeha FC B

GIRLS U-14 INTER LEAGUE MATCH

Kerry 2-1 Limerick Desmond

Kerry started brightly and had two great chances to go up within 5 minutes, a decent corner from Meabh Kennedy saw Ally Russell glance just wide. Good inter play from Evanne Mason to Sofia Rybanski fed Maja Wolska for a great long-range effort .The breakthrough came on 18 minutes when the hard running Sabhdh Dowling forced a throw in, Aoibhinn O Callaghan cleverly picked out Maja Wolska who crossed for captain Taylor Kate Leane to score . Limerick attacked but keeper Lucy Griffin and the back four held out to half time.

he second half saw Limerick come into the game for their purple patch, but it was Kerry through the introduction of the fleet footed Izzy Lyons and Leona Meaney who looked more likely to score .Limerick fought hard and with 10 minutes left equalised after a defensive mix up to level matters .Daisy O Donnell anchoring midfield along with her tenacious back four shut up shop as Clodagh Quirke commanded her area with great assurance. Kerry with 6 minutes remaining began to counterattack and seek out chances with Fleur O Neill getting the winning score with 4 minutes left.Kerry held firm and saw out a great battle against the Limerick girls. Final score Kerry 2 -1 Limerick Desmond

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Action from Killarney Legion v Fossa in the O'Donoghue Cup Quarter Finals. Photos: Maria O'Sullivan



O'DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Spa 0-15 Kenmare Shamrocks 2-7

Kenmare Shamrocks on their home ground got off to a blistering start, with Tommy Cronin and Darren Allman shooting quick-fire points and Eoghan McCarthy adding a free after good work by Micheál McCarthy. Spa started firing the engines as Michael O'Donoghue and Evan Cronin combined to tee up an impressive Mikey Moynihan for their opening score. A great burst by Dara Moynihan into the square had Kenmare in real trouble, only for Cian Tobin's fisted effort to come back off the woodwork. However, Dara Moynihan won a free converted by Evan Cronin and a good turnover by Cian Murphy saw Michael McCarthy draw Spa level, 0-3 apiece. The visitors were the livelier side at this stage, with Evan Cronin nudging them in front. Another burst of pace by Dara Moynihan saw him bear down on goal, only for his shot to go just over the crossbar. Michael McCarthy added his second point. Jimmy Lehane pulled a point back for Kenmare but in truth they were struggling to get past a Spa defence in which Eric O'Donoghue, Liam Spillane, and especially Eoin Fitzgerald were just superb. Not only was Eoin Fitzgerald beating the Kenmare forwards to possession, his driving pace and tactical nous were posing huge problems out the field as well. Spa clipped over two more points through roving link man Michael O'Donoghue and a mark from Evan Cronin after a great pass by Dan O'Donoghue. At 0-8 to 0-4 ahead, Spa looked well in control, but Micheál McCarthy did very well to gather a high ball in from Jimmy Lehane and slip off to Eoghan McCarthy for a goal that really put the cat among the pigeons. Spa had a goal chance themselves, Evan Cronin's blistering effort crashing down off the crossbar and bouncing out from the goal-line. Spa led by 0-8 to 1-4 at the break. Darragh O'Connor won a free converted by Darren Allman and the teams were level. Cian Murphy replied in kind after Liam Spillane was

fouled. Evan Cronin's goal effort was just barely wide. Gary Vaughan slotted over for Spa but a Darren Allman mark cancelled it out. Spa went on a three point burst with good scores from Evan Cronin, Michael McCarthy, and Cronin again after Liam Spillane turned over the kick-out. 0-13 to 1-6. Darren Allman pulled back another free but Mikey Moynihan replied from play. Kenmare needed something special here and got exactly that as the evergreen Stephen O'Brien deftly poked a goal chance home and suddenly it was just a one point game again. Shane Lynch gave Spa some breathing space with a score to put them two points clear but they left four chances to close the game out behind them and there was an audible gasp late on as Paul O'Connor floated a dangerous ball in, only for Eoin Fitzgerald to rise high and gather it safely.

Spa: James Devane, Eric O'Donoghue, Eoin Fitzgerald, Brian Lynch, Liam Spillane, Dan O'Donoghue, Eoin Cronin, Gary Vaughan (0-1), Michael McCarthy (0-3), Mikey Moynihan (0-2), Evan Cronin (0-5, 1f, 1m), Dara Moynihan (0-1), Cian Murphy (0-1, 1f), Cian Tobin, Michael O'Donoghue (0-1). Subs Shane Lynch 0-1, Conor Stack, Ryan O'Carroll, Michael Foley
Kenmare Shamrocks: Kieran Fitzgibbon, Conor Adams, Tommy O'Sullivan, Jamie O'Regan, Darragh O'Connor, James McCarthy, Pearse O'Brien, Tom O'Sullivan, Tommy Cronin (0-1), Darragh O'Sullivan, Stephen O'Brien (1-0), Jimmy Lehane (0-1), Eoghan McCarthy (1-1, 1f), Micheál McCarthy, Darren Allman (0-4, 2f, 1m). Subs Joe Doyle, John O'Sullivan, Paul O'Connor, Dylan Wallace

Referee: Brian Fleming (Currow)

Killarney Legion 0-16 Fossa 0-11

It was 0-3 apiece after the first quarter, with Finbarr Murphy of Legion and Emmett O'Shea of Fossa already showing their accuracy. Fossa, in the absence of the two Clifford brothers, played on the counter-attack for the most part, with Legion pressing cleverly and edging into a 0-8 to 0-4 half-time lead. It could have been

more, having left a couple of scoring chances behind them. They had already survived a stroke of luck though when a long ball from Emmett O'Shea had bounced awkwardly in the square, only to clip the wrong side of the post. Killarney Legion stretched the gap out to 0-12 to 0-6 on the restart. Fossa brought on David Clifford late in the third quarter and, unsurprisingly, he electrified the game. His first touch saw him jink past a defender and launch a rocket that would have eluded lesser keepers than Brian Kelly – as it was, Kelly needed treatment, such was the force of the shot. Paudie Clifford was soon on the field as well, sending in a high ball that David connected to with his fist, only for it to bounce over the crossbar. It didn't take long for the gap to be trimmed back to three points. Paudie Clifford was only denied a score by a fantastic defensive block. He calmly slotted the '45 and it was back to two points, the famously 'most dangerous lead in football'. Legion used their bench wisely, though, and with Finbarr Murphy continuing his shooting masterclass, managed to manage the game to the final whistle.

Killarney Legion: Brian Kelly, Peter O'Sullivan, Danny Sheahan, Rob Leen (0-1), Cian Gammell, Darragh O'Doherty (Capt) Jonathon Lyne, Jamie Alade, Pdraig Lucey, Finbarr Murphy (0-8, 5f), Darragh Lyne (0-1), Eoghan O'Sullivan (0-1), James O'Donoghue (0-1), Peter McCarthy (0-1), Ryan O'Grady (0-1). Subs David O'Sullivan 0-2 (for Jamie Alade), Will Shine (for Ryan O'Grady), Jamie O'Sullivan (for Finbarr Murphy)
Fossa: Shane O'Sullivan, Dan O'Connell, Cian McCarthy, Sam Buckley, Rian Colleran, Paddy Sheehan, Ruairi Doyle, Eoin Talbot, Matt Rennie, Harry Buckley (0-2), Killian Buckley, Cian O'Shea, Cian Doyle, Emmett O'Shea (0-5), Killian Buckley. Subs David Clifford (0-3), Paudie Clifford (0-1)

Referee: Brendan Brosnan (Glenflesk)

SEMI-FINAL DRAWS

Dr. Crokes v Spa

Saturday 9th, 2.00pm in the Fitzgerald Stadium

Kilcummin v Killarney Legion
Sunday 10th, 2.00pm in the Fitzgerald Stadium

CAMOGIE CLANMAURICE INTO ALL IRELAND FINAL

All Ireland Intermediate Semi-Final:

Clanmaurice 1-12 Galway Shamrocks 2-5

Clanmaurice have always battled against the odds and the Eddie Murphy-trained side returned to the All Ireland Final with a victory over the Connaught champions that was more comprehensive than it seemed. An early goal from Jackie Horgan after a great cross by dual star Danielle O'Leary had them on the front foot straightaway. O'Leary, named in midfield, actually did Trojan work in the corner while whirling dervish Patrice Diggin moved out to midfield and partnered Kate Lynch over an industrious hour. Kerry's half back enhanced their reputation as the standard bearers with superb all-round displays. In fairness to Shamrocks, the notched 1-1 themselves after Anne Marie Leen's opening point for Clanmaurice, Galway minor Katie O'Donoghue notching 1-1 herself. Diggin and the hugely impressive O'Donoghue swapped scores but Julianne O'Keeffe, Jackie Horgan, and the excellent Caoimhe Spillane hit three unanswered points to put Clanmaurice ahead by 1-5 to 1-2 at half-time.

Shamrocks hit the first two points of the second half to trim the gap to the minimum, but Clanmaurice took over and had a shooting star in Jackie Horgan, who picked off four points, including a couple of spectacular finishes, while Glenflesk's Kate Lynch had another. That pushed the gap out to 1-10 to 1-4 but Katie O'Donoghue wasn't bowing out easily, setting up Leah O'Halloran for another Galway goal. They pushed very hard to close the gap but Clanmaurice's defending was absolutely Trojan and they could only pick off one more point. A clinical '45 by Jackie Horgan closed out the day's scoring and ensured that it would be the Kerry champions who go forward to face Meath champions Na Fianna in Croke Park in two weeks' time.

Clanmaurice: Aoife Fitzgerald, Rachel McCarthy, Sarah Murphy, Michelle Costello, Aoife Behan, Niamh Leen, Áine O'Connor, Danielle O'Leary, Kate Lynch (0-1), Caoimhe Spillane (0-1), Laura Collins, Anne Marie Leen (0-1), Julianne O'Keeffe (0-1), Jackie Horgan (1-7, 1f, 1'45), Patrice Diggin (0-1, 1f). Sub Elaine Ryall (for Julianne O'Keeffe, 45 mins)

COLLEGES GAA

Moynihan Cup Semi-Final:

PS Sliabh Luachra 0-10

Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí 1-3

It took PS Sliabh Luachra a while to get going in Fossa in the Moynihan Cup semi-final against a game and dogged Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí back in Fossa, but a sparkling last quarter in particular saw the Rathmore school pull away convincing to book a deserved berth in the final against Tarbert Comprehensive. In fact, it was the Tralee side who had Sliabh Luachra under the cosh early on, especially after Gavin

Ó Cathasaigh picked out Gavin Ó Caoimh for a cracking goal with the very first attack of the match. Sliabh Luachra responded quickly with a David Darmody free from long range, with Darren O'Brien splitting the posts in reply. Gaelcholáiste, despite lining out without the likes of Isaac Ó Brosnocháin, Liam Ó Cúipéir, or Luc Ó Cathasaigh were able to make the early running. However, James Doyle trimmed the gap with a free and Pádraig Moynihan, who had an enormous influence on the game, drove forward for a point from centre back. The lively Gavin Ó Caoimh made it 1-2 to 0-3 in Gaelcholáiste's favour but Sliabh Luachra had a great goal chance for Seán McAuliffe whizz just barely the wrong side of the post. James Doyle closed out the first half scoring with a free after great work by Oisín O'Leary.

Half-time Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí 1-2 PS Sliabh Luachra 0-4

Darren Ó Briain opened the second half scoring to push Gaelcholáiste two points clear, but Sliabh Luachra looked a more energised side now and quickly drew level, Seán McAuliffe winning a free converted by David Darmody and then clipping over a fine score of his own. 0-6 to 1-3. Gaelcholáiste had scoring chances of their own but left three on the trot go a-begging; in a game like this that was always going to come with a price tag. David Darmody landed an absolute monster free to put his side in front for the first time

PS Sliabh Luachra: Matthew Kennedy, Ross Moriarty, Cian O'Connor, Gavin Barry, Oisín O'Leary (0-1), Pádraig Moynihan (0-1), Shane Daly (0-1), Conor Moynihan, David Darmody (0-4, 3f), Cathal Casey, John Hughes, Darragh O'Keeffe, James Doyle (0-2, 2f), Brian Murphy (0-1), Sean McAuliffe. Subs Denis O'Brien, Damien Moynihan

Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí: Micheál Ó Ficheallaigh, Ruan Ó Clumháin, Killian Ó Domhnáill, Josh Elvins, Peter Ó Dúgháill, Harry de Bhailis, Daithí Ó Súilleabháin, Brian Ó Domhnáill, Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, Billy Breathnach, Gavin Ó Caoimh (1-1), Conor Ó Luasaigh, Gavin Ó Cathasaigh, Darren Ó Briain (0-2), Marc Ó Loinsigh. Fear ionad Ruairí Ó Loinsigh

Referee: Cathal Ó Dubhda, An Ghaeltacht

DUNLOE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Tralee CBS 1-13 St. Brendans 1-10

St. Brendans surprised Frewen Cup champions Tralee CBS last year to win the Dunloe Cup with a convincing display in the Fitzgerald Stadium last year, but this time out the tables were turned completely in the semi-final in Currans as the Green booked their place in the final with a convincing win. The first half was a very tight affair, but the Sem simply couldn't live with the challengers when they put on the afterburners in the second half.

The holders actually opened the scoring, senior player Oisín Fleming clipping over a nice point. Tralee CBS took control of proceedings quickly, with Pat Brosnan already beginning to dominate midfield and Gearóid White providing a perfect attacking fulcrum on the forty. Big Ronan Carroll opened their account and Micheal Enright fired over to put them in front, with Carroll's second point making it 0-3

to 0-1 before he added a free. The Sem were winning ball but struggling to break down a resolute Tralee defence. They had two wides and another effort dropped short before a '45 was struck neatly between the posts by goalkeeper Kacper Robak to make it 0-4 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter. Gearóid White slotted a free but Ben Kelliher replied with two for the Sem to leave them just a point behind. By rights they should have levelled matters if not gone in front, but another three wides on the trot did them no favours. James Dempsey did close out the first half with two points to leave the Killarney side in front at half-time, but it was a thin enough lead for their second quarter dominance and they were always likely to rue the chances missed at that stage.

Half-time St. Brendans 0-6 Tralee CBS 0-5

Fionn Daly, probably the Sem's best player on a day when a lot of them struggled, brought the gap out to two points early in the second half. Tralee were looking sharper, though, and began to pick off their scores neatly. Gearóid White opened their second half account and won a free converted by Ronan Carroll. Ben Kelliher did notch a free in reply, but it was very much against the flow of play. The same pair picked off a point each from play and it was the Green who were in front now by two points and fully deserving. In fact, they could have scored a goal but Seán Hickey's effort was denied at close range for a fruitless '45. It didn't matter; Tralee CBS remained fully in control. Máirtín McKivergen and Ronan Carroll added further minors. Eoin O'Flaherty drove forward from midfield to slot over.

Ben Kelliher notched another free in the 52nd minute but the Sem looked more resigned than defiant even before Máirtín McKivergen hit the net. Pat Brosnan, a midfield colossus all day, closed out Tralee CBS' scoring to leave them ahead by 1-13 to 0-9. Joey McCarthy took over free-taking duties from the substituted Ben Kelliher and pulled back a point before finding the net with a late free to leave just a goal between the sides. The game was already in its dying seconds, though, and this wasn't a one score margin game. Tralee CBS will be and should be very pleased with their display, especially the likes of Fionnán Ryan, Pat Brosnan, and Gearóid White and they will surely go into the final as favourites. The Sem, meanwhile, will have to go back to the drawing board, especially in regard to finishing those first half scoring chances.

Tralee CBS: Oliver Lata, Stephen Turner, Eoin Moriarty, Brayden Pierce, Michael Enright (0-1), Fuionnán Ryan, Tadhg Ó Slatara, Pat Brosnan (0-1), Eoin O'Flaherty (0-1), Cillian Hurley, Gearóid White (0-3, 1f), Tom Quilter, Máirtín McKivergen (1-1), Ronan Carroll (0-6, 3f), Cody O'Sullivan. Subs Seán Hurley (for Cody O'Sullivan, half-time), Michael O'Sullivan (for Eoin Moriarty, half-time), Jake Rochford (for Brayden Pierce, 40 mins), Tadhg O'Connor (for Tom Quilter, 47 mins), Jamie McCarthy (for Máiretín McKivergen, 59 mins)

St. Brendans: Kacper Robak (0-1, 1'45), Henry Walsh, Seán Maher, Darragh Brosnan, Cian Mulcahy, Seán Kiely, Zack Cronin, Adam Byrne, Fionn Daly (0-1), Jack Rudden, Joey McCarthy

(1-1, 1-1f), James Kelly, James Dempsey (0-2), Oisín Fleming (0-1), Ben Kelliher (0-4, 4f). Subs Mark Carroll (for Jack Rudden, 38 mins), David McCarthy (for Darragh Brosnan, 54 mins), Liam O'Brien (for Ben Kelliher, 56 mins), Jake Dann (for James Kelly, 59 mins)

Referee: Maurice Murphy (St. Michaels/Foilmore)

BOXING

Kerry Boxer Wins World Bronze

Congratulations to Mary McDonagh of Sliabh Luachra BC, who won a light heavyweight (70kg) bronze medal in the World Junior Champions in Yerevan last Thursday. A really fantastic tournament, the first of its kind in eight years, featuring 351 boxers from 51 countries, was a very good one for the 11-strong Irish team, with Olympic Mullingar's John O'Donoghue bringing back gold in the 63kg, beating Uzbekistan's Khikmatillo Ulmasov in the final. Siofra Lawless of Four Kings, already guaranteed bronze, beat Georgia's Ana Khvedelidze to secure silver.

Mary beat Akbota Essimekova of Kazakhstan 5-0 to guarantee herself a medal. She put up a fantastic battle against Akansh Phalaswal of India but lost out on the same scoreline (27:30, 27:30, 28:29, 27:30, 27:30). Nonetheless she most definitely did herself, Sliabh Luachra BC, and all of Kerry proud.



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Morrissey Loses Celtic Heavyweight Belt

Any Kerry boxing fan has to have a bit of a soft spot for Limerick fighter Jamie Morrissey, who very narrowly scraped wins against our own Kevin Cronin last year. Truly epic bouts – and that's not looking through any green and gold tinted spectacles; they really were incredible stuff. Obviously Katie Taylor and Chantel Cameron took all the plaudits last weekend, deservedly so, but Morrissey's defence of his title on the undercard deserves mention too,

not least because professional logic dictates that Morrissey stay away from fights like that – but the likes of Morrissey, new champion Emmet Brennan, and indeed Cronin himself (and, of course, promoter Eddie Hearn) know that the boxing public want to see the best boxers fight the best boxers, and that's exactly what they provide.

Conlan Loss at Home

Michael Conlan suffered a second world title defeat in Belfast, this time losing out to Jordan Gill, having lost to Luis Antonio Lopez at the same venue last May. Conlan, who famously turned professional after an Olympic bout where he was clearly the more aggressive fighter all through, gave it everything but was always on the back foot after a second round knockdown and the Englishman always had the upper hand. Conlan is taking time to consider his future – I thought it was a bit premature, if not distasteful, of Andy Lee, who has always shown a bit of class, to post what was practically a eulogy to a fighter who hasn't made any announcements.

SUPERB MOUNTHAWK CLAIM FIRST O'SULLIVAN CUP TITLE

O'Sullivan Cup Final: Mercy Mounthawk 2-14 St. Brendans 1-11

Last year the Sem beat a surprisingly deflated Mercy Mounthawk to lift the O'Sullivan Cup before going on to claim the Corn Uí Mhuirí in style. This year the same two teams met in Kerry's colleges senior cup final, but this was a far more determined Mounthawk side and they controlled proceedings from start to finish to claim their first senior title to add to the Frewen and Dunloe Cups won by much the same players last year.

Josh Bowler had the first scoring chance of the game, but was well-blocked by Gary O'Riordan – Mounthawk's defending was superb all through. Tomás Kennedy did split the posts for Mounthawk, but outstanding referee Evan Horan called it back for a double hop in the build-up. It was left to Alex Hennigan to open the scoring with a Sem free after Josh Bowler was fouled. However, Mounthawk raced down the field from the kick-out, with Niall Collins dropping a beautifully measured ball into Noah Townsend, who hit the net with a clinical finish. Paddy Lane won and converted a free to make it 1-1 to 0-1. Alex Hennigan gathered from Luke O'Neill to score the first point from play but a foul on Jack Murphy, whose drives forward were a big problem for the Sem, saw Paddy Lane notch his second free. Alex Hennigan punished another foul on Josh Bowler with a free but the Sem's challenge was flagging and Mounthawk were beginning to open gaps all over the field. Tomás Kennedy laid off to Paddy Lane for his third point and first from play and they still led by a goal. Paddy Lane had a shot deflected, but calmly slotted the '45. Tomás Kennedy gathered another excellent pass by Niall Collins and split the posts and Collins himself made it 1-6 to 0-3. Paddy Lane, main

marksman for the Kerry minors this year, was in top form and added another free. A great interception by Jack Murphy, the jewel in an extremely good Mounthawk defence, saw Mounthawk again kick-pass straight down the field. Tomás Kennedy was stopped as he bore down on goal but Paddy Lane swooped on the loose ball to fire it over and leave Mounthawk eight points clear at the break.

Half-time: Mercy Mounthawk 1-8 St. Brendans 0-3

The Sem needed to assert themselves early in the second half to make a contest of this and rose admirably to the challenge. Alex Hennigan scored a fine point to kick-start their revival. The same marksman found Callum Cronin, whose driving shot hit the net and there was just four points between them – the Sem have climbed steeper mountains in the past. Paddy Lane pulled one back with a free but Keelan O'Shea replied from play. Mounthawk stayed calm and controlled, though, with Paddy Lane notching another two frees and Odhran Ferris pointing from play to put five points between them again. A foul on Robbie Harnett saw Callum Cronin trim the gap and another free by marksman Alex Hennigan meant that there was just a goal between them again. Luke O'Neill cut the gap back to two points – the fat was starting to sizzle in the pan now!

Once again, Mounthawk had the steely resolve to push forward, Tomás Kennedy scoring an important point. Alex Hennigan pointed again and they almost got in for a goal, with Gary O'Riordan brilliantly intercepting Josh Bowler just before he could put Alex Hennigan in with just the keeper to beat. Instead Ben Murphy, now re-positioned up front, fired over to put four points between them. With the game on the line Murphy and Lane combined, as they so often have before for club, college, and county, for Paddy Lane to cut in for a clinching goal. Luke O'Neill did hit one last defiant point for St. Brendans, but Mounthawk had done enough to seal their first major title at senior level and send out a real message of intent for later on.

Mercy Mounthawk: Michael Tansley, Gary Riordan, Oisín McGibney, James Fisher, Pádraig O'Halloran, Jack Murphy, Ben Murphy (0-1), Daniel Kirby, Cian O'Gara, Niall Collins (0-1), Odhran Ferris (0-1), Seán Corkery, Paddy Lane (1-9, 6f, 1'45), Tomás Kennedy (0-2), Noah Townsend (1-0). Subs Ben Sharp (for Seán Corkery, 48), Jake Hoare (for Noah Townsend, 57) Oran Murphy (for Cian O'Gara, 60), Kian Sheehan (for Ben Murphy, 62)

St. Brendans: Shay O'Meara, Brian O'Connor, Dara Stack, Luke Daly, Luke O'Neill (0-2), Keelan O'Shea (0-1), Adam Byrne, Jamie Moynihan, Jack O'Sullivan, Oisín Fleming, Callum Cronin (1-1, 1f), Ted O'Gorman, Pádraig O'Donoghue, Alex Hennigan (0-7, 4f), Josh Bowler. Subs Robbie Harnett (for Pádraig O'Donoghue, 26), Oran O'Neill (for Ted O'Gorman, half-time), Cian Fleming (for Brian O'Connor, half-time), Evan O'Neill (for Adam Byrne, 48) Joey McCarthy (for Oisín Fleming, 57)

Referee: Evan Horan (Glenflesk)

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KILLARNEY LEGION

O DONOGHUE CUP

Our Senior Men qualified for the final four of the blue riband East Kerry O'Donoghue Cup with a hard fought win over Fossa in Direen on Sunday afternoon. The reigning All Ireland Junior Champions lined out without the Clifford Brothers but the supporting cast battled gamely. They led by 0-3 to 0-2 after twelve minutes with Finbarr Murphy and Ryan O Grady on target. Finbarr struck the next three points and Peter McCarthy set up Rob Leen to make it 0-6 to 0-4 after 25 minutes. Finbarr added to his tally just before the break while James O Donoghue made it 0-8 to 0-4. Points from Darragh Lyne, Finbarr and Ryan O'Grady made it 0-11 to 0-6 as David and Paudie Clifford were summoned into action. They made an instant impact but points from the O Sullivans substitute David and Eoghan kept it at a four point game. Brian Kelly pulled off a top drawer save to deny David Clifford and further efforts from Finbarr, from a free, and a beauty from David O Sullivan saw the final score read 0-16 to 0-11 in the end. The draw for the semi finals were made directly after the game and it sees Dr Crokes play Spa in Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday at 2pm while we face Kilcummin at the same venue on Sunday at the same time.

MATCH DAY

The O Donoghue Cup Quarter Final game with Fossa was noteworthy as it was our first time hosting a major championship game on our new All weather pitch. The ongoing care and maintenance of the pitch meant the surface was in great nick but there was another effort that must be acknowledged off the pitch. A big thank you to everyone who helped with the stewarding, erecting of pitch fencing, car parking, selling of lotto tickets and the operating of a shop and the scoreboard. A fine example that teamwork works as well off the pitch as it does on it.

CLUB SHOP

The Club Shop is now open on request. If you need anything please do not hesitate to contact Sharon 0851605078 or Caroline 083 8915953.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our ever active Mothers & Others gang have made a great start to their Social Walking Group. The initial walk was from the GlenEagle Hotel to the Killarney Cathedral and back, a trek of approx 5km and upwards of 15 joined in. The route will change weekly and the long term hope is that in the New Year to bring this on to a starter running group for those who wish to. This is open to Killarney Legion GAA Club associates that are not with Killarney Mothers and Others Legion and would like to join us. Only two little rules. 1. Overs 18s only and 2. No pets. Keep an eye on social media each week for the meeting points and routes.

BALLYDRIEEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our neighbours in Ballydribeen Residents Association are planning towards a community playground in their area. As part of their efforts, they have teamed up with the Tesco Community fund to garner more assistance. Please keep an eye out when you're shopping in Deerpark Tesco for both the Blue Tokens and Box and lend them

any assistance you can!!

LOTTO

Results Monday November 27th. Numbers were 5, 6, 21, 25. Bonus 20. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Gavin Miller online 2. Patrick Fleming online 3. Darren O Shea 4. Damien Browne Lake Hotel 5. Mike Leahy c/o Marie Leahy

DR. CROKES

AGM

Our AGM was held on November 28th. Two new positions were filled on the night. Our Chairman, Matt O'Neill and Development Officer Der Brosnan have stepped away from their current positions. We can't thank these two men enough for the commitment and dedication they have shown to the club over the years. We wish our new Chairman, Eoin Brosnan and new Development Officer Karl McMahon the very best of luck in their new roles.

GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASSES with Kathleen have finished for this year. sessions will resume again in late January.

FR. PADDY'S CARD'S continue every Wednesday at 8pm in the clubhouse. All you need is €5 and a partner. All are Welcome.

LOTTO took place December 4th. Numbers drawn were 17,15, 26, 28 Jackpot of €6,800 was NOT WON. 3 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €135 each. Jackpot for draw on December 11th will be €7,100. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday night in St. Marys Parish Hall at 8pm. Doors open at 6:45. This week's jackpot is worth a whopping €2,600 with another €1,650 in prizes to be won in 10 games of bingo. Everyone Welcome.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

by Michael Healy

EAST KERRY O DONOGHUE CUP

Sponsored by Aquilla Club Gleneagle Hotel Group and Dr O Donoghue Family

Q/Final: Kilcummin 0 - 17 v Furies 0 - 10

Q/Final: Kenmare 2 - 07 Spa 0 - 15

Q/Final: Legion 0 - 16 v Fossa 0 - 11

Semi-Finals

Dr Crokes v Spa, Saturday 9th Dec. 2pm, Fitzgerald Stadium.

Legion v Kilcummin, Sunday 10th Dec. 2pm, Fitzgerald Stadium.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies from all in the East Kerry Board to the families of Con Reen Grange Road, Douglas, Cork, Rathmore, Kerry, and Denny Falvey Annascaul, Kerry on their recent deaths.

O DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

Killarney Legion 0 - 16 Fossa 0 - 11

Inspired by man of the match Finbarr Murphy,



Michael O Mahony presents Man of the match Paul O Shea with prize.

Legion advanced to the semi final's of the O Donoghue Cup, after getting the better of Fossa's spirited challenge, in a competitive encounter at Legion GAA ground's.

Fossa started well, with Harry Buckley giving them the lead after 2 minutes. Legion responded well, with Murphy getting his first of 7 points on the day. The teams then shared the next 4 point's. Emmett O Shea then put Fossa back ahead finishing well, after being set up by Ruairi Doyle. It was from here that Legion took control, with Murphy getting 3 point's in a row, added to by a fine score from marauding corner back Rob Leen. James O Donoghue then clipped over a beauty with his left foot. O Shea's dangerous ball in then just went past the post, leaving Legion 4 ahead at the break, and in a comfortable position.

Buckley again got Fossa off to a quick start after the break striking over from long range again. Darragh Lyne and Murphy replied for Legion, before Fossa introduced Paudie and David Clifford to the preceding's. The younger Clifford almost scored with his first touch, seeing his blast of a shot saved by Brian Kelly. He manages to score 3 point's later on, but Fossa badly needed a goal, and they couldn't manufacture that goal. Murphy's seventh point of the day, and sub David O Sullivan's classy score sealed the win.

The end of another long year for Fossa, who again performed admirably on the day. They will continue to progress in the year's to come. For Legion, a semi final against Kilcummin now awaits. A match up between 2 evenly matched team's will be expected here.

O DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

Kilcummin 0-17 Furies 0-10

Played in Kilcummin on Saturday afternoon Kilcummin ran out winners by seven points but the game was much closer than appears with only two points between the sides with ten minutes remaining. However Kilcummin, with Aquilla Club "Man of the Match" Paul O Shea controlling midfield, kicked five points to close out the game and advance to the semi-finals.

The first ten minutes was evenly matched but for the next fifteen minutes Kilcummin were in total control and opened a six points gap approaching half time. However Furies rallied leaving the score at the interval Kilcummin 0-10 Furies 0-6.

Nine of Kilcummin's scores were from play and spread over seven players while Furies looked to



Michael O Mahony presented the Man of the match award to Spa's Eoin Fitzgerald

James Horgan to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

The second half saw Kilcummin particularly wasteful allowing Furies to remain in touch, driven on by the likes of Niall O Donoghue, Jack Sherwood and James Horgan. Keith O Leary effected a fine save before Kilcummin took control in that closing ten minutes and ran out deserving winners.

Along with the aforementioned Paul O Shea Kilcummin were best served by Chris O Leary, Donal Maher, Danny Cronin and Gary O Leary.

O DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

Kenmare Shamrocks 2 – 07 Spa 0 – 15

Spa travelled to Kenmare on Sunday, eventually overcoming the home side to advance to the O Donoghue Cup Semi finals, but not without a few anxious moments.

The teams were evenly matched early with the scores level at 3 point's apiece after 10 minutes. Spa then took control with Dara Moynihan prominent. As it looked like they would go in at half time with a comfortable lead, Eoghan McCarthy goaled for the home side, leaving just a point between the sides at half time.

Spa again responded early in the second half, with Evan Cronin showing his quality with a couple of fine point's. Kenmare were resilient though, and Stephen O'Brien's goal after 23 minute's left just a point between the sides again. Brian Lynch settled Spa again with a point soon after, and they held firm to book a place against Dr Crokes in next weekend's semi finals. Afterwards East Kerry GAA assistant PRO presented thean of the match award to Spa's Eoin Fitzgerald.

KEEL GAA

KEEL GAA CHRISTMAS BONANZA

We have major plans for pitch and facilities development in 2024 where we aim to make our GAA grounds a safer place for everyone visiting. These plans will also improve the environment for players, spectators and everyone using or visiting the club. Every euro we raise in our Christmas Bonanza will be put towards these extensive plans. Tickets are now on sale in all local shops, bars as well as local sellers. Each ticket costs €10. First prize will be €1,000. There will be many more prizes on the night. The draw will take place in Murphy's Bar Boolteens on the

29th of December. Save the date! A night not to be missed. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CLÁR FUNDING APPROVAL

On Friday, we received the news that we have been granted €50,000 to go towards the relocation of the existing roadside carpark to within the grounds of the pitch. Over the past number of months our Field/Development Committee have been working tirelessly to develop a 5-year plan for our club. Everyone associated with our community are aware of the road safety issues when entering or leaving the GAA club. It's a long running concern for our club. Major draft plans have been drawn up. Our committee are still working on these plans. The first look was given to members who attended last week's AGM and we hope to have finalized plans to share with our members and community soon. We would like to thank our Field/Development Committee for an excellent application for this scheme. They are continuing to work on more schemes that could be beneficial in helping with the major works that will take place over the coming months and years. Finally, thank you to Tommy and Brendan Griffin for all their help and expertise. Our aim is to make our GAA grounds a safe place for everyone who visits.

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday 27th November. Numbers drawn: 1, 22, 23, 31 There was no winner of our jackpot of €5,100. Lucky dip winners of €50 were Noel Murphy and Donal Murphy. The jackpot will be €5, 150 for the draw on Monday the 4th of December. 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.

AGM

Keel GAA held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday last in the Keel clubrooms. Thank you to everyone who attended. A full list of officers will be posted soon.

MID KERRY FINAL

We're back in a Mid Kerry Final. Our first Mid Kerry Final since 2014. It's been a long time coming and our lads have fought hard to get there. In round 1, Keel had a 2-point victory over Glenbeigh/Glencair after extra time and on Sunday last, it took extra time to separate us from Milltown/Castlemaine. A penalty from Paul Costello is what separated the sides at the end of extra time. The final score was Keel 1-15, Milltown/Castlemaine 0-15. Congratulations to the lads and management. We hope that you will all get behind the team in the next 2 weeks. The final is set for Sunday the 17th of December where we will take on Laune Rangers. No venue and time confirmed at the time of writing.

MTU KERRY

Congratulations to Keith Evans and his MTU Kerry teammates on their Division 2 Final over DKIT after extra time last Wednesday in Portlaoise.

UNDER 13S

Our U13 Keel/Listry Medal Presentation took place on Friday night in the Anvil Bar. Thank you to Ronan Buckley and Keith Evans for presenting the medals to the team and to the Anvil Bar for

their hospitality on the night. We would like to extend our appreciation to Barry Jameson Mechanical for sponsoring the gear bags for the team. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also, a massive thank you to Catriona Murphy for the beautiful cake.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, November 27th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 5, 7, 20 and the bonus ball was 19. Lucky Dip winners were as follows: €50 - Ciaran O'Connor, Furies. €50 - Sandra Finnegan, Mallow. €25 - Emmett Spring, Castlemaine. €25 - Cliodhna Quirke, Milltown. €25 - Anthony Kelliher, Castlemaine. €25 - Trish O'Sullivan, Killarney. Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 11th at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: SEMI-FINAL RESULT

Milltown/Castlemaine's Senior campaign has concluded for the 2023 season following an extra-time defeat to Keel on Sunday afternoon in the Mid Kerry Senior Football Championship Semi-Final. After a nip and tuck opening half, Keel led 0-6 to 0-5 at half-time but Milltown/Castlemaine had a strong opening to the second half and had built up a three point lead on two separate occasions at 0-11 to 0-08 and 0-12 to 0-09, however Shane Evans won a penalty for the visitors which Paul Costello converted to the bottom corner late on and added a close range free moments later following a defensive mistake to lead 0-12 to 1-11 after 55 minutes. Milltown/Castlemaine dug deep however for the third week in a row and late points from Gavin Horan and Eanna O'Connor forced extra-time with the sides level at 1-11 to 0-14. Milltown/Castlemaine took the lead early in extra-time when Cathal Moriarty pointed but this was to be the only score the home team would manage over both halves as Keel with scores from Gavin Evans, Tommy Buckley, Shane Evans and Paul Costello steering the visitors to a three point victory on a final score of 1-15 to 0-15. Keel will now advance to the Mid Kerry Final in two weeks time where they will meet Laune Rangers. Hard luck to our players and management who gave it their all but just came up short on the day following a pulsating encounter.

CONDOLENCES

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of the late Thomas (Tom) Griffin of Croughmore, Ballyfinnane, Furies, Co. Kerry. Tom was the current Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club President and was involved in many underage, senior and junior club sides down through the years and was a very valued member of our community. He will be missed by all.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom's family and friends at this most difficult time.

Tom has a number of grandchildren that currently and previously represented the club including Ross Lally and Tomas Griffin who are members of the U15 squad and Kieran Griffin who has played at all ages for our club.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE VIDEO RACE NIGHT 2023

A video race night will be held in Griffins Bar & Restaurant Castlemaine on Friday, December 29th. Finger food will be served and tote betting will be available on the night.

The club is seeking sponsors for the individual races as well as owners for the horses. Sellers will be in touch in the coming weeks.

This is always a great post-festive season night out so we look forward to as many members from our community joining us again this year.

SCÒR NA BPÁISTÍ

A reminder that training for Scòr na bPáistí tráth na gCeist (Quiz) takes place every Friday from 4.30pm to 5.30 pm in the Clubhouse. This is open to club members in 5th and 6th class of primary school. Contact Catherine Dennehy (085 158 4456) via WhatsApp for further info.

MILLTOWN TIDY TOWNS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join Milltown Tidy Towns - We need your help. Meeting every Thursday at 6.30pm at The Old

Milltown Community Hall. This is an opportunity for local businesses, families and anyone with an interest in creating "a sense of place" in Milltown. All welcome, no experience required. Please call Therese on 089-4767279 for further information or log onto Milltown Tidy Towns Facebook page.

MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA CLOTHES RECYCLING COLLECTION

Our clothing recycling collection is now happening so we urge you to clean out your wardrobes of all unwanted clothes, sheets, blankets, towels, curtains, shoes etc and drop them to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown. This is a wonderful way of doing your bit for the environment and raising much needed funds for our club at the same time.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA club gear and merchandise is now available to buy online from both the Club Shop.

The Club Shop contains details of the large amount of branded Milltown-Castlemaine & Kerry stock we have available within the club, for immediate delivery, please use the link to check stock levels and sizes.

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ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly notes, then please contact the club's PRO Dara O'Connor on 086 268 8674 before 20:00 on

Sundays.

TEAM UPDATES

Our underage club teams are finished for the 2023 season.

For anyone New to the Area, who would like to get involved with the club, please contact Ian Twiss on 087 252 1053.

TEAM ENQUIRIES

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GENERAL ENQUIRIES


For any other queries, please send an email to our Secretary or Chairperson at the following addresses:

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1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen
The Village Inn, Kilcummin
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
Spillane's Headford
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
The Lake House Tuosist

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

Knocknagoshel & Brosna

O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel
Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel
Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna
Sportsfield Bar, Brosna

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

4th Thursday

7.00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
Larkin's Bar, Milltown
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

Last Monday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
10.00 PM

Farranfore Area

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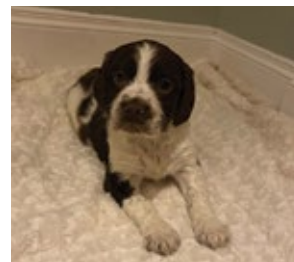
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I see many signs around saying, 'Staff Wanted - Immediate Start'. For many reasons it's hard to find staff. In Genesis the Word says that God had created the Earth and the Heavens but there was nothing growing here, because there were no people to cultivate the soil. Isn't that amazing? God needed people to partner with Him to develop the Earth. So, He made the first man - Adam. "Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the Breath of Life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person" (Genesis 2:4-7). The Breath of Life is the 'Ruach' in Hebrew which is the Word for Holy Spirit - the third Person of the Godhead. God breathed His Spirit into Adam's lifeless body, and he became alive. It is the Breath of God - His Spirit Who gives Life to everything on this earth (John 6:63). The first thing a little baby does alone at birth is breathe that first gasp of air, and then the cry - what a priceless miracle to hear! The last thing a person does alone on this earth is take that final breath and they are gone onto eternity.

Life is precious. All life is sustained by the Breath - the Spirit of God. "If God were to take back His Spirit and withdraw His Breath, all life would cease, and humanity (man) would turn again to dust" (Job 34:14-15 NLT). God demonstrates the evidence of this when Ezekiel the prophet saw a vision of a valley of dead, dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-10). God told him to prophesy to the Breath (the Spirit of God) to come and breathe upon these dry bones, and they lived and stood up on their feet - a great and mighty army. This is a prophetic vision of God's people, decimated and defeated from whatever destruction the enemy brought into their lives, but once the Spirit of God comes to breathe on them everything changes. Life flows where Holy Spirit blows! Governments are worried about the planet and the climate, but the Truth is the Spirit of God has been rejected by them, and thus mankind and this earth are merely reaping the rewards of a Spirit-less life (Galatians 6:7). However, everything is about to change - because God is Faithful and His Word will never fail (Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:23-25). God is the Author of Life. His Word releases Life when we proclaim it, and we will praise Him no matter what the circumstances, for no storm is bigger than God (Matthew 7:24-25). He is Faithful and True.

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5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**MARGARET
O'DONOVAN**



LATE OF SHRONEDRAUGH,
HEADFORD

WHO DIED ON
9TH DECEMBER 2018.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
So loved, so missed, so very dear.*

Always remembered by your husband Larry,
sons, Laurence, Harry, Richard,
daughters Margaret and Mary, your
grandchildren Eire and Morgan Óg,
Caoimhe, Aoife, Fionán, Timmy, Patrick
and extended family.

FRI DEC 8TH—FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY :

Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation with the following Masses: St Mary's Cathedral Thurs 6.15pm Vigil, Fri 8am, 10.30am & 6.15pm. Church of the Resurrection Friday 9.30am Muckross: Friday 9.30am

MEMORY TREE: The official "Switch On of the Memory Tree will take place this Tuesday. December 5th @ 7pm in Holy Cross Mercy School on New Road. We will be led in prayer by Fr. Seán Jones with festive carols by candlelight. Lights from the school or online at www.mercyholycross.ie Thank you.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - December 17th @ 7p.m in Killarney Cathedral. Join the choirs of St. Brendan's College, St. Brigids Secondary School, Killarney Community College, St. Oliver's National School, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Holy Cross Mercy School, Presentation Monastery School, Lissivigeen National School, The Killarney Harmonisers and The Cathedral Choir, for the most wonderful carol concert! By candlelight

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SHEILA FLEMING

LATE OF CLYDINE, KILCUMMIN,
KILLARNEY WHO DIED ON
3RD DECEMBER 2010.

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now our only wish is that you could have
stayed and enjoyed our lives for many
more years.*

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son-in-law David, daughter-in-law Katrin
and grandchildren.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DONAL
MURPHY

ANNAGHMORE, HEADFORD,
KILLARNEY

WHO DIED ON THE 10TH
DECEMBER 2000.

*Wrap your arms around him Lord,
Don't leave him on his own,
for it is his Anniversary
and he can't come home.
Call his name so softly
and when he looks your way,
tell him we love him
and we miss him everyday.*

Sadly missed by your wife Kathleen
and extended family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARYIN LOVING MEMORY OF
TIM CARROLL

LATE OF NOHOVALDALY,
KNOCKNAGREE/RATHMORE
AND TRALEE

WHO PASSED AWAY 11TH
DECEMBER 2022.

On this the First Anniversary of Timmy's
passing, his family would like to express
their deep appreciation to all those who
sympathised with them at the time of his
sudden passing. Thank you to all those
who attended the wake, funeral Mass and
burial especially to those who travelled
long distances to be there in poor weather
conditions, to those who sent Mass cards,
messages of sympathy, telephoned, sent
floral bouquets and wreaths.

Sincere thanks for the kindness, love and
support shown by the following: To Andrea
and all the management and staff in
Doon, Tralee. To his housemates Tommy,
Humphrey and Daniel and all his friends
and the staff of Rehabcare, Ballydribeen and
Saint John of God Kerry. We are very grateful
for the love and kindness he received over
the years and to anyone who shared a laugh
and a smile with Timmy.

Thank you to the emergency services: the
ambulance crew, an Garda Síochána and the
staff at University Hospital Kerry.

To John O'Leary, O'Leary Undertakers
Knocknagree, for your guidance and
kindness, thank you. Heartfelt thanks to Fr.
Pat O'Donnell, whose funeral Mass gave us
great comfort. To all who helped with the
wake, removal, funeral Mass and burial.
Thank you for the beautiful church music
and singing on the day and to the church
clerk.

As it is impossible to thank everyone
individually, please accept this
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*Timmy's wonderful and gentle soul will
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Timmy's First Anniversary Mass
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARYIN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL P.
O'SULLIVAN
(MICK PATIE)

RENASUP, GNEEVEGUILLA,
CO. KERRY

WHO DIED ON THE 16TH
DECEMBER 2022.

As we lovingly remember Michael on his
first anniversary, we his family, would like
to express our sincere gratitude to all those
who supported and sympathised with us
during our sad bereavement.

We would like to thank all those who called
to the house, attended the funeral and sent
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and support of our neighbours, friends, and
extended families.

We are forever indebted to the care our father
received during his time in Mowlam Nursing
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personal care by the management and staff
will never be forgotten.

Special thanks to Fr Pat O'Donnell for
celebrating the funeral Mass and to Fr
Jack Fitzgerald for offering prayers at the
graveside.

To Joan and Sheila for their beautiful singing
and music which helped make the funeral
Mass so special.

We would also like to thank Sean O'Mahony,
Funeral Director for his professionalism,
kindness, and support in organising the
funeral arrangements and taking Michael to
his final resting place in Knocknagree.

As it is impossible to thank everyone
individually, please accept this as a token of
our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation.

Always remembered and deeply missed by
his daughter Joan Marie, his son P.J.,
his son-in-law Michael, daughter-in-law Ann
and his grandchildren.

Michael's First Anniversary Mass
will be held in Christ the King Church,
Knocknagree on Saturday,
16th of December at 7.30pm

21ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DANIEL
(DAVE DAN)
CRONIN

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WHO DIED ON
21ST DECEMBER, 2002

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*There's a special kind of feeling
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There's a place somewhere
Within our hearts
That only you can own
Missing you always,*

**Dad, you are loved and remembered
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Mass for Daniel will be on Sunday, 10th
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SEAN O'SULLIVAN

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Rest in Peace.*

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You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall
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of you the favours that I need (make request). For
whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose
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Toyota Easy Personal Contract Plan is a form of hire-purchase agreement. Lending criteria, Terms and Conditions apply. A deposit of between 0% and 36% may be required and a maximum term of 37 months applies. Available on Toyota Yaris models from October 20th until 31st December 2023. Guaranteed Minimum Future Value payable if vehicle renewed or retained when agreement ends. Further charges may apply. Illustrative model shown. Finance is provided by Toyota Financial Services (Ireland) DAC trading as Toyota Financial Services is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. *Retail price excludes paint and delivery & dealer related charges.

Warning: You may have to pay charges if you pay off a hire-purchase agreement early.

Warning: If you do not meet the repayments on your hire-purchase agreement your account will go into arrears. This may affect your credit rating, which may limit your ability to access credit, a hire-purchase agreement, a consumer-hire agreement or a BNPL agreement in the future.

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