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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to the first edition of Killarney Outlook for 2025. As we look forward to the thaw following a week of plummeting temperatures, snow and ice, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's magazine.

There have been many unsung heroes over the past week, working tirelessly helping out neighbours, friends and those in need as we experienced a major weather event in the county and beyond.

There was great news for Killarney this week as the town jumped to 4th place in the IBAL Survey, ensuring a great start to the Tidy Towns 2025 campaign, Killarney National Park has produced a stunning 2025 calendar with photography by award winning photographer Valerie O'Sullivan and Kerry FC and Killarney Celtic are coming together with a pre season friendly to raise funds for the family of the late Philip O'Sullivan.

Despite attempting the walk on the Paps of Anu on two separate occasions, organisers decided to implement Plan B and a fabulous coffee morning was held at The Kerry Way, Dr. Crokes remembered a very special club member on the walk to mark Amy O'Connor's 18th Birthday and Killarney Cardiac Response Unit have launched a recruitment drive.

Kerry Ladies Football star Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh has retired from Inter County Football, Killarney Valley AC celebrated massive success in 2024 and Kilcummin claim the O'Sullivan Cup in thrilling penalty shoot out.

Hope you all stay safe and enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook.

Aisling Crosbie



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Boathouse at Rosscastle on a frosty morning from Paud O'Donoghue

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KILLARNEY HUGELY IMPACTED BY FREEZING WEATHER CONDITIONS

With the whole country experiencing a significant weather event in the past week, Kerry was one of the counties which was hugely impacted by the freezing temperatures and snow this week.

Kerry County Council crews with the help of numerous volunteers worked to treat priority routes and there were numerous pleas from emergency services not to undertake journeys unless they were essential.

University Hospital Kerry cancelled all non-urgent Outpatient and clinical appointments up to and including yesterday, Thursday 9th. HSE staff were in contact with patients with urgent appointments, such as dialysis and chemotherapy, to arrange care and all other OPD and clinical appointments cancelled, will be rescheduled as soon as possible with care for vulnerable and acute needs taking priority. Schools in the Killarney and surrounding areas remained closed during the cold spell with secondary school students taking part in online learning.

Many businesses remained closed, and those who did open, limited their opening hours.

Members of An Garda Síochána were on hand to do shopping and medical deliveries to those in need while Kerry Mountain Rescue's fleet of vehicles were busy over the last couple of days assisting members of the public in



Members of Killarney Municipal District gritting roads in Killarney.

difficulty on roads around the county along with transporting a number of health workers to hospitals and medical facilities.

In a statement on social media, the team said that there have been significant accumulations of snow on all slope aspects throughout the Reeks. Avalanche hazard is likely to be high in certain areas until thaw-freeze cycles consolidate the snow pack. The main hazard however is on the approaches to all trailheads, as lying snow and ice make driving conditions extremely dangerous over the coming days.

There were many unsung heroes over the past few days ensuring that those in need were

cared for. Many were involved in pulling cars from ditches, especially on the County Bounds which were particularly bad on the Kerry side, bringing fresh food, fuel and medical supplies to those isolated by the snow and in some cases rescuing people from their homes in jeeps and tractors.

As we are now in the thaw with things hopefully getting back to normal in the next few days, the message is from the experts to heed weather warnings and ensure that you have all supplies including food, fuel and medicine at hand in case of emergency.

Kerry Mountain Rescue Team were tasked to assist members of the public over the past week.



An Garda Síochána were on hand to help those in need. Pictured is Garda Aidan O'Mahony delivering food to people who were housebound due to the weather conditions



Snow piled up at the car park at Tesco Killarney Park

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FANTASTIC NEWS FOR KILLARNEY

There was a huge welcome for the news that Killarney jumped 10 places to rise to 4th position in the Irish Business Against Litter Survey.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook this week, Co-President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and tireless volunteer with Killarney Tidy Towns, Johnny McGuire welcomed the news.

"It's a fantastic result and we are thrilled with the news. This all comes down to the fantastic work of the Killarney Municipal District Staff and the volunteers with Killarney Tidy Towns", he said.

"This year we are going for 5 In A Row Gold Medals in the Supervalu Tidy Towns and this news will give us the momento to continue with the great work carried out in the town", he added.

"It is the ideal springboard to launch the Killarney Tidy Towns drive for 2025 and will give our unsung heroes a fantastic boost", he said.

The report, which was released earlier this week, said that a fall in plastic bottles and cans on our streets, brought about by the Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), was not enough to reduce overall litter levels in Ireland last year. That is the finding of business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL), whose latest survey of 40 towns and cities shows Killarney "cleaner than European norms", and rising to 4th position, but Tralee again "moderately littered" in 28th spot.

The An Taisce report for Killarney stated:

An excellent result for Killarney. With so many top ranking sites, there are a few which deserve a mention: Car Park at Killarney Outlet Centre, Open space, off Rock Road / St. Margaret's Road (a lovely expanse of greenery with recent planting / enhancement works) and Main Street – the latter wasn't just very good with regards to litter but is well presented and maintained. There were no heavily littered sites surveyed in Killarney.

Overall litter levels were on a par with 12



months ago. In all, 60% of the towns and cities surveyed were deemed 'clean'.

On a positive note, 2024 saw a further fall in the number of sites within cities and towns that were deemed 'litter blackspots', which suggests that local authorities were generally more effective in tackling urban dumping and in addressing sites that IBAL had previously highlighted.

The survey also revealed a near-50% fall in the prevalence of plastic bottles and cans in the 500+ sites monitored since the Deposit Return Scheme was introduced last year.

"We are definitely seeing cans and bottles disappear from our streets, which is very welcome – not only are they unsightly, but the bottles contribute to the very real problem of plastic pollution. However, it is clear from our survey that people continue to discard a wide range of litter types with flagrant disregard for their surroundings," says Conor Horgan. Sweet wrappers and fast-food wrappers were the most common litter types, ahead of plastic

bags and coffee cups, which were present in over 20% of sites.

"The DRS was one of a number of structural measures broached by the last government as part of its environmental agenda, with knock-on benefits in terms of litter. A ban on disposable vapes and a coffee cup levy were others.

"The need for such measures is evident in the stubbornly low penetration levels of refillable coffee cups and the proliferation of highly damaging vape litter, which cannot be recycled. If we are to see sustainable improvement nationwide, it is important that the incoming regime maintain the momentum on anti-litter legislation."

Killarney, which outlawed disposable coffee cups in 2023, was one of the most improved towns last year, rising from 14th in the rankings. "Given the evident success of this initiative in Killarney, it is perplexing why other towns have not yet followed suit," commented Conor Horgan.

REMINDER FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS FUNDING 2025

Kerry County Council is reminding all arts festivals and artists, community arts projects, and artist in schools' applicants that the deadline for Kerry County Council 2025 Arts funding is 1pm on 15th January.

Kerry County Council welcome applications for the Arts Act Grant, Artist Bursaries and the Youth Theatre Grant Scheme, to support arts festivals, arts events, arts groups, individual artists and youth theatres, arts events, communities, organisations and schools planning arts activity for 2025.

Individual artists looking to further develop their practice or continue their arts education are encouraged to apply for the Creative Work Development, Artist in Retreat or Further Arts Education Bursary. The Eamon Kelly Bursary is open to established artists of all disciplines, from or residing in Killarney Municipal District.

Schools are urged to collaborate with artists and make an application for the Artists in Schools Scheme This scheme is to support art projects which foster a connection between local artists, students and teachers, while enriching the school's artistic and cultural environment.

New for 2025 is for the Youth Theatre Grant which is administered in

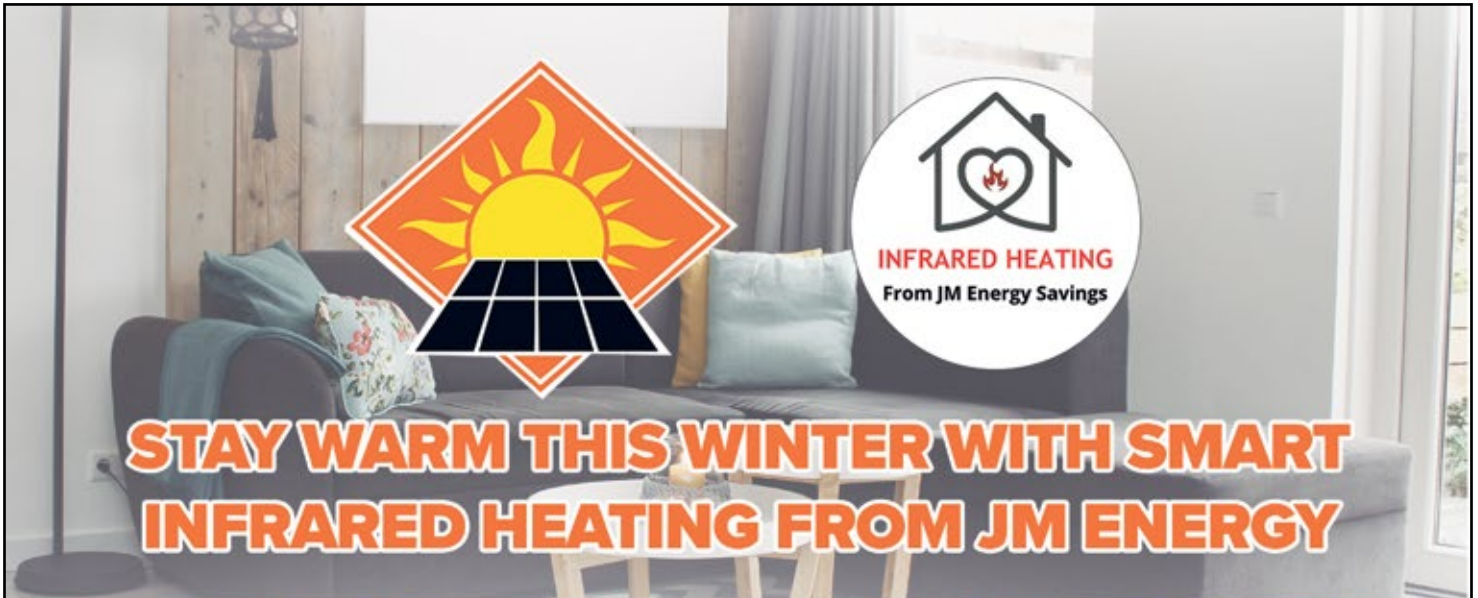
collaboration with Kerry Local Creative Youth Partnership. Not-for-profit companies and organisations with new and established youth theatres are invited to apply.

"Our Arts Grants and Bursaries support talented artists throughout Kerry. Funding the arts is an investment in our communities and culture, and we encourage arts organisations, artists, schools and youth theatres to avail of this funding opportunity", stated Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly.

Applications may be submitted via <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/> or by contacting Kerry County Council Arts Office on 066 718 3541 or email arts@kerrycoco.ie

This year the process of submitting applications is via <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/>. If people prefer applications will be accepted by email to arts@kerrycoco.ie (forms on arts.kerrycoco.ie).

The closing date for applications is 1pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025. For additional information and support visit arts.kerrycoco.ie or contact the Arts Office on 066 718 3541 or email arts@kerrycoco.ie



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Divisional Manager NPWS Eamonn Meskell remarked, "We are delighted to showcase the extensive work carried out in Killarney National Park, demonstrating the craftsmanship, conservation and restoration projects. The front cover features that lovely iconic green fixed seat boat of 5th generation Muckross Boatman, John Michael Lyne, moored at Muckross Boathouse on a frosty morning in December. October features the popular rutting season, with dates of 2025 AutumnTalks and Autumn Gathering Festival. It also features the restoration and conservation works carried out at Lord Brandon's Tower and Toll Gate Bridge, Old Weir Bridge, Muckross Lodge. Regeneration of Oak Forests, Muckross Gardens, the 19th century Greenhouse, clearance of rhododendron and the 60th anniversary of Muckross House opening to the public."

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CIARA BRINGS SCRIPTS TO LIFE

A Killarney woman is making waves as a vocal coach and is considered to be one to watch within her industry.

Ciara Payne, the daughter of Sharon and Geoff Payne, was born and raised in Southeast London before moving to Killarney at the age of nine. During the Covid19 pandemic, the voiceover world opened its doors to talent across the world, and in 2021, Ciara was one of many aspiring artists that picked up the microphone and began carving her own path. True to her resourceful nature, she began honing her craft not in a high-tech studio, but in a vocal booth she built herself.

Despite her modest beginnings, Ciara's remarkable talent and relentless drive have earned her recognition from industry giants, including Sonic's Coleen O'Shaughnessey as well as Crispin Freeman as their protégé.

A quick listen to Ciara's work reveals her exceptional ability to bring scripts to life with ease. Her mastery of various accents, impeccable clarity, and nuanced inflection make her a standout choice for both established production companies and budding creators. Ciara's impressive portfolio speaks volumes. She recently lent her voice to the highly anticipated Fallout: London project and has contributed to an array of platforms, including Amazon, YouTube, Steam, Xbox, and PlayStation with more to be announced this upcoming year. Her work has also been featured in prestigious outlets such as Forbes and the BBC.

Ciara Payne is a testament to how dedication, passion, and talent can create a lasting impact in the ever-evolving world of voiceover artistry, no matter where you're based in the world.



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The O'Shea family originally established the business in the 1950's to cater for the local farming community and the then thriving Turf fired Power station, which was located adjacent to where the business now stands.

Through the years the business developed from a grocery store to one of the leading suppliers of all things Agricultural and Building supplies in South Kerry.

The business thrived under the stewardship of Bernard O'Shea, son of Bat and Peg, until his untimely death in 2013. After Bernard's sad passing the business continued under Bat O'Shea, his able assistant John O'Shea, Aine McGill and James Moran.

In April of this year negotiations commenced between the O'Shea family and the Management team in Brownes. Bat and the O'Shea family were hopeful the ownership of the business would stay in Kerry hands and that their team and their customers would continue to get great care and consideration.

Brownes have been operating the business since September 2nd and have commenced



with a plan of upgrading the shop, warehouses, and the rebranding of the business.

When asked for comment, Brownes GM, Dennis O'Connor said he was delighted to have taken over the business, having met with Mr O'Shea and the O'Shea family, it was critical that we assured them that we would be able to look after the team and their customers, which having concluded a number of these acquisitions in the past, it is refreshing to see a

business owner put the people who were key to growing their business at the top of their criteria for making the ultimate decision.

Mr O'Connor went on to say that Brownes has always had a strong customer base in South Kerry, and we are delighted that the new addition will allow us to strengthen that position and to offer our customer base an even better service in the future.

KERRY FC AND KILLARNEY CELTIC JOIN FORCES TO RAISE FUNDS

for the family of the late Philip O'Sullivan



Kerry FC and Kerry District League side Killarney Celtic will team up for a pre-season fundraising match on Tuesday, January 14th.

The match will raise vital funds for the family of the late Philip O'Sullivan who sadly passed away while away in the UK late last year. All funds raised on the night will go to his partner Karen, daughter Alice and sons Craig & Edison. For Kerry, it will be the opening pre-season game of 2025, just days before the club faces Cobh Ramblers in the Munster Senior Cup Last 16 in Mounthawk Park. The game will take place in Celtic Park in Killarney on Tuesday

next, January 14th and kick-off is at 7:30 pm. This will be the third time in 3 seasons that Kerry FC will play in Killarney Celtic's ground and a fantastic opportunity for supporters to see Kerry FC's latest preparations for the 2025 season up close.

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It's the talk of the town...



With Anne Lucey

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

UP DEV!

I have never had much time for "Dev", as my mother would call him, before switching the radio down, whenever he came on. No one of my generation, especially in Kerry can write about De Valera without first dealing with family history. Politics was personal and passionate and it prevailed over our lives.

Young women - and men too - shuddered increasingly at the picture of the ideal woman by the founder of the State.

There was anyway a particularly dim view of Dev in our house. He had a bad start. In March 1922 the month of my mother's birth, he had delivered an inflammatory speech in Killarney about brother fighting brother. That set him in aspic.

In the schoolyard in Fossa School in the 1930s she would have to shout "Up Dev!" with everyone else. Or be surrounded and pay for it. At home in Lismongane - where Michael Collins was much lamented and the whole war of independence, Civil War and what came after it and the teaching of everything through Irish was much criticised - she would be interrogated about whether she had joined in shouting for De Valera. An only child, she couldn't win. She had enough of Dev. And we with her.

But of late and at a remove from all of it, I am wondering if in fact we should pay more attention to De Valera, this country's longest serving leader. Life taught him to measure his words. He became an advocate of peace, not war. His strict policy on neutrality now strikes me as not only adhering to a difficult principle, but long-sighted. Offering sympathy to the German ambassador on the



death of Hitler, an act for which he was much criticised at home and abroad - criticism he anticipated, paid dividends.

Just over a decade afterwards, we had the first international investment - German investment - in Killarney, and elsewhere.

I am struck by Dev's practical wisdom especially in the light of the intemperate language by our current political leaders mouthing off from the moral high ground as if they were all on a student march in the 1980s.

Now like the Skibbereen Eagle with barely a naval ship to our name, having "stood up" to the tsar of Russia, we find ourselves having to stand by and watch as massive Russian warships hover over our Atlantic cables. Trump's close friends, the Israelis, who are so strong in the IT and pharma industry, are no longer friendly.

We might do worse in 2025 than "turning" to the policies of the more reticent Dev.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

The closure of Columbanus when the new nursing unit comes on stream will most likely lead to the closure too of the local registry office, a fairly dull building which has had no investment from the HSE.

Is it time to consider the Community Hospital as a new registry and community centre? We badly need meeting places for large groups like the women's shed within the town perimeter and the old District would be ideal for weddings with lovely views etc.

The prospect of two more empty HSE owned buildings is very real. The marriage registry office, with plenty parking could also be put into the main Columbanus, Cllr Marie Moloney pointed out to me.

Now on the health forum, Marie, has been mulling over the prospect of empty buildings and is to keep it on the agenda.

"We can't afford another St Finan's," Marie said. "We need to identify uses."

St Finan's looms over the town empty and "going to wreck and ruin" and this situation is even more unacceptable if joined by other HSE owned landmark buildings, she said.

The wards in Columbanus, the old county home, are huge and would easily be converted into venues for large gatherings such as the women's shed. Besides, the stone building would be an attractive venue for civil marriages, Marie thinks.

Meanwhile, the new 130-bed community nursing unit is almost complete.

Should the council initiate public consultation? They did it for Tralee with the Denny site.

THE KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK - BIG PLANS

Three separate planning applications are now lodged by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for Killarney.

A new education centre on a six-acre site centring on 19th century converted stables opposite Torc Waterfall is planned.

The raised cycle and walkway platform involving viewing points over the middle lake to run for close to one km between Dinis and Torc along the N71 is also before the local authority.

And there is a third proposal by the NPWS for the change of use of the Friars' Glen guesthouse on the Mangerton Road - which apparently has been bought by either the NPWS or the Trustees - to an administrative building.

The Torc education centre plans is for 'a fully immersive' education centre where students will be ferried by minibus to and from Killarney town, 7 kms away.

This follows the decision by the NPWS to close the park's only education center run in conjunction with the Kerry Education Service at Knockreer House in the Demesne.

The new centre will promote a "hands on" approach for primary, post-primary schools and third level institutions.

Kerry County Council planners have queried the need for the

relocation from Knockreer in pre-planning meetings.

Meanwhile, I would not be putting money on the success of the 915m long x 3m wide raised platform walkway and cycleway from Dinis car park to Torc. The application, lodged a year ago, and still only being finalised, would provide a safe cycle and walk path parallel to the N71 road.

136,000 cyclists and walkers used the N71 section in 2023. However, environmental consultant Peter Sweetman is strongly objecting.

The site is a special area of conservation (SAC) and the development will involve bringing tonnes of steel, concrete, precast concrete slabs and other materials into a sensitive area, Mr Sweetman said. If such a walkway is given the go ahead, "then anything can be built on an SAC", he told me. He is preparing to go to Bord Pleanala and to take a judicial review if necessary.

Friars Glen is set to become an administrative building



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PLAN B worked a treat !

When the weather hampered the charity walk on the Paps of Anú for a second time! Don O'Leary, Proprietor of the Kerry Way Inn, Glenflesk, very kindly stepped in and hosted a coffee morning, to raise necessary funds for Killarney Water Rescue, the chosen charity - a voluntary team of dedicated people, whose mission is to respond, support and assist in search and rescue on a 24/7/365 basis. Each water rescue specialised suit costs a minimum of €2K!

The large gathering of people were treated to home-baked scones =, tea and coffee. Glenflesk's finest musicians and singers generously gave their incredible time and sang their hearts out. Included: Derry Healy and 'the solstice band' - Rosie Healy, Denis O'Sullivan, Paud O'Donoghue, Batty (skips) O'Sullivan, Michael McGillicuddy, and Vera Healy-Lehane.

Claire Tangney of Killarney Water Rescue, along with members present at the coffee morning, Michael Lyne, Donal 'Dux' O'Donoghue, Dennis Earlie, Des Teahan gave a provisional sum of €1548.35 with more money pledged. Kieran Caulfield, Chairman of Killarney Water Rescue, said "We are absolutely delighted to be chosen as this year's charity, new equipment and training are key to us providing a service and availability 24/7. It is important for us as a team to raise awareness of the unpredictability of water. This amazing donation will go towards new equipment for the team. We are so grateful to the organisers of the walk, Derry Healy, Donie Mulcahy and Valerie O'Sullivan, and the generosity of the staff of the Kerry Way Inn and to every person who came to support us at the fundraiser. Thank you"

The organisers hope to celebrate the Paps of Anú, Summer Solstice festival in June 2025, details to follow:



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Elizabethy McMahan, Noah Switzer and Damien Switzer at the coffee morning hosted by the Kerry Way Inn, Glenflesk, to raise necessary funds for Killarney Water Rescue Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Paud O'Donoghue, Michael McGillicuddy, Rosie and Derry Healy, Denis O'Sullivan at the coffee morning hosted by the Kerry Way Inn, Glenflesk, to raise necessary funds for Killarney Water Rescue Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Donal 'Dux' O'Donoghue, Alan Moynihan, Mary O'Sullivan and Denis O'Sullivan at the coffee morning hosted by the Kerry Way Inn, Glenflesk, to raise necessary funds for Killarney Water Rescue Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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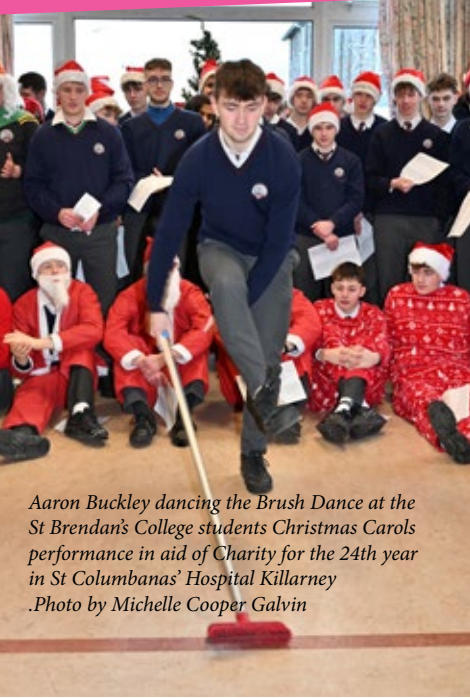
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Aaron Buckley dancing the Brush Dance at the St Brendan's College students Christmas Carols performance in aid of Charity for the 24th year in St Columbanas' Hospital Killarney .Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Participants at the Killarney Goal Mile at Deenagh Lodge on Christmas morning. The annual fundraiser raised €1,162.50 for Goal's humanitarian aid program in Sudan and a further €1,162.50 for the Kerry - Cork Healthcare Bus Service.



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St Brendan's College students performing Christmas Carols in aid of Charity for the 24th year under the guidance of teacher Paul Barden at St Columbanas' Hospital and Market Cross Killarney Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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Pierce O'Regan with his Dr. Crokes snowman ahead of the All Ireland Club Championship Semi Final.



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Leah McMahon with her Dr. Crokes Snowman



A range of new Accessible Equipment available at Kerry Libraries was launched by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald today - Using one of the new reading aids is Brenda Hughes from the Older Peoples Council. Photo By : Dommick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Donal, Marie, Callum, Tadhg and Ellie Brosnan with their Dr. Crokes Snowman ahead of the All Ireland Club Championship Semi Final.

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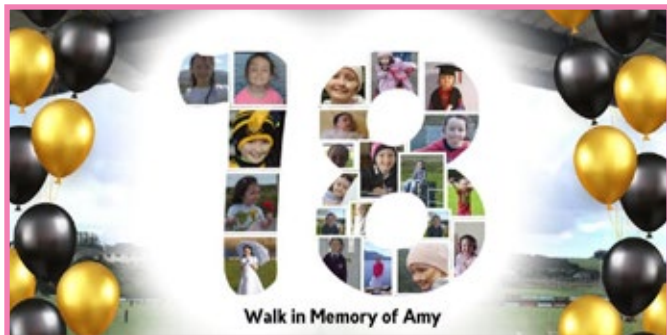


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Around 150 members of Dr. Crokes turned out on January 4th on a walk to remember their wonderful clubmate Amy O'Connor on what would have been her 18th birthday. After a short prayer from Fr. Paddy and some well-chosen words from Triona, Amy's mum they headed for the the Desmesne and back to the clubhouse for a cuppa and a chat.

Dr. Crokes Remember Amy on her 18th Birthday



Amy's parents Triona and Brendan O'Connor pictured with their fellow Dr. Crokes club members on the walk in memory of their daughter.

The club members make their way down Rock Road on route to the Demesne for the walk to honour Amy O'Connor on her 18th Birthday.



The club members make their way along the River Walk in the Demesne for the walk to honour Amy O'Connor on her 18th Birthday.

The Search is on for the 2025 ROSE OF TRALEE!

The search is beginning once again for young Irish women across Ireland and the world to stand up and show pride in their communities and send in their entries to become Roses! From New Zealand to Kilkenny; Kerry to Dublin – Roses and Rose Escorts gathered at St Stephen's Green in Dublin to officially launch the search for the 2025 International Rose of Tralee and Rose Escort of the Year; With Rose Selections taking place across 34 Rose Centres nationally and worldwide this year; the 2024 Rose of Tralee Keely O'Grady and 2024 Rose Escort of the Year Barry Lysaght launched the search



Pictured Keely O'Grady with escorts, from left, Colin Palmer, Andrew McCann, Darragh McPolin, Niall Devlin, Matty McKeogh and Barry Lysaght. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

all that is on offer across the five-day event; and more than 20 million views of last year's Festival on Rose of Tralee social media.; There is always a warm welcome for all of the Roses and Rose escorts at The Meadowlands Hotel in Tralee – the official 'Home of the Roses' where fans come and celebrate in the opportunity to meet the Roses each night during the festivities. And of course; the 2025 Rose of Tralee will drive away in a beautiful KIA Ireland car to help her fulfil her role as she travels through the country on official rose business! Now; as we prepare to do it all again in 2025; the search has begun at home and

for the 2025 Rose of Tralee International Festival and encouraged young Irish men and women to get online and start applying now to be in with a chance of taking part!; Application forms and a full list of Rose Selection events are now available online at www.roseoftralee.ie; Ireland's flagship family festival; the Rose of Tralee International Festival continues to grow in popularity with more than 100; 000 visitors annually enjoying

abroad to find this year's Roses and Rose Escorts.; International Rose of Tralee Keely O'Grady encouraged anyone interested in taking part to join her this year; "Taking part in the Rose of Tralee International Festival has truly been a life-changing experience. The one thing I can say to any young woman interested is 'go for it and apply!'

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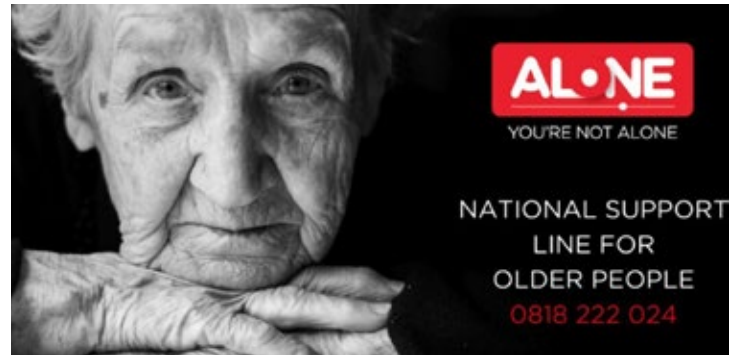
is asking older people across Ireland to seek any support they need during the cold snap

ALONE, who support thousands of older people across the whole country are monitoring the weather very closely and are checking with older people they support across all areas. Met Eireann have issued a yellow weather warning for the whole country as temperatures are set to plummet to -3 degrees or lower in many areas with the middle of the country being the most severely impacted and upgraded to an orange warning from Saturday.

The organisation, that enables people to age at home, is asking older people across the country to look for support they may need and for others be aware of older people in their communities who may be challenged, or more isolated because of the cold snap. Cold weather events cause excess winter deaths, so it is a public health issue to all of us to be aware of. Slips, trips and falls in over 75s can have serious even fatal consequences, with an average of 20% of older people dying within a year of a hip fracture. Cold snaps also result in increased amounts of lung infections weeks afterwards. We want older people to get the support they require.

ALONE is recommending older people to:

- Keep the heating on in their home, especially in the rooms that they



use the most.

- Eat and drink hot food and beverages to stay warm, perhaps even using the microwave if there is a concern around energy efficiency.
- Wear more than one layer of clothing to stay warm.
- Avoid making journeys that involve going outdoors particularly in counties affected by the snow-ice warning.
- If using an electric blanket, check for signs of wear and tear – if the blanket is old and damaged, do not use it under any circumstances.
- Keep in touch with friends and family to let them know if you need any practical support such as picking up fuel, medicines and groceries.

Contact ALONE on 0818 222 024 if you have concerns about your own wellbeing, or the wellbeing of an older person in the community. Further information, including advice and tips for older people in extreme weather conditions, can be found on www.alone.ie.

O'Callaghan Coaches Honour Michael Moynihan



The Moynihan Family celebrates Mike's Hall Of Fame Award

The honour of being inducted into O'Callaghan Coaches company Hall of Fame was bestowed on Michael Moynihan at the O'Callaghan Coaches annual company Christmas party at Kate Kearney's Cottage on December 21st 2024. He now joins the esteemed ranks of our founders, James & Lena O'Callaghan and Denis Lynch—a testament to his extraordinary contributions to our company.

"Mike is far more than a colleague; he is a neighbour, a friend, and a mentor whose influence has shaped not only our company but also our lives. Over decades, his work ethic, loyalty, camaraderie, and unwavering commitment to exceptional customer service have become the very core of what makes O'Callaghan Coaches thrive." Philip O'Callaghan.

We also congratulate Mark O'Sullivan on becoming our first member of staff to receive our 'Person of The Year' award as voted for by the company employees.

A huge thank you also to Kate Kearney's for hosting a fantastic evening of food, festivities and Christmas cheer!



The team at O'Callaghan Coaches enjoy their Christmas Party at Kate Kearney's

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>Well-known local man Damien Switzer is proud to say he has been to Pat, it's very evident as Damien has lost a whopping 55 pounds and counting. He is just one of many who sing Pats praises and says he is only sorry he didn't sign up sooner.

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Society of St Vincent de Paul

Severe cold snap amplifies crisis calls to

SVP KERRY for food and heat

Charity sees need to double fuel deliveries this week to families and individuals in need

St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) South-West have said that they have been "swamped" with calls for assistance in recent days as the extreme cold snap devastates struggling families across Kerry.

The charity has said their conferences across the county have been advised that double fuel deliveries may be required this week by those they assist. This will put additional pressure on SVP resources.

January brings increased calls for assistance to SVP as schools return and families and the elderly struggle with the ongoing high cost of living.

However the current extreme weather has dramatically magnified this need and the volume of such calls has greatly increased. This is putting additional strain on SVP resources and the Society is reaching out to the generous people of Kerry to once again support those less fortunate at this time of extreme need.

Those wishing to help are asked to donate to SVP now. SVP's largest fundraiser, the Annual Car Draw Appeal is the primary and most critical source of funds required to help those in need during the cold Winter months ahead.

Tickets and free post return envelopes delivered to every household in Kerry can still be returned with your donations and there is also the option of buying tickets online. Donations would be greatly appreciated through both channels.

Tickets for the raffle cost €5 each, a bundle of five tickets costs €20 and these can be purchased online at the following link: www.svp.ie/cardraw24

Alternatively, the freepost SVP envelopes can be returned by post or dropped into the SVP Office at Unit 2 Monavalley Business Park, Tralee, Co Kerry.

The final date for entries will be today, 12 noon on Friday 10th January 2025

The draw will take on Wednesday 15th January at Cork City Ford Centre, with the Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr. Dan Boyle in attendance where the winners will be announced.

Details of the winners will be published on www.SVP.ie and in the Irish Examiner Saturday 18th January 2025.

ROOF COLLAPSE at Tralee Sports Complex



At approximately 7am on Monday, 6th January, emergency services were called to the Tralee Sports Complex, following the collapse of the roof of the Sports Hall.

The building, which was closed at the time, was secured by the emergency services and the building and grounds have been closed to the public. It is intended to carry out an assessment of the building to determine the next steps.

Opened in 1977 Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Centre (Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Company Limited by Guarantee) is a unique cooperative venture owned by Kerry County Council and the Kerry Education & Training Board. The Centre is managed by Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Centre Limited by Guarantee on a not-for-profit basis.

The Sports Centre attracts over 300,000 visits each year and is currently in the process of upgrading many of the dry sport facilities including a recent installation of a new sports hall floor. The facilities include: 25m swimming pool, 12.5m learner's pool, 830 sq metre sports hall, fully equipped gym, squash courts x 2, handball / racquetball courts x2, seven a side astroturf pitch, five a side astroturf pitch x2.

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Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue pictured with Kate O'Leary behind the bar at The Laurels over Christmas.

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After a glittering career.....

LOUISE NÍ MHUIRCHEARTAIGH announces Inter County Retirement

After 17 years of representing Kerry at inter-county level, star Kerry ladies footballer, Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh has made the decision to retire from playing with the Kerry Ladies Football team.

In a statement this week, Louise said, "this has been a deeply difficult decision, but one I feel is right for me at this stage in my career.

I would like to thank the Kerry County Board for their support throughout my journey.

A special thanks to the management teams over the years particularly Darragh and Declan and their management teams, for their guidance, leadership and passion for the Kerry ladies. Your dedication has played a key role in my development, both on and off the field.

To my teammates, it has been an honour to represent this jersey alongside such talented and driven individuals. I'll forever cherish the memories we've shared together and the friendships we have created.

Do mo chlub Corca Dhuibhne míle buíochas as an dtacaíocht a thug sibh dom i gcónaí.

Mom, Dad agus Colm. Ó bhun mo chroí go raibh míle maith agaibh as na haon rud atá déanta agaibh dom ó thosnaí ag imirt. Chabhraigh sibh liom dul thar nais bliain i ndiaidh bliana chun an bonn speisialta san a bhuchtaint. An tacaíocht atá tugtha agaibh dom thar na blianta, níl a sárú le fáil.

While my playing days may be over, the pride and love I have for Kerry football will never fade. Thank you to everyone who has been part



of this journey – I'll carry the memories with me always.

Níl aon rud dodhéanta.

Mná na Ríochta abú

Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh

In a statement released by the County Board, Nora Fealey, Chairperson of Kerry LGFA paid tribute to Louise saying:

Today the curtain falls on the career of one

of the greatest Gaelic footballers that the Kingdom has ever produced. Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh has been an inspiration to all who have witnessed her 17 year career in the Green and Gold. Louise is the embodiment of what makes Ladies Gaelic Football great. Talented, consistent, hardworking, committed, dedicated and inspiring are all words that come to mind when describing Louise on and off the field.

Louise has achieved individual and team success throughout her time with Kerry LGFA.

5 All Star awards, Players Player of the Year Award, LIDL Div 2 and Div 1 NFL titles, Senior Munster Championship titles culminating in the 2024 TG4 Senior All Ireland Championship title are a tribute to her consistent performances throughout the years.

On behalf of the all members of Kerry LGFA executive, players, management, sponsors and supporters, I wish to thank Louise for bringing us on a wonderful journey over the past 17 years and look forward to what the future holds for her going forward.

Louise - laoch Chiarraí agus laoch Chorca Dhuibhne. Chaith tú an geansaí le bród agus onóir - rinne tú gaisce!

Beidh muintir Chiarraí buíoch duit i gcónaí.

Go n-eirí leat as seo amach.

PACKED PROGRAMME FOR 2025 PUBLISHED BY KERRY ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Almost thirty different events, lectures, outings and gatherings form part of the 2025 Programme for the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society which has been published this week.

From Ross Castle in the 15th century to Daniel O'Connell and Derrynane and outings to archaeological and historical sites of interest in Kilmalkedar and Knocknacui, there is something for all interests. The programme is available to download from the Society website, www.kerryhistory.ie.

"The programme this year is again a varied and exciting one and highlights yet again the huge richness of the county's archaeology, history and heritage. I would urge everyone to take a look at the programme which offers something for all interests," said Society PRO, Owen O'Shea.

"We have outings to Derrynane, Ballyheigue, Cahersiveen and Killarney as well as a wide selection of lectures, the majority of which take place at the Kerry Library branches in Tralee and Killarney. There are bilingual and Irish language talks too including a presentation on An Turas Fada go Trá Banna. Some of the events are online and some are in-person," he said.

Many of the events during the year are for members only but the majority of Society lectures and events are open to the public and are usually hosted in local libraries. Membership, at just €40 per person,

allows access to all outings and talks as well as a copy of the annual Kerry Magazine and the Journal of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society. Membership can be purchased online.

Other talks and topics this year include the legacy of the Civil War in north Kerry, pilgrimage in medieval Kerry, this history of salmon fishing in the Feale and the Cashen, and a roundtable discussion on local history journals and publications. The annual Young Historian Award for 2025 will be another highlight.

Full details at www.kerryhistory.ie



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PINK NIGHT IN KILCUMMIN

Kilcummin GAA Ladies Committee will hold their postponed Pink Night in aid of Comfort for Chemo on January 18th at 8pm. The ladies are hoping for a fantastic night at the Klub House in Kilcummin raising funds for a fantastic charity.



SCARTAGLEN RAMBLING HOUSE

Rambling House at the Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday 13th January at 8pm Refreshments served, all are welcome.

K.W.O.T.E. MEETING

Killarney Women's Organisation for Training and Empowerment. Our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January at 7pm in the Parish Centre next to the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney. New members are very welcome.

KILLARNEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Killarney Active Retirement will resume weekly meetings in the CDYS (back of Friary Bookshop) on Friday January 17th - 2 to 4pm. €20 Membership Fee now due.

SEARCH TO FIND 2025 TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION WINNERS LAUNCHED

The search to find the young artists who will excel in this year's Texaco Children's Art Competition has begun. Last year two students from Co. Kerry won top prizes in the Competition, which is now in its 71st year and widely acknowledged as the longest running arts sponsorship in Ireland. The closing date for entries is Friday, 28th February. Judging will take place in March with winners to be announced in April. Details are available at www.texacochildrensart.com or at Texaco service stations throughout the county.



KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE 2024

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RELIGIONS CEREMONIES 2024



Killarney Parish have released dates of Confirmation and First Holy Communion's which will take place in 2025.

Confirmation will take place on March 8th at 11.00am & 2.30pm

1st Holy Communion Dates

- 3rd of May: Lissivigeen NS & Tiernaboul NS Church of the Resurrection — 10.30am
- 10th of May: Holy Cross Mercy NS 10.00am, St Mary's Cathedral & Presentation Monastery NS 12noon
- 17th of May: Loughquittane NS, Muckcross Church 10.30am
- 17th of May: St Olivers Ns , Church of the Resurrection 10.30am & 12.30pm
- 24th of May Gaelscoil Faithleann, Church of the Resurrection 10.30am
- 24th of May: Scoil Bhríde, Loreto, Muckcross Church 10.30am

KILLORGLIN LOTTO PLAYER SCOOPS €100,000

It's a very Happy New Year for one National Lottery player in Killorglin won €100,000 prizes in Millionaire Raffle. The winning location for the prize of €100,000 from last night's Millionaire Raffle was sold in Foley's Spar Express on the Iveragh Road, Killorglin. Nearly 30 cent in every €1 spent on National Lottery games goes back to Good Causes in the areas of sport, youth, health, welfare, education, arts, heritage and the Irish Language. In total, more than €6.5 billion has been raised for Good Causes since the National Lottery was established 37 years ago. In 2023 alone, €227.9m million was raised for local Good Causes in communities across Ireland.

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ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT at Kerry Libraries

A range of new Accessible Equipment available at Kerry Libraries was launched by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald and the Chair of the Kerry Older People's Council, Ms. Catherine Lenihan, recently.

This new equipment is available across the 9 Kerry libraries. It has been purchased with Dormant Accounts Funding and can be used free of charge by any member of the public in the library with the aim of making services more accessible to all.

The equipment includes:

- Looky 5 Digital Magnifier – this handheld magnifier is easy to use, light weight and can be used to read papers, books or signage in the library.
- OPTIMA trackball – this is an alternative to a desktop mouse alternative that does not require fine motor skills. It is suitable for a wide spectrum of computer users. It is designed to respond to the lightest touch to give accurate cursor navigation and precise targeting of objects on the computer screen.
- High contrast keyboard – a keyboard designed for users with vision impairment with large black legends on a high contrast white background.
- Height adjustable desks in Cahersiveen, Listowel and Tralee libraries.
- C-Pen Readers - a convenient tool to support independent reading. Scan text with this device to have the text read aloud. Use built-in highest tier dictionaries to access definitions to secure understanding.

In addition to the equipment for use in the library, some accessible equipment is available for members to borrow, including the C-Pen



A range of new Accessible Equipment available at Kerry Libraries was launched by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald today - Also pictured were Catherine Lenihan, Chair of the Kerry Older People's Council, Tommy O'Connor, County Librarian, Brenda Hughes, Kerry Older People's Council, Davina Griffin Kerry Age Friendly Programme Manager, Kerry County Council, Catherine Brosnan, Kerry Older People's Council, Julia O'Sullivan, Kerry Age Friendly Programme, Kerry County Council and Niamh Doyle, Kerry County Library, seated Nóirín O'Keefe, Kerry County Library (Right of Pic). Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.

readers, Fraction Tower Cubes and Movin' Sit Cushions.

Details of the accessible equipment and all other Kerry library services are available at www.kerrylibrary.ie or call into your local library. Enjoy the discovery!

Kerry ETB's Annual Christmas Card Competition Showcases Student-Designed Card Celebrating Inclusion and Creativity

Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) proudly hosted their Annual Christmas Card Competition, welcoming entries from students across their eight post-primary schools throughout the county. This year, the theme of Inclusion, one of Kerry ETB's core values, inspired students to express their creativity and celebrate the spirit of unity and diversity. With hundreds of entries submitted, the competition showcased the exceptional artistic talents of students across Kerry. The judging panel faced the challenging task of selecting the finalists, each of whose artwork beautifully captured the essence of this year's theme.

The first-place prize was awarded to Mary Reidy, a 5th-year student from Causeway Comprehensive School. Her stunning design earned her a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, presented by Brendan Culloty of Hugh Culloty's Home Entertainment & Music Shop, The Mall, Tralee. Reflecting on her win, Mary explained the meaning behind her design:

"Winning this competition means a lot to me, especially because of the theme of inclusion. I wanted my design to show that everyone, no matter who they are, has a place where they belong, especially at Christmas. It's such a special feeling knowing that my card, which captures the idea of togetherness, will be shared with so many people."

The two runners-up were Layla Stack, a 3rd-year student from Coláiste na Ríochta, and Kaela Sheahan, a 1st-year student from Killarney Community College.

Speaking at the event, Ann O'Dwyer, Director of

Schools, Youth, and Music, praised the students for their talent and creativity:

"Every entry we received this year reflected the theme of inclusion in a meaningful and heartfelt way. It's wonderful to see how our students used their creativity to share such an important message. These young artists have truly demonstrated the values we cherish in Kerry ETB — inclusion, respect, equality, and

excellence in learning."

Kerry ETB extends its sincere thanks to Hugh Culloty Expert, Tralee, for their generous sponsorship and continued support of this competition. Their contribution helps encourage and celebrate the artistic talent of our students.

To learn more about Kerry ETB schools, visit www.kerryetb.ie/schools-youth-music.



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Pictured seated front l/r: Brendan Culloty of Hugh Culloty Expert Tralee sponsorship of the awards, Joint Runner-up Kaela Sheahan 1st-year student from Killarney Community College, winner Mary Reidy, a 5th-year student from Causeway Comprehensive School, joint runner-up Layla Stack, a 3rd-year student from Coláiste na Ríochta and Ann O'Dwyer, Director of Schools, Youth, and Music. And Back teachers family and friends of the winners.

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The Fexco Kerry Heroes of 2024

Radio Kerry is delighted to announce that eight groups and individuals have been recognised as the Fexco Kerry Heroes of 2024. All nominations received for this year's awards are all deserving of recognition in their own right, which made the decision even more difficult for the panel who were asked to choose the eight award winners.

Each award recipient was presented with a personalised certificate and a handcrafted piece of Louis Mulcahy Pottery.

The eight award winners are: Patsy McCarthy was honoured for saving the life of 76-year-old John Carroll, and his dog Oscar, when the river Feale in Killoccrim burst its banks on November 23rd. Lorraine, John's daughter, nominated Patsy for a Fexco Kerry Heroes award.

The outdoor staff of Kerry County Council and the members of the Local Inter Agency Response Team, which also includes Gardai, Fire Service, ESB and Civil Defence, have been honoured for their response in weather emergencies including dealing with the aftermath of storms.

Garda Mark Cushen and Garda Ryan Hill have been nominated by Jocelyn, Mark's daughter, for helping save the life of a seven-week-old old baby in August.

Baby Precious's mother Donna O'Loughlin is convinced the Listowel-based gardai made all the difference in Precious being alive today. One evening in August, Donna and her partner Joe had finished feeding Precious at their home in Athea when she became unresponsive. Donna rang Listowel Garda Station; Garda Cushen and Garda Hill managed to get Precious to University Hospital Kerry where she made a full recovery.

Ciara, Saoirse and Laoise Murphy were nominated by their teacher in Presentation Secondary School, Tralee, Helena Madigan, for their innovative medical emergency app – ACT. ACT is a medical emergency app designed to revolutionise ordinary people's response to medical emergencies, i.e. non-medical professionals and emergency response workers. The app integrates crucial features to provide swift and effective aid during critical emergency situations. The girls have worked with the RDI Hub in developing the app.

Mike Moriarty nominated members of the local community in Fenit for saving his life when he had a cardiac arrest on November 16th. Mike was clinically dead for 20 minutes. Una Forde, Cara McMorro Moriarty, Terry Sheehy, Denise Lynch and Josh Lynch were part of the community who

helped save Mike's life that day and have been honoured in Fexco Kerry Heroes Awards 2024.

Brendan O'Brien, who's chair of Tralee Tidy Towns, is honoured for leading a dedicated group of committed volunteers in achieving success both locally and national in the Tidy Towns competition. Sergeant Eileen O'Sullivan nominated Brendan for his role in Tidy Towns and for his involvement with other community organisations including Curraheen Community Council and the GAA.

Jean O'Sullivan from Tuosist was nominated by her daughter Rebecca for the dedicated love and care she gives to her son, Rebecca's younger brother, Michael. 12-year-old Michael has additional needs and Jean has become deeply involved with his school, St Francis' Special School in Beaufort, and helps many families whose children have additional needs. Her event, Training with the Stars, has become renowned throughout the county and in

GAA circles, for its successful fundraising for St Francis'.

The Kerry Senior Ladies and Management have been honoured for winning the All-Ireland for the county, after a 31-year wait. Their triumph, the fruit of hard work, commitment, diligence, plus sporting flair and prowess, has inspired the county and promoted the importance of women in sport.

Radio Kerry General Manager, Fiona Stack said that the nominations show how lucky we are to live in a community where so many groups and individuals step forward to help others. She congratulated the winners and the multiple other nominees, and thanked listeners for bringing their stories forward for recognition and allowing us to end the year celebrating those that make us proud to be from Kerry.



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Toyota sold 17,521 passenger cars, with six models featuring in the top fifteen best-sellers. With market share of 32.5%, hybrids and plug-in hybrids overtake petrol as most popular powertrain in Ireland

Electrified* vehicles, including hybrid, plug-in hybrid and battery electric, continue to be embraced by Irish drivers with a 46.9% combined market share

Toyota sold 4,001 more than the next best-seller

The RAV4 (hybrid and plug-in hybrid) is Toyota's best-selling car in 2024

With the 2024 sales figures in, Toyota is once again Ireland's best-selling car brand, making it four years in a row for the Irish owned business.

Toyota sold 17,521 passenger cars in 2024, 4,001 more than the next best-seller. Toyota continues to champion electrified driving as 94.2% of sales in 2024 were electrified vehicles. Ireland's most popular car brand closed out the year with a 14.5% market share, representing a 0.95% increase year on year.

Six Toyota hybrid models featured in the top fifteen best-selling cars of 2024 including the RAV4 (hybrid and plug-in hybrid), Yaris Cross, Yaris, Corolla, Corolla Cross and Toyota C-HR (hybrid and plug-in hybrid), with a stunning new look and 5th generation hybrid technology. Toyota's best-selling model in 2024 was the RAV4, which sold 3,536 units, and coincidentally celebrated its 30th Anniversary on Irish roads.

Toyota offers the 'Power of Choice' with the widest range of electrified* cars in the Irish

market, with a choice of hybrid, plug-in hybrid and battery electric vehicles to suit all lifestyles. Electrified vehicles finished 2024 with a 46.9% combined market share.

Hybrid options proved popular among Irish drivers, with all hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles securing a combined market share of 32.5% - overtaking petrol as most popular powertrain in Ireland with a market share of 30.3%. There is strong consumer demand for environmentally friendly, low-emission vehicles, which are playing a vital role in moving drivers away from diesel and towards more sustainable motoring.

For more information contact Kelliher's Garage, Tralee.

KILLARNEY CARDIAC RESPONSE UNIT LAUNCH RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Members of Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, Catherine Moriarty and Eileen Brosnan.



KCRU are recruiting and need committed Community First Responder (CFR) volunteers throughout a wide coverage area to make a difference.

Existing KCRU cover areas include Killarney, Kenmare, Feries, Beaufort, Killorglin and Rathmore and the wider areas around these towns and villages, but need additional volunteers to improve the response to serious medical emergencies.

REQUIREMENTS:

Full driving license is required for the CFR role.

CFR's must be 18 or over.

Garda vetting is required for all volunteers.

No prior medical experience required - Full training, support and equipment is provided.

Whilst the role involves commitment to training and response, volunteers will operate as part of a large team.

Reach out to KCRU today as A local response is the best response.

Find out more by visiting www.killarneycru.ie/join-us



KILLARNEY STUDENTS STAR IN **ELF THE MUSICAL**

Students from the Fiona Crowley Stage School took to the stage in the INEC last week taking part in the Elf the Musical,

"We had 80 local children in our Stage School choir supporting the cast and company and it was a wonderful opportunity for all our students ranging in age from 8 years old to 20 years old to be involved in", Fiona told Killarney Outlook.

"We have been training and rehearsing since September with this group of students and they did us proud on every performance. They also got the opportunity to perform on stage in some minor cameo roles which was a huge achievement!", Fiona added.

"We all came away from the experience feeling very proud of our achievements at having performed in all 5 shows with this touring UK company. A great event overall, one that we will remember for a long time".



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Kerry's college hopefuls can be very optimistic about the 2025 CAO application season



By Billy Ryle

PROMISING

As a new year dawns, college applicants must focus on the CAO form as the deadline looms large. Indeed, 2025 is looking very promising for CAO applicants. The outgoing Government already committed to easing the pressure on points' requirements by making more places available in some very competitive courses. Hopefully, most of these new courses as well as many more in other disciplines will be available to 2025 college applicants.

PROSPECTS

Last year, CAO received 83,537 applications – 2,362 from Kerry – for a third level college course. More than 52,000 college places will be available next August. The prospects of securing one of the precious places is very good as many initial applicants opt instead for PLC courses, Tertiary Degrees, Apprenticeships, Traineeships or study abroad. Applicants have until 5pm on 1st February to submit a completed application form. So, use the remaining weeks wisely. Carefully consider your course choices. Follow your heart but keep an eye on the jobs market.

STATISTICS

In total, 51,534 applicants accepted a CAO college place in 2024. 45,547 applicants accepted an offer at Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degrees) where demand is always strong. 5,987 applicants accepted an offer at Level 7/6 (Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates) where interest continues to decline. CAO always issues more offers than there are places available in anticipation of a level of refusal by applicants. Offers are issued independently in respect of the two lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6), so it's well worth filling in both lists. Indeed, with good research and due care with the application, it's not very difficult to secure a higher education course.

POINTS

Grades' inflation considerably increased course points requirements during the past five years but it's very likely that the post marking adjustment of Leaving Cert raw scores will be reduced in 2025, with a consequent reduction in points requirements. Consult the 2024 cut off points as a guide to likely points requirements in 2025, but keep in mind that points' requirements for courses can fluctuate from year to year, so predicting cut off points is an inaccurate science. Each Leaving Cert candidate should aim to achieve her/his best possible result in that exam. Points' requirements for courses will take care of themselves in due course.

CAO ROLE

The CAO processes applications for admission to undergraduate courses in third level colleges

in Ireland. Every public sector university, college and institute in the country, as well as a number of private colleges, participates in the CAO system. An applicant may choose from the entire range of courses in the CAO Handbook 2025. The courses are categorised as 'Level 8' or 'Level 7/6'. The 'Level 8' category contains the Honours Bachelor Degrees while the 'Level 7/6' category contains Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates.

SINGLE APPLICATION

All you have to do is submit a single application to compete for one of the available third-level places. The interactive online application system, 'Apply' has made the process very straightforward. 'Apply' is easy to follow, particularly as the CAO provides an 'Interactive Demo Facility' to enable you make a trial application. The CAO Handbook 2025 also contains detailed easy-to-follow information on how to apply for the courses on offer. The interactive online application service will remain open on the CAO website, www.cao.ie, until 5pm on 1st February. The fee is €30, if you apply by 20th January and €45 thereafter until the 1st February.

STUDY THE 2025 HANDBOOK

Before you apply, study the online CAO Handbook 2025 - PDF Format or Personalised - which explains how to apply for a third level college place. The colleges in the CAO system are listed in alphabetical order by location. The courses in each college are listed directly under the college title, with 'Level 8' courses being listed separately from 'Level 7/6' courses. Select your personal preferences from the entire range of courses in the Handbook. Each course is assigned a code, which you enter on the application. You may apply for up to ten courses in each of the two categories, listed in order of your preference.

STRENGTHS

Consult the CAO Handbook 2025 for information about general academic requirements, specific course requirements and content of courses. Similar information can also be found on colleges' websites. Consider the potential career value of each course for which you are applying. Play to your strengths as you do your course research during the next few weeks. Jot down your personal career profile, including such variables as ability, achievement, application, aptitude, ambition, values, interests and personality (5AVIP). Select courses that suit you in order to have a fulfilling, enjoyable and successful college experience. Good luck with your 2025 CAO application.

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60 - 69	H4	66	60 - 69	O4	28
50 - 59	H5	56	50 - 59	O5	20
40 - 49	H6	46	40 - 49	O6	12
30 - 39	H7	37	30 - 39	O7	0
>29	H8	0	>29	O8	0

- 25 bonus points are awarded for Higher Level Maths for H6 or above if Maths is one of the six subjects being counted for points calculation
- Foundation Level Maths: F1 and F2 are valued at 20 and 12 points, respectively
- LCVP: Distinction, Merit, Pass are valued at 66, 46 and 28 points, respectively

CHECKLIST

- Familiarise yourself with the H and O grades and the respective points' values
- Be aware of the minimum and specific course entry requirements
- The CAO processes applications for admission to third level undergraduate courses
- The fee for the online application is €30, if you apply by 5pm on the 20th January
- Thereafter the fee is €45 until the standard closing date of 1st February at 5pm
- Before you tackle the CAO application, study the online CAO Handbook 2025
- Select your personal preferences from the entire range of courses in the Handbook
- You may apply for up to ten courses in each of the two categories
- Don't apply for a course without consulting the college web site
- Play to your strengths as you consider your course choices
- Jot down your personal career profile, based on the "5AVIP" method
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A Night Of Awards for Killarney Celtic Club Members



Killarney Celtic youths player of the year Noah Sexton receives the Jimmy Falvey memorial perpetual cup from Maria Falvey. Also included are John Somers (Treasurer), Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), Paul O'Sullivan (Manager) and Paul Sherry (Vice-Chairman) at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Der Lyne receives an outstanding service award from Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), John Somers (Treasurer), left, and Paul Sherry (Vice-Chairman), right, at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Nattagun Ryan receives the Killarney Celtic B team player of the year award from managers Paul and Rory O'Sullivan at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party. Also seated are Puttanya and Saranya Ryan. Standing from left are Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), John Somers (Treasurer), Mike Ryan, Jane O'Donoghue and Paul Sherry (Vice-Chairman). Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic U-17 girls player of the year Clodagh McCormick Moriarty with team coach David MacIndoe, Tanya McCormick, Maureen McCormick, Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), John Somers (Treasurer), Paul Sherry (Vice-Chairman) and teammates at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night.



Serhii Vasylets receives the Killarney Celtic Club Top Man Award from Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), John Somers (Treasurer), left, and Paul Sherry (Vice-Chairman), right, at the Killarney Celtic annual awards and Christmas party in The Avenue Hotel on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic club person of the year award recipient David MacIndoe with family members Louise and Sharon MacIndoe (seated), William Gaughran, Amber, Dave and Ewan MacIndoe on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Paul Sherry receives an outstanding service award from Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman) on Friday night. Also included are management committee members Thomas McCarthy, Jane O'Donoghue, John Somers (Treasurer) and Aoife O'Sullivan (Secretary). Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic senior A player of the year Matt Keane receives the Aidan Cronin memorial award from Diarmuid Daly and Alan Cronin. Back from left are Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), Thomas McCarthy, Aoife O'Sullivan (Secretary), Paul Sherry (Vice-Chairman), Jane O'Donoghue, Aidan Cronin and John Somers (Treasurer). Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic senior A player of the year Matt Keane receives the Aidan Cronin memorial award from Diarmuid Daly and Alan Cronin. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Celtic club person of the year award recipient David MacIndoe with Jane O'Donoghue, John Somers (Treasurer), Philip O'Callaghan (Chairman), Paul Sherry (Vice-Chairman) and members of the U-17 girls team. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

**KILCUMMIN CCE
CEOL AN GEIMHRIDH**

We would like to wish the very best of luck to our members who are competing in the County Finals of Ceol an Geimhridh on Saturday 18th January in MTU Tralee.

VISIT OF CAHIR CCÉ

We will welcome Kilcummin native, Hugh O'Donoghue, and his friends from Cahir CCÉ to Kilcummin on Friday 17th January for a night of music, song, dance and story. The event takes place in the Klub Bar from 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us and participate, or to just enjoy a great night's entertainment.

KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD would like to thank the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and Kerry County Council for financial assistance under the once off Christmas Support Allocation 2024 grant in respect of Kilcummin's Christmas Jingle & Mingle Event. We would also like to thank all those who assisted in organising, who participated or attended or who helped in any way to make the event a success. We look forward to growing the event in 2025!

VACANCIES

Vacancies presently exist on the Kilcummin Rural Dev. C.E. Scheme for various positions. These positions are a development opportunity and no experience is necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Please contact your Local Dep. of Social Protection employment services/Intreo office to check your eligibility. To apply please forward your C.V. & P.P.S. number to The Supervisor, Kilcummin Rural Development Office by post or email info@kilcumminparish.com. For further information contact Helen on 089-4756774.

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KILCUMMIN GAA

AGM

The club held its AGM on Friday last to a sizable attendance in the clubrooms.

Secretary Nessa McCarthy gave an overview of the year and mentioned reaching the O Donoghue cup and the winning of the O Sullivan Cup as highlights. She acknowledged the contributions of officers, mentors, sponsors and general membership in the running of the club. She outlined the contribution of the CCE scheme workers in the upkeep of facilities and organising of events. The members were given a comprehensive report of the club's finances and juvenile activities while Chairperson Ciara Kelly outlined the plans for developments in 2025 as well as acknowledging the fund raising efforts of the members. Most officers were filled but vacancies exist for a PRO as Michael O Riordan has stepped down. Marie Murphy comes in as Children's officer, Niamh Dwyer and Breeda Duggan take over Health and Wellbeing from Patricia Ryan and the senior team management were ratified for the coming year. The full list of officers will be available on our website in the coming days.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 30th December of the Jackpot for €15,250. Numbers drawn were 03,04,05,23. Consolation prizes of €50 Seanagh Cronin, Corina Favier, Nancy Bustamanta Doolan, Jason O'Connor. The next draw will be on Monday 13th January for Jackpot of €15,500.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 03rd January 2025 of the Jackpot €3,400. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Joanne Looney & Jordan Morrissey, M.J. Lenihan, Sarah Carroll & Eoin Daly. The next draw will be on Friday 10th January for Jackpot of €3,600.



Cousins enjoying the snow day in Kilcummin were Mark and Josh O'Connor



First cousins Ella, Anna, Emma, Sarah, Sean, Josh, Aaron, Róise, Rían, Reah, Luke and friends Jack and Charlotte enjoying the snow in Milleen, Kilcummin.

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RATHMORE GNEEVGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 301 CLUB RESULTS

1st: €500 Fionn O'Keeffe' No. (91). 2nd: €100, Michael Cahill (168). 3rd: €100, O'Keeffe's Gortahaneboy (135). 4th: €100, Cashman family (39). 5th: €100, Cathy Niall O'Donoghue (270). 6th: €100, Aongus Murphy (111)

Congratulations to all winners

MARIAN PLAYERS RATHMORE PANTO 2024

Present Puss In Boots in Rathmore Community Centre strating Saturday January 27th, Wednesday January 31st, Thursday January 1st February, Saturday 3th February. Night shows at 7-30pm. Matinéees at 3pm.

Sunday January 28th & Sunday 4th February, Mattineeas at 3pm. Proceeds to Kerry parents & Firends Association. Booking Office 085 2031730. Next door to Christy's Take -Away, open 2pm-6pm every day.

Thanks you for your continued support

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 @ 8.30pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. Last week's jackpot was €200 and the winner was Sheila O' Donoghue. This week's jackpot was €205 and the winner was Eilish Finnegan. 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, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to

everybody who purchase tickets every week.

RATHMORE GAA CLUB AGM

Due to weather conditions Rathmore GAA club's AGM has been rescheduled for Friday Jan. 17th. at 7.30 pm.

RATHMORE GAA GOLF OUTING IN O MAHONY POINT

Special guest Dr Donoghue cup. Congratulations to the winning team John Angland, Ian O'Leary & Cillian O'Connor. Thanks to everyone for taking part on what was a great day out.

Rathmores John Moynihan has been nominated for the 2024 Clubber Goal of the year, which John won with your vote.

SINCERE SYMPATHY from all at Rathmore GAA club to Michael Kelliher & family on the death of Hillary Kelliher may she rest in peace

RAMBLING HOUSE at the Heritage Centre Scartaglen Monday 13th January at 8pm

CULLEN AND DISTRICT SPECIAL NEEDS Annual sponsored weigh in commences on Monday 13th January in Cullen Community Centre.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all our Readers at home are abroad looking forward to you support in 2025.

NOTES

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

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

Unfortunately the lotto draw had to be postponed on Sunday, 5th January. The next draw for a jackpot of €4,000 will be held on Sunday, 12th January in Galvin's Bar.

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 who support our lotto. It is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Beaufort G.A.A. Club will be held on Friday, 10th January at 8pm in Clubrooms.

IRISH LIFE STEPS CHALLENGE will begin on Wednesday, 8th January. Steps challenge is in conjunction with Irish Life Insurance will run from 8th January to 12th February 2025. Download the 'My Life' App. Register at Social/Challenges/Pending/Munster/Beaufort. There will be a draw for three prizes of €2,500 for all Munster Clubs who succeed in completing 4,000km.

IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Ireland Lights Up will start on Monday, 13th January and will run Monday

to Friday for six weeks. Time will be from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in G.A.A. pitch.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Thank you to everybody who took part in the Christmas quiz on Friday, 27th December. Thanks to the Organisers and Mary Jo for the questions, CMC Chris, Cliona for the music round, those who donated spot prizes and Kate Kearney's Cottage.

Results were as follows: Adult quiz winners, Doherty family of Neily, Ger and Kieran Doherty and Katie Mann.

Runners up were O'Sullivan's: Diarmuid and Simon O'Sullivan, Siobhán Moriarty and Patrick O'Sullivan, Cork and third, Mikey Moriarty team of Mikey Moriarty, Cathal Daly, Cian McAuliffe, Tom Cahillane and Harry Kelly.

Juvenile winners were Cormac and Fionán O'Sullivan team. Joint runners up were Avril Rooney team and Spillane family team.

Wishing all our readers a happy 2025.

GLENFLESK

Written by: Sean Daly

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Glenflesk GAA will be held on Wednesday 29th of January at 8pm in the Hall. There will be mass beforehand in Glenflesk Church at 7pm. All members are invited to attend.

IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Due to the weather 'Ireland Lights Up' has been postponed to the 15th of January at 7pm in Glenflesk GAA Pitch. Walk, Stroll or Jog. Free entry. All welcome!

KERRY LADIES

Congratulations to our young players Aoise O'Donoghue (Minor), Megan O'Reilly (U16) and Anna Lenihan (U14) who have been selected for the Kerry Panels for 2025.

SUPPORTERS BUS

All Ireland Scór na nÓg Finals take place in Monaghan on the 25th of

January. The club are thinking of organising a bus for those who wish to travel to support our Ballad Group. The cost will depend on how many are going. Anyone interested in going please contact Alison on 086 8734384

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club Membership for 2025 is now due and can be paid online on the Clubforce website using the following link: https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=2534 The link can also be found on Glenflesk GAA Facebook and Instagram accounts.

BEST OF LUCK to Dr Crokes in their All Ireland Semi Final this weekend against Errigal Ciaran.

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes please email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie by Sunday evening.



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**By Dermot Cronin,
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If you have any other queries regarding the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin QFA at 0646622775 or dermotcroninifa@gmail.com

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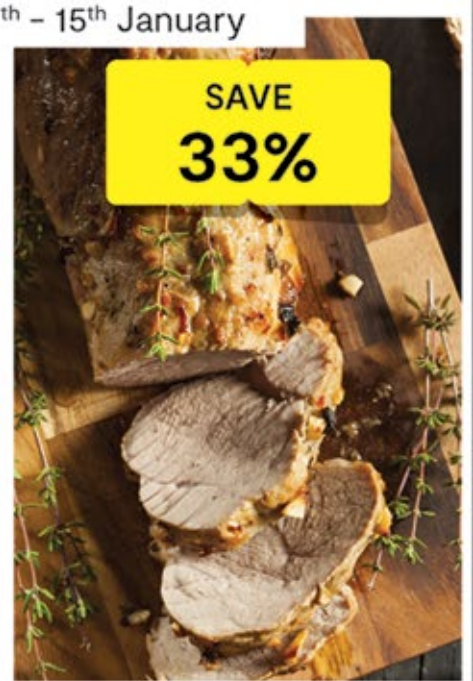
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Try not to censor yourself in anyway by telling yourself that what you desire isn't practical, not realistic etc. Instead, tap into your deepest inner knowing and allow whatever thoughts, ideas or images to come into your awareness.

- When was the last time that you told you that you loved you? (Most people never think of saying that we love who we are but it's important to deepen the relationship that we have with ourselves.)
- What dreams still long to be lived? (What brings you alive?)
- What needs to be said or communicated? Where have you held back or where do you need to communicate what you need?)
- What dances desire to be danced? (This question invites you to look at how you move through your life. What makes your body feel good?)
- How do you love to express yourself? Do you love to write, draw, paint, sculpt, play music, sing etc.
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Create a Routine – establish a schedule of days/times for you to work out each week, and stick to them, just like any other appointment. Remember if you're new to exercise, begin with shorter sessions and gradually increase intensity and duration to avoid injury and burnout.

Make it Enjoyable – make sure to choose activities you enjoy, it's easier to exercise when you are doing something that you like and look forward to. And even then, it is nice to mix things up to prevent boredom.

Nutrition Matters – eat a balanced diet including fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and healthy fats. Plan meals to ensure you're nourishing your body properly. And make sure to stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially before, during, and after your workouts.

Seek Accountability – train with a workout buddy. Having a friend join you can keep you motivated and make exercising more enjoyable. Also, it's a good idea to track your progress. Use a fitness app, a journal, or a wearable device to track workouts. (continued next week)

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Peggy Lynch, Denis Lynch, Mike Moynihan, Margaret Moynihan & James O'Callaghan at the O'Callaghan Coaches Christmas Party in Kate Kearneys Cottage

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB

All our teams will return to practice next week following the holidays and recent poor weather. The holiday period saw teams compete in the local Castleisland Blitz and New year 3x3 events and the National League team schedule continued with three games.

The Cougars also had many players involved at the Basketball Ireland Academy sessions and the local juvenile Kerry basketball county trials over the holiday period.

JUVENILE NEWS

KERRY U14 GIRLS LEAGUE

Killarney Cougars 45 St Colman's 23

The young Cougars U13 girls continued their winning run with a good performance versus St Colman's and remain unbeaten heading into 2025.

KERRY U16 GIRLS LEAGUE

Killarney Cougars 34 Kenmare Kestrels 21

Cougars hosted Kenmare Kestrels and had to comeback having trailed the opening quarter to record another win in the league with a strong performance after a slow start.

Good performances by Zara McCarthy, Isabelle Lyons, Sophie O'Shea, Fleur O'Neill and Ciara Harrington.

SENIOR NEWS

BASKETBALL IRELAND NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Killarney Cougars 76 Dublin Lions 88

Top scorers

Cougars: Joshua Strongman 24, Kani Glover 20, Iyan Hristov 11

Lions: Evan Cook 23, Kevin Anyanwu 22, Aidan Igiehon 16, Aran Lee 14

Killarney Cougars 83 Titans 98

Top scorers

Killarney Cougars: Joshua Strongman 25, Kani Glover 23, Iyan Hristov 9

Titans: Micheal Paul Hayes 32, Joseph Coughlan 18, Declan Gbinigie 14, Victor Tashev 11

SETU Waterford Vikings 88 Killarney Cougars 77

Top scorers

Waterford Vikings: Aaron Jackson 38, Osilama Oshiohwemoh 11, Daniel Sheehan 12, Jay Kavanagh 10

Killarney Cougars: Kani Glover 32, Iyan Hristov 17, Joshua Strongman 14

Next game

Saturday January 18th, Killarney Cougars versus Malahide, at the Presentation Gym at 7.30 pm.

All training schedules will be fully up and running from Monday January 13th.

New members welcome, email secretarykillarneycougars@gmail.com

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

Fossa rowing club would like to thank everyone for a fantastic year. All our oarsmen, new and returning, our supports, committee, sponsors, patrons. Also a thanks to everyone who helped with our quiz in November.

We wish a happy new year to all.

WARRIORS WOMEN MAKE IT

THREE WINS FROM THREE

BIDL WOMENS LEAGUE R3

GARVEY'S TRALEE WARRIORS 59

ST. PAUL'S KILLARNEY 37

By: Alan Cantwell

Garvey's Tralee Warriors Women sit proudly on top of Conference 2 of the BIDL League after a 59-37 win over local rivals St. Paul's Killarney at Mercy Mounthawk Gym on Friday night securing their third win in a row. Captain Holly O'Brien top scored with 22 points and she was ably assisted by Priya O'Donovan, Claire O'Sullivan and Grace Lucid with 8 each and Niamh Collins with 7 in a dominant display.

The Warriors totally controlled the exchanges in the opening quarter racing to a 12-6 at the midway point with Priya O'Donovan and Holly O'Brien combining for the hosts while St. Paul's response came from Jade Potts with a couple from inside. Warriors spread the game with a run to quarter time and Holly O'Brien, Priya O'Donovan and Grace Lucid firing down another score each to see the Tralee side 20-6 up at the first break.

Sorcha Casey's first of the night pushed the Warriors further ahead and a three from Claire O'Mahony added to by a quick double from Grace Lucid put 24 between the sides. Holly O'Brien was again on target before the halftime break with a score from outside to see the Warriors take a 34-8 lead to the long break.

St. Paul's came out fighting in the third and began to pare back the lead with threes from Ava Sheehan and two from Cassandra Buckley to spark a revival. However another major score from Claire O'Mahony kept the Warriors lead intact and it was back out to 20 points when



Holly O'Brien gets a shot away despite the efforts of St. Paul's Jade Potts.

Kelly Fitzgerald opened her account. Holly O'Brien and Niamh Collins struck late for the Warriors to see their side take a 48-21 lead into the final quarter.

Siobhan Burns knocked down a three early in the fourth for the visitors but that was quickly countered by scores from Claire O'Mahony and Grace Lucid. St. Paul's replied through Cassandra Buckley, Jade Potts and Ava Sheehan but with Niamh Collins and Anna O'Sullivan adding late on for Warriors it sealed a comfortable 59-37 win in the end.

Scorers: Garvey's Tralee Warriors: Holly O'Brien 22, Claire O'Mahony 8, Priya O'Donovan 8, Grace Lucid 8

St. Paul's Killarney: Cassandra Buckley 11, Siobhan Burns 8, Jade Potts 6

Next up for the Warriors Women is a top of the table clash with Fr. Mathews at the Tralee Sports Complex on the 25th January.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 19TH DECEMBER

N/S

1st: Joan Lenihan & Marie Moloney

2nd: Pauline Lyne & Phyllis O'Regan E/W

1st: Joan King & Miriam McFarlane

2nd: Imelda Healy & Karen O'Keeffe
Congratulations to all.

Following our bridge we had our wonderful Christmas lunch at The Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. Thank you to President Pauline and Phyllis for organising.

Reminder that our Thursday morning bridge is starting again on the 9th January at 10am sharp. Hope to see you all there.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.



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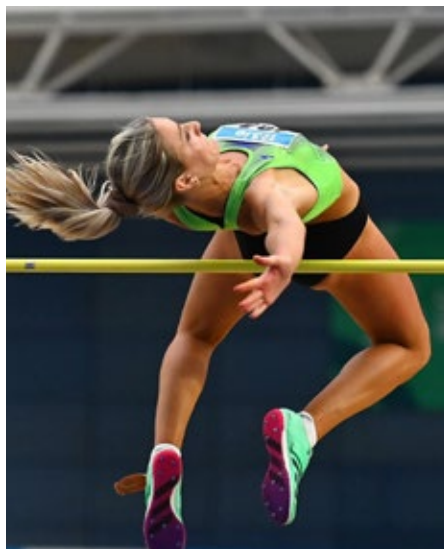
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Killarney Triathlon Club member Orla Houlihan, Ross road killarney celebrated her 100th milestone park run, Tim Horgan on his 50 th park run from Woodlawn and Sean Reidy on his 25th park run from Kilcummin. They were joined by members from the Killarney Triathlon Club as a club to celebrate these achievements.



MASSIVE SUCCESS WAS ACHIEVED IN 2024 AT KILLARNEY VALLEY AC!

Club members at Killarney Valley AC are celebrating a fantastic 2024 and looking forward to 2025.

Both women's and men's teams are entered in the national indoor league in Abbot's town the national indoor arena and in Athlone indoor arena kicking off this January 2025.

Having two teams competing at the highest level reflects the super organisation within the club and standard of top-level athletes within Killarney valley ac (athletics club).

Domestically within Ireland we incorrectly designate athletics as a minor sport, athletics is a truly global sport. The performance at the European championships and the performance by the Irish athletes at the Olympic Games reflects the super work done by the AAI (athletics association of Ireland) and it's 70,000 members in Ireland.

2025 again promises to be very exciting for all the athletes in the club.

"As the year comes to a close, we're celebrating an incredible 12 months for our club & wish everyone a Happy New Year in 2025.

380 Club Members

25 Volunteer Coaches

59 National Medals 148 Munster Medals

County Team Champions in Roads, Cross Country, Track & Field

Countless Personal Bests

Highlights of 2024:

Hosted thrilling Track Matches

Welcomed hundreds of students to the local primary school sports

Launched the inaugural Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Road Race

100 Graduates from our Couch to 5k Programme

Partnered with Athletics Ireland to host coach education

Started developing our Pole Vault facilities

Acquired a state-of-the-art electronic timing system

A huge thank you to our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and supporters who made all of this possible. Here's to even greater heights in 2025! ", Jerh Griffin from the club said.





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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	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
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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	Last Monday 8:00 PM 8:30 PM 9:00 PM 10:00 PM	Farranfore Area Ulick's Bar, Farranfore James Daly's Bar, Farranfore Cunniffe's Bar, Currow John Hendersons, Furies
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		

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New Govt must use opportunity to radically alter planning process to achieve housing targets

- Gold Plating of EU Regulations must end to allow us to house all of our people -

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said the next Government must use the opportunity of a change in administration to radically alter the planning and permitting processes in Ireland's housing system.

Kelleher, an MEP for Ireland South, was commenting after meeting with and engaging with homebuilders and developers over recent weeks who outlined that, on average, it takes longer for a new housing development to go through the planning process than it does for the physical homes to be actually built.

"Progress has been made and it is clear that we will hit 40,000 homes in 2025. However, I do not believe the current system will ever be capable of reaching the 60,000 plus homes that we need to stabilise our housing system and address the housing crisis.

"The reform of the Planning Act helped in recent years, but we need to go further. I worry that the planned investment in water infrastructure will not deliver tangible results due to delays in permitting and planning.

This is an essential component of delivering homes in regional and rural Ireland.

"I have repeatedly called for Ireland's lethargic planning and permitting system to be overhauled. It is holding us back as a society. Now is the time to do it; a new government with a new, stronger mandate must grasp this issue, and finally address it.

"There are many in Ireland who would lay the blame on the EU for the slow and lethargic systems we deal with in Ireland. This is far from reality.

"The gold-plating of regulation in Ireland is a decision of Irish authorities. Over the last five years, I've seen how other Member States apply European regulations, and they are not as onerous as they are in Ireland.

"We have a generational chance, with a new government, to change how we build in Ireland. We owe it to our people to use this opportunity to secure their housing future," concluded Kelleher.

MANOR MEDICAL CENTRE

Kerry Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill has raised the possibility of duplicating a Medical service around the county, that is already operating a successful model in Tralee. Deputy Cahill advises that he has been receiving reports of excellent health outcomes, low waiting times and very good accessibility at the Manor Medical Centre in Tralee from constituents.

"I have received reports of patients receiving excellent health care in a time efficient manner at the Manor Medical Centre over Christmas and New Year, a time when not all medical practises were open and visits to Accident & Emergency could take many hours, up to 36, 48 and much longer. If this medical model is working well and based on the reports that I have received during the Christmas period, there should be no reason why we could not arrange further such centres in Listowel, Kenmare, Cahersiveen, Dingle and Killarney" stated the Kerry Deputy.

"We are all aware that the rise in respiratory illnesses has put huge additional pressures on the Emergency Departments in University Hospital Kerry and I am aware of a number of cases whereby individuals living half an hour from Tralee went to Manor Medical Centre, were seen by a Doctor, received their prescription, went to a pharmacy where they ordered and got their prescription and were back home within an hour and a half from the time they left the family home" said Michael Cahill TD.

"Best practice models should be duplicated where possible in order to deliver the best possible outcomes for our sick and vulnerable" stated Michael Cahill, Kerry's newest member of Dáil Éireann.

"Your health is your wealth, as they say and I will be prioritising University Hospital Kerry, a Minor Injuries Clinic for Killarney, a Primary Care Centre for both Cahersiveen and Killarney and the list goes on" added Deputy Cahill.

GREAT NEWS FOR BEAUFORT

Kerry's newest County Councillor, Fianna Fáil's Tommy Cahill, was today delighted to announce that the long awaited repair and refurbishment of the road from Beaufort Bridge to just beyond the junction with the Beaufort Bar, will commence in the 2nd week in January 2025. This will be a top tarmacadam finish, will be lined along with signage and will be mainly funded by Uisce Éireann.

"I'm delighted that my first welcome as Councillor is for the reinstatement of this important road from Beaufort Bridge to just beyond the Beaufort Bar junction. This is a project that my father, Michael Cahill as a Councillor pushed hard for the people of Beaufort as the road was left in a terrible

state following pipe replacement there" stated Councillor Tommy Cahill.

"I am delighted as well that works have already commenced on the extension to Churchtown Burial Ground, also in Beaufort. Another project that my Dad was deeply involved in, facilitating mediation meetings, etc, which ensured that the people of Beaufort can continue to have the remains of their deceased loved ones buried in their home parish" said Councillor Cahill.

"These are 2 very important projects for Beaufort" added Councillor Tommy Cahill. Both announcements were also welcomed by Deputy Michael Cahill, Kerry's newest member of Dáil Éireann.

New EU Law leaves Irish pensioners out in the cold - Ní Mhurchú

A new EU law came into force last week which prevents local councils from helping pensioners to repair and replace their gas or oil based heating systems when they break down. Ireland South MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú has labelled moves by the EU Commission to stop local authorities giving grants for our pensioners to replace their oil and gas heating systems when they break as cruel and petty. Ní Mhurchú has called on the European Commission to re-think these new EU laws which came into force in Ireland on January 1st this year.

Before January 1st, Local Authorities across the country could help our pensioners to replace a gas or oil heating system under the Housing Aid for Older People Grant. This is an essential fund that Local Councils use to repair and improve the condition of vulnerable older pensioners homes in the community.

Vulnerable pensioners could get their broken gas and oil burners fixed or replaced. Under the revised Directive on the Energy Performance of


Buildings, grants cannot now be allocated for heating systems powered by natural gas, oil or coal.

As Ireland experiences sub-zero temperatures, Cynthia Ní Mhurchú has described this as an unintended consequence of what is otherwise a positive directive. "This EU law was agreed before my time. Most pensioners have gas or oil-based heating systems. This grant helped them to repair them or replace them when they became old and obsolete. A renewable replacement is not always an option in this case due to costs and construction works. Whilst I understand that we should not be investing in fossil fuels, surely in this case there must be a realisation that there is no alternative and that we cannot leave the vulnerable pensioners with substandard heating systems"

Ní Mhurchú will raise the issue with the EU Commission and will work with the new incoming government in order to raise this issue at the highest levels in the European Union.

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KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Club would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the 2024 Senior Mens Football Management for the work and effort they put in for the twelve months. We would like to thank Manager Gary McGrath, S and C Coach Damien O Sullivan, Selectors Liam O Toole and Enda Walshe alongside backroom members Paudie Lynch and Gerard O Keeffe and wish them well for the future.

With an eye to the incoming season we are delighted to announce the appointment of Nigel Shevlin as Senior team manager. Nigel, a native of Louth, has been an active member of the club since he arrived in Killarney. He has been involved in coaching underage teams for the last number of years and brings with him an appetite and experience for the role. He will be joined by coach Jamie O Sullivan and selectors Philip Gammell and Chris Davies.

Jamie has played at the top level of Kerry Club football having joined the club in 2014. Retiring in 2023 he has been very active in upskilling himself since and will be keen to bring those qualities to the role. Chris is a member of the club since the crib and was an outstanding defender for many years with our senior team. Philip has been coaching our juvenile teams over a prolonged period and bring with him big organisational skills and a work ethic. KJ Griffin will continue in his role as statistician for the team, a position he has filled for the last two seasons.

The Club Executive wish our new management team the very best for the new season and ask every club member to row in behind the squad as they compete in the Division 1 of the County League, the Intermediate Club Championship and O Donoghue Cup.

VOLUNTEERS

As 2024 has come to a close, our juvenile and ladies committees are preparing for the 2025 season for our underage teams.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteer coaches, mentors and backroom teams that keep the show on the road year after year for our young members. New volunteers are always welcome so if you would like to get involved in any capacity, please drop a line to killarneylegion@gmail.com to let us know.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Mark Friday January 31st into your diary as the club will be hosting its annual social. On the night we will be celebrating a great year for our Senior ladies team as well as honouring our annual award winners. Keep the date free. Tickets for the event will be held in the Killarney Heights Hotel, are now available for the great value of €50. That will provide you with a four course meal, music to Truly Diverse, a DJ till late and a bar exemption. They must be purchased before the night to finalise numbers (no payment at the door) and are available from Dave Randles, Denise Fogarty, Sharon O'Shea, Fergal Moynihan, Ted Healy (and from his office DNG Ted Healy New Street) and Enda Walshe.

O MEARA CUP

A big thank you is extended to everyone

who made this year's O Meara Cup day such a massive success. Close to sixty players, male and female, ranging in age from 15 to 50 in what was a fun filled day. A huge well done to Donal O Donoghue and his crew for all the work they put in and a specially produced video of the day with highlights of both the Ladies and Mens finals and guest interviews will be available in the near future.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Your Club Membership is now due. The good news is that there's no change in cost of membership. The gym membership has been increased by 20 Euro but I think everyone would agree that with the improvements made and further enhancements planned that it still represents unbelievable value.

(Gym membership is only due twelve months after the date you originally joined).

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Rachel Murphy, daughter of Denny and Breda, who celebrated her marriage to Gary Hassett last week. Rachel also played underage ladies football with the club.

Best of luck to the new couple.

LOTTO

Our Lotto committee got into the festive spirit of giving with two jackpot handed out. Sean Pierce collected 9, 200 Euro just before Christmas while Karen Leane swooped for the big win in the week immediately after Santa Claus coming. Well done to both Sean and Karen.

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The numbers drawn on 29/12/2024 for a jackpot of €7,350 were 2, 10, 14, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Anthony Murphy, Tadgh Brosnan, Killian Lynch, Tara Fleming, Tim Coffey. The Whiskey winners were Joan Wharton, Kitty Myers and Stephanie Mullen. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

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NEW YEAR.

Happy new year to all our Clubs, and have a great 2025.

JOHN DINEEN

On the morning of December 18th the sad news reached us of the death of our current East Kerry Board Chairman John Dineen.

After bravely battling illness over the last few years John passed away suddenly at his home in Barleymount, Fossa.

After playing for his home club Dr Crokes, John then dedicated his life to Fossa GAA, involved in the club in many capacities, and also was a respected referee. John served for 5 years as vice chairman before taking over as Chairman of the East Kerry Board for the last 2 years.

In my 2 year's working with John I saw that dedication first hand, as he did an amazing job as Chairman, in providing the leadership that has led to the continued success of East Kerry GAA. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

SYMPATHIES to the families of Dermot O'Callaghan (Jnr.), Clover Lane, Killarney, Kerry on his recent death.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Shane Ryan and Eimear McCarthy on their recent wedding.

DR. CROKES

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CONDOLENCE to the Horan Family on the recent passing of Helen, beloved wife of the late Pato Horan. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

The club Lotto with a jackpot of €16,400 will take place on Sunday next 12th at Butlers Bar, Fires. Tickets available from Committee Members & Usual outlets.

TEAMS

The club u13 Girls (Division 1) had a good home win on Saturday last over neighbours MEK FC thanks to goals from Niamh O Sullivan & Anna Kate Daly with Aoibhinn Daly, Mollie O Connor, Emma O Callaghan & Anna Fitzgerald also influential during the game in a good squad performance.

The U12 B squad (Div 2 North) travelled to Fenit Samphires on Saturday morning where after a gallant 1st half trailed the home team 0-1. The second half saw Fenit add four goals to win 0-5. Ballyhar had good performers all over the pitch with Adam Czimir, Leo Fox, Oisín Moynihan, Harry Flaherty, Rhys Nolan, Adam Bradley, Shane Collins, Luca Mulchinock, & Fiachra McCarron playing well.

The U12 A squad (Division 1) welcomed Killarney Athletic B to Murt Scott Park and got a great test from the Killarney side when they had to come from one goal down to win on a 2-1 scoreline. Jack Cooper getting the equaliser with a fine headed effort & Jack Sheehy scoring a fine individual volley to clinch the points. Gavin Sheehan, Bryan Evans, Fabian Morteck, Paddy Hurley, Marcus O Sullivan & Dermot Nealon were also in fine form.

The U16s (Division 1) came from 2-4 down to get a deserved home 4-4 draw to Iveragh FC. Conor Edwards after a fine Noel O Sullivan assist & an Aaron Moriarty header were Ballyhars 1st half scorers. Daire Cornally made it 3-4 with a fine header & late on Issac Vickers fired a penalty to the net to claim a deserved point in a well contested game.

SYMPATHY

The club offers it condolences to the Dineen family, Barleymount & Rusheen on the passing of John & condolences to the family & friends of the late Billy O Shea, Fires. May both John & Billy rest in peace.

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS/GIRLS

Despite the wintry weather conditions that hit Kerry over the weekend, over 30 games were played without incident on Saturday in the Kerry Schoolboys and Girls League. While the National Trophy games were postponed, most

of the local action kicked off as expected, with some games cancelled due to safety concerns associated with teams travelling home during the orange warning that kicked in at 5pm that evening.

Credit to the players, coaches, parents, club volunteers and indeed all the referees who made it possible for these fixtures to be played. 2025 certainly started on an interesting note, with plenty of exciting games taking place on Saturday across the Boys and Girls competitions.

SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH

GIRLS

U13 Girls Premier

Killorglin 2-2 Killarney Athletic

U13 Girls Division 1

Ballyhar 6-0 MEK

LB Rovers 1-2 Tralee Dynamos

U15 Girls Premier

Park 6-2 Listowel Celtic

U16 Girls Premier

Killarney Celtic 3-0 Mastergeeha

BOYS

U12 Boys Premier

Castleisland 3-1 Killorglin

Listowel 1-1 Mastergeeha

Inter Kenmare 5-3 Killarney Athletic

Park 3 v Dingle 0 w/o

Fenit 3-1 Camp

U12 Boys Division 1

Ballyhar A 2-1 Killarney Athletic B

LB Rovers 3-0 Inter Kenmare B w/o

Camp B 1-4 Ferry Rangers

MEK 1-5 Fenit B

U12 Boys Division 2 (North)

Castleisland C 3-0 Tralee Dynamos B w/o

Fenit C 5-0 Ballyhar B

LB Rovers B 2-1 Ardfert

Listowel Celtic C 6-0 Park D

U12 Boys Division 2 (South)

MEK B 4-2 Mastergeeha C

Castlemaine 3-0 Killarney Celtic C w/o

Killorglin B 3-2 Killarney Athletic C

U14 Boys Premier

Killorglin A 3-0 Castleisland A

Killarney Athletic 2-1 Iveragh

U14 Boys Division 1

Inter Kenmare B 0-6 Camp A

U14 Boys Division 2 North

Castleisland B 2-5 Fenit B

LB Rovers B 0-6 Dingle A

U14 Boys Division 2 South

Iveragh B 3-0 Killarney Athletic C w/o

Killarney Celtic B 4-2 Mastergeeha B

U16 Boys Premier

Tralee Dynamos A 2-6 Listowel A

Killorglin A 4-2 Killarney Celtic A

Killarney Athletic 3-2 Park A

U16 Boys Division 1

Ballyhar 4-4 Iveragh A

Mastergeeha B 2-2 LB Rovers A

U16 Boys Division 2

Inter Kenmare B 3-0 Iveragh B w/o

Mastergeeha C 3-1 Ballyheigue

Park C 1-3 Killarney Celtic B

Killarney Athletic B 4-4 MEK B

Tralee Dynamos B 1-4 Castlemaine

GIRLS

HONOURS SHARED BETWEEN KILLORGLIN AND ATHLETIC

The points were shared between Killorglin and Killarney Athletic in the first clash of 2025 in the U13 Girls Premier. A late strike from Mia Robertson, seeing Killorglin overturn a half time and early second half deficit to leave with a point, as Killorglin and Athletic played out a 2-2 draw.

Athletic would lead 1-0 at the break and early on in the second half doubled their advantage in the tie, Leah Heinemann and Laura O'Sullivan finding the net to give Athletic a two goal cushion. Killorglin were very much in the tie and after creating plenty of chances did find the net through Kelsey Sheahan.

Heroic goalkeeping from Roisin Henken denied Athletic from further increasing their lead in the tie. After non stop assault on the Athletic goal, Killorglin did get their reward when Mia Robertson cut in from the wing and dinked the ball over the onrushing Athletic keeper to equalise. With momentum on their side, Killorglin almost snatched three points late on but were denied a come from behind win.

BALLYHAR PICK UP EMPHATIC FIRST WIN

It has taken five games for Ballyhar Dynamos to record their first win in the 13's Division 1, but they did it in style with a 6-0 win at home to MEK. Elsewhere Tralee Dynamos picked up three points away to fellow title chasers LB Rovers, with Fenit now sitting ten clear at the summit after the weekend events.

Against their local neighbours MEK, Ballyhar delivered a clinical performance inspired by Niamh O'Sullivan scoring five goals to power their way to victory. Ballyhar settled early and after a period of pressing took the lead when Niamh O'Sullivan ran through the middle of the MEK defence and slotted home after a through ball from Anna Kate Daly.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u16s who battled back to secure a home 4-4 draw v Iveragh FC on Saturday last in Division 1 of the Kerry schoolboy league.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13 girls who defeated MEK FC on Saturday last at Murt Scott Park in Division 1 of the Kerry school girl league.

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The second came quickly after that, when Mollie O'Connor played O'Sullivan in for her second of the afternoon. O'Sullivan was not done there and added a further three goals to her tally, with a dominant showing in midfield. The final goal came from Anna Kate Daly who poked home after a goalmouth scramble following good play by Mollie O'Connor.

A Tia Falvey brace saw Dynamos start 2025 on a positive note, recording consecutive wins in the process. After falling to a 4-1 defeat to LB back in October, Dynamos headed for Ardfert and continued to show their recent form, with Falvey's brace the decisive factor, as Ruby Boyle grabbed the sole LB strike.

PARK GO JOINT TOP IN 15'S PREMIER

A clinical showing from St Brendan's Park, now makes it a two horse race at the summit of the U15 Girls Premier, as the Park pulled away from the chasing pack with a 6-2 win over Listowel Celtic in Christy Leahy Park.

Taylor Kate Leane secured a hat-trick, supported by a brace from Arina Succina and a strike from Ava Maguire, the Tralee side powered home to a fifth win in six games this season. Celtic would find the net through Ava Fealy and Evanne Mason, but could not turn the tide in the game.

BOYS

FENIT AND KENMARE CLOSE THE GAP IN 12'S PREMIER

Wins at home for both Fenit and Inter Kenmare saw the pair close the gap to six points to the unbeaten St Brendan's Park.

Fenit picked up the points with a 3-1 win at home to Camp. A brace from Fionn McCarthy and a goal by Áron Keating were enough to ensure the win. A thrilling match in Kenmare, saw Inter defeat Athletic 4-3. Kenmare's Shay O'Connor, Alasdair Sullivan, Tadgh Clifford, and Kuba Merchel contributed to the victory.

A tight game in Pat Kennedy Park, saw Listowel's TJ Ahern and Mastergeeha's Leo Barry each find the back of the net to share the spoils. As Listowel Celtic and Mastergeeha played out a 1-1 draw.

Elsewhere, Castleisland secured a 3-1 win at home to Killorglin, as a Padraig Flynn brace in the second half ensured the three points. Creating plenty of chances, the hosts scored midway through the first half through Conor Managan for a 1-0 lead at half time.

Killorglin came more into it at the start of the second half and scored on the break midway through the second half. Jack Moloney finding the net to equalise. Castleisland continued to

create chances and scored two more through Padraig Flynn to ensure the result. CJ Foley proved tough to beat in the Killorglin goal, and thwarted the hosts on numerous occasions with some outstanding saves.

BALLYHAR AND FENIT DEADLOCKED AT DIVISION 1 SUMMIT

Three points for both Ballyhar and Fenit has made the 12's Division 1 title race even more intriguing after the weekend's events. With the pair now three clear of the nearest challenger in Park.

Ballyhar Dynamos edged out Killarney Athletic 2-1 in a tightly contested match. Despite dominating the first half, with chances from Sean Evans and Fabian Mortek, Ballyhar would fail to find the net and in turn found themselves trailing at the break after a counterattack goal from Jacob Slowakiewicz made it 1-0 to Athletic.

The second half played out largely like the first, with Ballyhar remaining on the attack against Athletic and it wasn't long before they eventually got their reward. Jack Sheehy ran down the wing and put in a perfect cross which Jack Cooper rose and headed it past the diving Athletic keeper and into the net to equalise.

A moment of magic from Jack Sheehy ensured the three points for the home side. After some wonderful skill hooking the ball over his head, he struck on the volley past the Athletic keeper to make it 2-1. Athletic weren't going down without a fight and put more pressure on Ballyhar but they showed real determination to hold on and take all three points.

Fenit B continued their strong form with a dominant display against MEK, with a 5-1 win away from home. A brace by Padraig Whelan, along with goals from Tomas Bunyan and Eoghan Gilligan, alongside an own goal, proved too much for MEK to handle.

Elsewhere Ferry Rangers picked up their third win of the season, delivering an impressive performance to overcome Camp B 4-1 away from home. Tamatea Charlie was the star of the show, netting twice, with Cormac Kelly and an own goal completing the tally. Fellow North Kerry side LB Rovers also secured three points as they were awarded a walkover from Inter Kenmare.

ATHLETIC CONTINUE TO SET THE PACE IN 14'S PREMIER

Another impressive and hard earned performance by Killarney Athletic secured their fourth win of the season, another three points

putting them seven points clear at the summit. Athletic earned a narrow yet impressive 2-1 victory over Iveragh. Max Moynihan and Marc Cremin were the heroes for Athletic, finding the back of the net to secure the win. Despite Iveragh's efforts, they couldn't overturn Athletic's lead.

Elsewhere Killorglin are off the mark with their first win of the season, a commanding performance at Dragon's Den securing a 3-0 victory over Castleislan. Goals from Luke Clifford, Darragh Burke, and Lucas McCarthy highlighted the team's attacking prowess, as they controlled the game from start to finish.

KILLORGLIN MAKE IT FIVE UNBEATEN TO EXTEND 16'S PREMIER ADVANTAGE

With their fifth win in as many games at the weekend, Killorglin now have an eight point lead at the summit of the U16's Premier table. The pace setters have shown no signs in slowing down and look to march on toward the title.

A 4-2 win at home to Killarney Celtic in Dragon's Den kept the positive momentum going. Braces from Jack Buckley and Michael Culhane proved decisive, as Killarney Celtic fought hard with James Murphy and Kiernan Kelly getting on the scoresheet, but they were ultimately undone by Killorglin's attacking strength.

Closest challengers to Killorglin, Killarney Athletic, had a hard earned 3-2 win at home to St Brendan's Park to remain on the tails of the leaders. Jamie Fleming netted twice, with Alex Doolan also contributing a goal. Park A pushed hard through goals from Krystoff Karpovski and Sean Og O'Connor, but were unable to break through Killarney's defense enough to equalise. At the foot of the table, Listowel Celtic picked up their first win of the season in comprehensive fashion, defeating Tralee Dynamos 6-2 on the road. Daithí Laide was the standout player with a remarkable four-goal haul, while Cian Slemmon and Paddy Larkin added to the tally. Tralee Dynamos managed to find the net on two occasions but couldn't keep up with Listowel's dominant performance.

LEADERS SLIP UP AS CELTIC GAIN GROUND IN DIVISION 2 TITLE RACE

Defeats for both Ballyheigue and St Brendan's Park C opened the door for Killarney Celtic B to gain ground in the title race. Now three teams all sit on 15 points in the U16 Division 2 table, while Castlemaine sit just outside in fourth spot.

Mastergeeha C secured a solid 3-1 win over



Ballyhar Dynamos U12 Division 1



Killarney Celtic U14 Division 2 South

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Ballyheigue. Liam Breen was the star of the show with a brace, while Cian Maher added another to seal the win for Geeha, a second defeat of the season for Ballyheigue.

Killarney Celtic B defeated Park C 3-1 in a hard-fought encounter. Celtic's Andrew Sheehan scored twice, and Luke O'Shea added another to ensure victory. Park C's sole response came from a single goal, not enough to turn the tide and prevent a second defeat of the campaign. Castlemaine also gained ground in the title race with a fourth win of the campaign, picking up three points with a 4-1 win on the road against Tralee Dynamos B. Donnacha Lynch, Evan McKenna, Donagh Lenihan, and Tadhg Clifford all scored for Castlemaine, sealing a comprehensive victory.

In a thrilling match, the local derby between Killarney Athletic B and MEK B finished in a 4-4 draw. Athletic's Conn McGlynn netted twice, with James Marshall and Ryan Twomey also on the scoresheet. MEK B's Cade Jameson also scored twice, while James O'Meara and Harry O'Mahoney added one each to complete the high-scoring draw.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC NOTES

U16 DIV 2

Killarney Athletic 4 - 4 M.E.K

Conn McGlynn x2, James Marshall x1, Ryan Twomey x1

The blues welcomed Mek to Woodlawn this morning. The cold weather didn't affect either team as they played out an entertaining game of football. Both sides created chances but it was James who opened the scoring for the home side after some great work down the right hand side from Brendan and Kenneth. The away side responded and got an equaliser after a mix up at the back. Our boys responded when conn got his first of the day after a second assist from Kenneth. Mek continued to fight back and pulled 2 back from a corner and a free kick to go into the break 3-2 up. The boys started the second half well as conn continued his goal scoring form to get his second of the day. He could've had added more to his goal tally if it wasn't for some excellent saves from the Mek keeper. Both sides were now fighting for a winner in this goal fest and With 20 minutes to go, it was the away side who got the goal to go ahead. With less than 10 minutes to go it seemed like it was going to be another game where we would lose after leading in the game but to be fair to our boys they've learned from those games and never gave up. Captain Twomey got the equaliser with a brilliant finish into the bottom left hand corner in the final moments of the game after some excellent work down the right hand side from Alan. Both teams pushed for a winner again but it ended all square at the final whistle which was probably a fair result. Thanks to Mek for a sporting game.

Massive thanks to Eamon O'Callaghan at Killarney Coaches who kindly sponsored half zips for our U16 'B' team.

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Killarney Celtic U14B squad vs Mastergeeha

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U16 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 3 - 2 Park

Scorers: Jamie Fleming, Alex Doolan

Our U16's welcomed Park to Woodlawn Saturday morning and in freezing conditions came away with all 3 points. Athletic started brightly and hit the front through a great strike from Jamie. Park struck back before half time to leave it 1-1 at the break. Our boys were playing some decent football in patches in difficult conditions and found themselves 1-2 down early in the second half. However, they regrouped again and Jamie drew us level shortly after through a great strike. With 15 mins to go we hit the front again when Jack Fleming cut the ball back to Alex who finished well to the park net. FT Athletic 3 - 2 Park.

Thanks to park for an entertaining game in difficult conditions for both sides and to Tom the ref for officiating on the day

U12 BOYS DIVISION 1 RESULT

Ballyhar A 2 - 1 Killarney Athletic B

Jacob Slowkiewicz x 1

On a cold Saturday morning the boys headed out to Ballyhar, in a tough conditions the boys played brilliant, going up One nil at half time, in the second half Ballyhar put on pressure and they equalised from a great header and then got the winning goal 10 mins after. The Athletic pushed for and equaliser but it was not to be on this occasion. The boys played really well today a battled very hard. They can be very proud of their effort. Thanks to Ballyhar for hosting us they deserved there win. I'd also like to thank the referee.

U13 GIRLS PREMIER RESULT

Killorglin 2 - 2 Killarney Athletic

Leah Heinemann x 1 Laura o Sullivan x 1

On a cold January morning our U13 girls made the trip to Killorglin. Down a couple of big players, we weren't helped when Evie had to come off after 5 mins. We started brightly and a great move saw Leah put us 1-0. We had a couple of good chances but the half finished 1-0. Early in the second half, we won a corner and the ball fell to Laura who shot from the edge of the box to the top corner. 2-0. From this point on Killorglin started to dominate and made it 2-1 shortly after. Lori made a good save and Killorglin hit the post twice in the same move. The equaliser came with 7 minutes to go when their player ran through and slotted

home. Athletic looked dangerous every time we attacked but the game finished 2-2 and a fair result in the end. Thanks to Killorglin for hosted a great game and the ref for officiating on the day.

U14 BOYS PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 2 - 1 Iveagh

Max Moynihan x 1, Marck Cremin x 1

Our first game of the New Year & it was a hard fought win against a good Iveagh side. Our first goal came from a Patrick O' Connor wide free kick, Max Moynihan made a perfectly timed run as the Iveagh Goalkeeper advanced with both players colliding, Max's bravery paid off with ball ending up in the Iveagh goal. Iveagh reacted and got a deserved goal within minutes to level up the game. Second goal came from a corner when Marc Cremin found space just inside the penalty area, letting fly a with a shot that found the bottom corner. 2-1 half time. Second half both sides had chances to score but were unable to find the crucial next goal. We saw the game out to take the 3 points and remain unbeaten in the league. Thanks to Iveagh for a good, sporting game. Thanks to the ref for a good game.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

U16 PREMIER

Killorglin AFC 4-2 Killarney Celtic

Kiernan Kelly, James Murphy

Celtic took the lead after 20 mins when James Murphy finished to the net. Killorglin responded with 3 goals before Celtic came back with a Kiernan Kelly goal. As Celtic pressed for the equaliser Killorglin broke away to clinch the game.

U16 DIV 2

St Brendan's Park 1-3 Killarney Celtic

Andrew Sheahan 2, Luke O Shea

Celtic had a good win in Tralee last weekend as the 16B team started 2025 on a bright note.

U14 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic 4-2 Mastergeeha

Jack Kissane 3, Josh O'Donoghue

Celtic B opened the scoring through Josh O'Donoghue before Mastergeeha rebounded to lead 2-1 at half time. Celtic equalised with a penalty. Jack Kissane doubled his tally with the lead goal. Mastergeeha pressed but Celtic held out and counter-attacked with Jack Kissane finishing off to leave Celtic winners on the day.

CONGRATS to Sean Horan U16 and David Cronin U14 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

NEW SIGNINGS AT KERRY FC

Theo Marcel Farquharson switches from England to Tralee as he becomes Conor McCarthy's first new signing ahead of the 2025 season.

Kerry FC is delighted to announce the signing of Theo Marcel Farquharson, subject to international clearance. The 21-year-old centre-back has become Conor McCarthy's first new arrival ahead of the 2025 SSE Airtricity Men's First Division campaign.

Theo, from Manchester in England, arrives in Tralee with a wealth of experience playing football cross-channel. As a schoolboy, Theo spent four years on Manchester United's books before moving across the city to Manchester City FC. A three-year spell at Burnley ended with a move to Stockport County and Oldham Athletic before a series of non-league senior teams, including FC United of Manchester, Warrington Town FC in the Vanarama National League, a spell at Portuguese side SC Espinho and most recently with Workington AFC

Theo will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Kerry FC dressing room. At 6 foot 5" in height, Theo is sure to offer

the Kingdom a towering presence at the back.

Luke Palmer signs multi-year contract with Kerry FC

Kerry Football Club is delighted to announce that 17-year-old Luke Palmer has signed his first contract with Kerry FC.

Palmer, who is from Brosna, has impressed during his time in the Academy. Having come into Mounthawk after a spell in Limerick FC, Luke has shown his ability in front of goal for both the Men's Under 17's and Under 20's in 2024, scoring 31 goals between the two sides last season. Luke was an integral part of the MU17's journey to the Mark Farren Cup final as well as the MU20's bid to win the EA Sports LOI Academy Shield which also just fell short at the final hurdle.

Sean O'Connell commits his future to the Kingdom as he signs his first contract with Kerry FC

Kerry FC is delighted to confirm that Sean O'Connell has committed his future to the green and gold as he signs his first contract with the Mounthawk Park outfit.

Sean, who is just 20 years of



Kerry FC's first signing of 2025 Theo Marcel being unveiled in Mounthawk Park after signing for the Kingdom



Luke Palmer has signed his first multi-year contract with Kerry FC. Photo: Adam Kowalczyk

age, has been one of Kerry FC's leading players since the club's inception 2 years ago. Sean has gone on to make 71 appearances for Kerry at his favoured left-back position. With another year of Senior football now under his belt, the young Kerry man is one of the most experienced players

in the Mounthawk dressing room. Having graduated from the Academy structures in the club, Sean now joins the list of players in the club to be rewarded for his efforts with his first contract with the league's newcomers.



The Kiely sisters, Beibhin and Ailbhe, from Fossa Killarney pictured enjoying their snowboards in Killarney on Wednesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



The Kiely sisters, Beibhin, Ailbhe, Dearbhla and Lauren from Fossa Killarney pictured enjoying their snowboards in Killarney on Wednesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR COMPETITIONS

We had a number of events from the period of December 22nd-29th including our Three Ball Scramble for the Danny Nolan Memorial Cup and Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield on St Stephens Day.

DECEMBER 22ND: Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Hugh O'Sullivan & Betty O'Brien 35½ (B2), Gross: Gearóid Cronin & Niall O'Loughlin 47 and Second Nett: Aidan O'Keeffe & Jason O'Connor 35½.

ST STEPHENS DAY SCRAMBLE: Our Club PRO found himself on a winning team for a fourth time in winning the Danny Nolan Memorial Cup as he was joined by two fellow Committee members who won it for a third and second time in respectively in all three teaming up to win on the day. The Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield winners for the best Gross score were very close to the late Johnny's heart meanwhile as or Chairman Sean (his son) and his grand daughter's boyfriend Shane Brosnan combined with Hugh O'Sullivan to win on the day. Danny Nolan Memorial Cup Winners (Nett): Gearoid Cronin, Noel Moynihan & Jason O'Connor 34 1/3. Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield Winners: Sean Kelly, Hugh O'Sullivan and Shane Brosnan 44. Thanks to Margaret B Looney for supplying drinks afterwards for all players.

DECEMBER 29TH: We finished 2024 with a final Sunday event on this day as Messrs Cronin, Moynihan and O'Connor continued their form from St Stephens Day. We were delighted also to see our Sunday morning Co-Ordinator win the Hole-In-One Prize with only his second tee-shot of the day! First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Jason O'Connor 36½ Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Robbie O'Brien Snr 46, Second Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Betty O'Brien 37 and Hole-In-One: Sean O'Brien (2nd Hole).

CLUB PERSONS OF THE YEAR We were delighted to announce over Christmas that for the first time since 2013 two people would be honoured with the Danny Nolan Memorial Shield as both Dan Kiely and John Looney were presented with recognitions of their work on the course over the past year on St Stephens Day. Thanks to both for their time this year.

CLUB AGM

Scheduled for Monday night January 13th in the clubhouse at 7pm. We ask everyone with nomination and motion forms to return them to Club Secretary Margaret B Looney in the clubhouse on Wednesday January 8th at 5pm.

BEST WISHES to our neighbours Dr Crokes in their All-Ireland Senior Club semi-final with Errigal Ciarán of Tyrone on Sunday in Portlaoise.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Before the onset of the cold snap we managed to get 2025 going on New Year's Day with our first draws of the year. Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Aidan O'Keeffe 35½ and Second Nett: Niall O'Loughlin & Dan Kiely 36½. We will inform everyone as to when the course is available to play on again once the present spell of weather at the time of writing ends.

GOOD LUCK

We also wish James Fleming and the St Pauls Ladies Basketball team well in their National Cup semi-final on Saturday against Killester.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Dan Kiely and his family on the death of his sister Hilary last week. May she Rest in Peace.

ROSS GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

On December 26th we held a 10 hole mixed scramble with a splendid turnout in very good weather conditions

The winning team was:-

- 1: Ivo O'Sullivan, Maureen Beecher Crowley, Tim Ryan, Michael Casey.

On December 28th and 29th we held a club sponsored stableford competition.

The winners were

- 1st: Michael J O'Sullivan 37 (13)
- 2nd: Michael J O'Connor 37 (5)
- 3rd: Michael O'Keeffe 35 (15)

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

CAPTAIN'S DRIVE IN

Competition Results followed with Mixed Foursomes competition Sponsored by Sapphire Signs

27th December 2024 on Mahony's Point Course



Over Christmas Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Ben Kelliher (centre), 2024 National Boys U16 Strokeplay Champion, met up with the club's other two winners of the Eugene McCarthy Cup, Creagh Courtney (left, 2011) and Conor McCarthy (right, 2013) for a photo with the Cup itself.



The winners of Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Danny Nolan Memorial Cup after a Three Ball Scramble on St Stephens Day were (pictured) Noel Moynihan, Jason O'Connor and Gearoid Cronin.

Overall, Winner: Eimear O'Sullivan & Eugene O'Sullivan 42pts (13)

2nd: Catherine Walsh & Gerard Walsh 41pts (26)

3rd: Josephine O'Sullivan & Pdraig O'Sullivan 40pts (13)

4th: Mary Leacy & Kevin Leacy 40pts (16)

4th: Breda Duggan & Barry Duggan 40pts (27)



The winners of Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield after a Three Ball Scramble on St Stephens Day were (pictured) Hugh O'Sullivan and Sean Kelly. The other member of the winning team was Shane Brosnan (absent from photo).



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Chairman Sean Kelly pictured with the Club Joint Club Persons of the Year John Looney and Dan Kiely who received both the Dan O'Leary Memorial Shield and mementos in light of their work on the course throughout 2024.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

With the country in the midst of a unprecedented housing crisis and builders are putting the blame for this squarely on the shoulders of senior management staff of Kerry County Council, accusing them of making the problem worse.

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council.

Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards



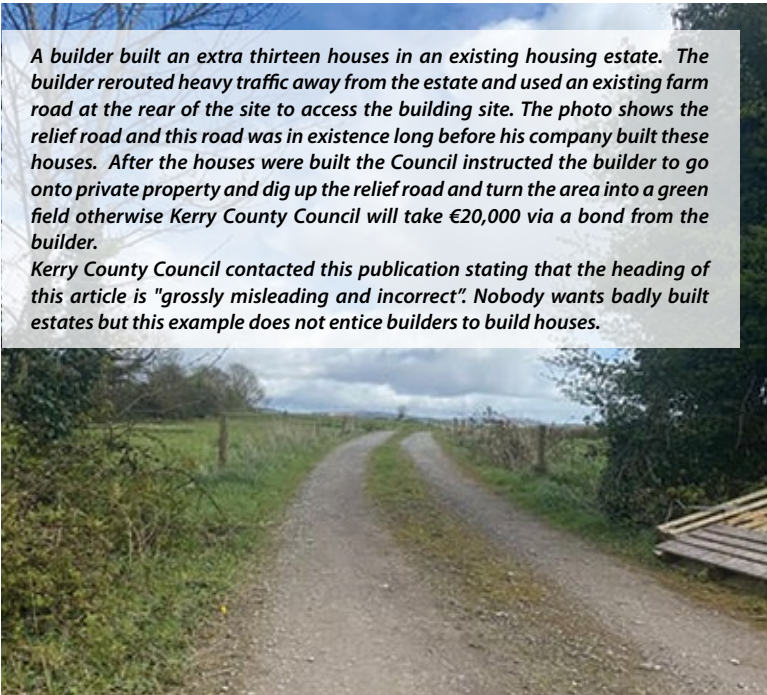
This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from the front because of the slope in the green area. Does it really matter if this fence is a few inches shorter. This is an example of the nonsense that builders have to put up with from Kerry County Council.

road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

A number of County Councillors have said that they do not have the power to change things. They were critical of council management who have just brushed their concerns aside.

A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder.

Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.

**“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES
FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”**



Golfer of the Year

At the presentation of the Golfer of the Year Prizes at the Ross GC are Johnny Brosnan, Captain, Ollie Favier, Racecourse Cafe, Annual Sponsor, Daniel Cronin, Golfer of the Year, Frank Doran, Safeguard Security, Perpetual Cup sponsor



At the presentation of the prizes for the St Stephen's Day mixed scramble are :- Front (l to r) Elaine Casey, Lady Captain, Maureen Beecher Crowley, Peter Wickham, Captain. Back (l to r): Mike O'Leary, Brenda Kelliher, Ivo O'Sullivan, Mike Brosnan, Tim Ryan, John Cuskelly, John Nolan, M J Casey.



John O'Mahony 2024 Captain Killarney Golf Club (left) presenting the Senior Player of the Year award 2024 to Brian Horgan at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Pat Favier Club President with his daughter Aoife and her family Ameila, Pat and Noah Duggan at the Drive In at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Captain with her husband Sean at the Captain's Drive In at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Captain (fifth from left) presenting first prize in the Sapphire Signs Mixed Foursomes to winners Eimear and Eugene O'Sullivan with (left) Catherine and Gerard Walsh 2nd, Michael McAuliffe Captain (second row from left) Padraig and Josephine O'Sullivan 3rd, Mary and Kevin Lacey 4th, Breda and Barry Duggan 5th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Brian McCarthy Junior Boys Captain, Michael McAuliffe Captain, Pat Favier Club President, Máire Murphy Captain and Kate McCan Junior Girls Captain at their Captain's Drive In with some club members at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Máire Murphy Captain presenting first prize in the Aghadoe Heights Hotel Mixed to winners Padraig O'Sullivan and Ursula Daly with (left) Anita O'Sullivan 2nd and Michael McAuliffe Captain at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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**UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS
UCC THE ADDRESS GLANMIRE REPORT
PLUS PREVIEW OF NATIONAL CUP SEMI
FINAL**

**Women's Superleague Basketball
Sunday January 5th
Mardyke Arena**

**UCC THE ADDRESS
GLANMIRE 77
UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 59**

Report by Enda Walshe

Defeat for Utility Trust St Pauls but one that comes with an asterix. The wintry conditions shrouding the county meant they travelled to the Mardyke Arena with only six players. Without the already unavailable Leah McMahon and Rheanne O'Shea the arctic conditions claimed the services of Denise Dunlea, Lorraine Scanlon and Paris McCarthy who were snowbound at their abodes. A difficult assessment made it even harder but it wasn't all doom and gloom despite the scoreline.

Alex Wittinger gave another glimpse of her promise with a good showing, especially in the opening half, with 19 points and 14 rebounds, She combined well with Megan Ormiston in that time and with Gracen Kerr expected to be fit for next weekend's Cup semi final it gives Coach James Fleming a nice headache. Siofra O Shea took advantage of her extended time with a great showing, netting 10 points and definitely putting down a marker for next weekend.

It was a competitive fixture for the majority but it was understandable that Glanmire numerical advantage would eventually reap reward. They had in Callie Cavanaugh the games outstanding player and she finished with a 32 point haul. But it was St Pauls who made the better start with Wittinger , Siofra O Shea , Megan Ormiston and Mathilde Diop all finding their range to open up a 14-9 lead. Del Janae Williams' accuracy from the three point line was Glanmires opening headline but Cavanaugh was starting to exert her influence and she responded to Wittingers input to tie the game at 19-19.

Ormiston continued her form into the second quarter with Glanmires Annalise Murphy supplementing Cavanaugh and Williams who still had her three point radar turned on. With Glanmire 31-26 ahead the game could have slipped away from St Pauls but Wittinger, O Shea kept them in the battle , with good hustle from Meabh Barry. Ormiston finished the quarter as she started it , with a basket, and there was only a point in it, 35-34 at half time.

Sensing the need to turn up the intensity Glanmire made a rapid start to the second

half, the usual suspects Murphy, Cavanaugh and Williams forging them nine clear, 45-36. They were hitting St Pauls on the fast break and a time out was needed to quell that momentum. It had the desired effect as Diop, O'Shea and Ormiston kept the St Paul's fire burning. Diop hit another three as did Lynn Jones and it was only a five point deficit turning for home, 55-50.

Having given so much to the game it was inevitable that the St Pauls limbs would tire and so it proved. The terrible trio of Cavanaugh, Murphy and Williams, who accounted for 71 of their sides total, went to town and helped force their side well clear. Siofra O Shea did hit a three and further baskets came from Wittinger and Ormiston but the horse had bolted at this stage, Glanmire winning out 77-59. All attention now shifts to next weekend's National Cup semi final and the promise of a full squad.

Alex Wittinger hit 19 for St Pauls, Megan Ormiston 18, Siofra OShea 10, Mathilde Diop 9, Lynn Jones 3.

Callie Cavanaugh had a game high 32 points, Del Janae Williams 21 and Annalise Murphy 18.

**SCOTTS LAKERS VS MATER PRIVATE
MALAHIDE REPORT**

**Mens Basketball League
Saturday January 4th
Malahide Community School**

**MATER PRIVATE MALAHIDE 73
SCOTTS LAKERS 77**

Report by Enda Walshe

There were only fourteen seconds left on the clock when Malahides Sean Daly was fouled in the act of shooting and sent to the free throw line for two shots. His team trailed by one and so in his hands he knew he held the chance of victory. He duly sank both to send the home support into raptures and his team into a one point lead. They led thanks to a late charge spearheaded by Matthew Harper that reeled in the Lakers. But Coach Manuel Suarez had one last hand to deal as he called a timeout,

The Lakers emerged from the time out with possession just inside the Malahide half. Darnell Snyers inbounded it and it made its way to Eoin Carroll inside the paint. Surrounded, he somehow smuggled it out to Mark Sheehan. Sheehan had seen a few efforts rim out during the night but bravely he pulled the trigger from outside the arc. And down it went to give the Lakers a precious two point lead with four second left. Malahide called their own timeout and

plotted an equaliser. With four seconds it had to be smart but Darnell Snyers stole in and ran half the court to lay up as the final buzzer sounded. The scoreboard read 77-73 in his side's favour , a richly deserved win but one they nearly came home without.

It wouldn't be filed as a travesty of justice had Malahide emerged with the victory but some of the Lakers slick offence was a joy to watch and they would have been sickened to come out of it empty handed. With the profile of the player in the squad quick ball movement is imperative and they weaved some neat patterns through the Malahide defence with game MVP Snyers pivotal.

It's something he's keen to build on."We want to move the ball very fast in half court and full court. We have the players for it to play that way too. Defensively there is room for improvement as they got a few easy baskets but when we needed to we held our ground and that helped get the job done. But it's a work in progress."

The win moves the Lakers onto nine wins for the season and gives them nice momentum with six of the last nine games at home. Snyers started the game on fire with two early baskets, with a Mikah Blackwell three in between. The second basket was courtesy of a beautiful assist from Rui Saravia, who was very bright all evening. Saravia and Snyers helped keep the Lakers at pace with Malahide who had Sean Daly , Matthew Harper and Sean Fitzpatrick to thank for their points. Oisin Spring, Abdul Oladipupo , Jamie and Jack O Sullivan all came on to pitch in with Blackwell getting the score of the quarter , going coast to coast , and having the game tied at 23 each.

Blackwell opened the second quarter like a man possessed , hitting a three and then stuffing the ball home. It helped kick start a dominant period for the Lakers with Eoin Carroll effective and when Blackwell hit another dunk the lead was opened out to 10, 35-25. Romonn Nelson who had been quiet for the hosts started to light up and alongside Oisin Rice and Daly they got Malahide back within touching distance at half time, 39-33.

The third quarter started in a similar vein, this time it was Snyers who had the fire in the belly and ice in the brain. He hit three threes as Saravia was at the end of some lovely ball movement and a Carroll basket gave the Lakers a 54-43 lead midway through. The next minutes allowed Malahide to get back into it as the Lakers were guilty of some sloppy finishing . Rice, Harper and the Daly brothers whittled it down to one by quarters end, 56-55.

Blackwell moved inside at the start of the fourth and got an early rhythm which Jack O Sullivan and Snyers tapped into. Both hit from outside and the Lakers looked to



be turning the cars for home with a nine point lead, 68-59 and five minutes to go. But Malahide were a resilient bunch as Nelson dragged them back

into it. Harper then hit two from downtown and that set the scene for the late fireworks. Daly might have thought he had clinched it but Sheehan stepped up to make his mark and then Snyers put the tin hat on it for a 77-73 win.

Coach Manuel Suarez saw it as a mixed bag. 'It was a really tough game, we were able to get good runs in offence but we weren't very solid on defence, mostly on the last minutes. I'm really happy about the last three from Mark to give us the lead because he was not having the best of luck all night. We're trying to play as a team in both sides; we have very talented players like Mikah or Darnell but we need to share the ball and make them not to take all the responsibility.'

Darnell Snyers top scored with 27 points, Mikah Blackwell had 21 points /13 rebounds, Jack O Sullivan netted 9, Rui Saravia had 6 points and 7 assists, Eoin Carroll 6, Abdul Oladipupo 5 and Mark Sheehan 3.

For Malahide Sean Daly had 17, Matthew Harper 16, Romonn Nelson 13 and Oisín Rice 12.

PAUDIE O CONNOR NATIONAL CUP PREVIEW

NEPTUNE STADIUM CORK
SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH 6PM

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS KILLESTER

The biggest game in St Pauls history comes this Saturday when they face Killester in the semi final of the Paudie O Connor National Cup. The cup is of course named after one of Killarney's greatest sons, the pioneering Irish International who changed the face of Irish basketball in the late 1970s. It was Paudie who of course introduced the first American players to the country and started a revolution in the game whose benefits are still being felt today. Outside of that he has also been lauded as one of the best Irish basketball players ever. He grew up only a stone's throw away from where James Fleming was reared and that gives St Paul's cup run some special reticence. They find

themselves in the last four alongside the top three in the league at this juncture and despite being ranked lower in the league they are there on merit.

They face Killester, a formidable unit who sit third in the Superleague table with a 70% win record. They accounted for UCC The Address Glanmire in a low scoring quarter final tussle, trailing heading into the final quarter but a Samantha Haiby inspired charge got them over the line. Haiby has been outstanding this season for the reigning league champions averaging 23 points per game and will be a big influence in this clash. Irish International Michelle Clarke is another serious operator, second only to Haiby in the scoring stats while Destiny Strother gives her US compatriot strong support. Hannah Thornton returned to the squad in mid November and her performance levels are steadily climbing. One area of concern for Killester has been the fitness of Ieva Bagdanaviciene who has sat out the last two weeks and they will be moving heaven and earth to give her a chance of playing.

For James Fleming the season has been a mixed bag. There have been huge cameos of quality that show they can compete with the country's best and the league clash with Killester is probably the best example of that. They put in a tremendous performance for thirty five of the forty minute clash and led by five. But they just fell short in the end , a trend that continued against the Liffey Celtics and Waterford Wildcats. In their quarter final win over Trinity Meteors they brewed up the perfect storm of defensive intensity and offensive efficiency to grab an epic win. The squad he has assembled gives him flexibility with Alex Wittinger, Megan Ormiston and Gracen Kerr handing him a selection headache. The influence of Lorraine Scanlon is still huge and alongside Denise Dunlea Siofra O Shea and Meabh Barry they are the heartbeat of the squad.

Mathilde Diop will give Killester a different conundrum as she didn't face them in that league clash. The lionhearted Lynn Jones stood up to the plate against Glanmire at the weekend and alongside Meabh Barry they are the ultimate team players. It remains to be seen if the weekend has come too early for Rheanne O'Shea and Leah McMahon, either player's availability would be a huge boost.

It is a tough task for St Pauls but they have shown the necessary quality at plenty stages of the league season. It'll be a case of getting all the moving parts right on the night . If they can do that there's no reason why they can't push Killester all they way and mabe set up a historic cup final date against the winners of Liffey Celtics and Waterford Wildcats.

SETU WATERFORD VIKINGS 88 KILLARNEY COUGARS 77

The Killarney Cougars traveled to the SETU Arena in Waterford to face the Waterford Vikings in this important Basketball Ireland National League Division One clash on Saturday evening. In a competitive and entertaining contest, the Vikings made their home advantage count to secure the win and claim the points.

The Cougars started strong, with Kani Glover opening the scoring with a three-pointer. Early contributions from Joshua Strongman and Nathan Cox helped the visitors settle into the game, giving them a narrow 13-12 lead midway through the first quarter.

However, the Vikings responded aggressively, forcing turnovers and finishing the quarter with a 20-15 lead. Osilama Oshigwemoh and Aaron Jackson combined for 11 points in the quarter, setting the tone for the home team.

The Vikings produced a strong second quarter to extend their advantage with a good spread of scores. Strong performances by Jay Kavanagh (5 points), Daniel Sheehan (7 points), and Aaron Jackson (10 points) helped the hosts build a 49-39 lead by halftime. It was a hard-fought quarter, with both teams deep into foul trouble during a long, physical period. The determined Cougars stayed in contention, thanks to Iyan Hristov (4 points), Joshua Strongman (7 points), and the impressive Kani Glover, who added 13 points but also picked up a third personal foul.

The third quarter was evenly contested despite Glover picking up a fourth foul early in the period. The Cougars worked hard to stay in the game, with Iyan Hristov adding 7 points. However, Waterford's Aaron Jackson dominated the scoring, contributing 14 points to maintain the Vikings' lead. At the end of another competitive quarter, the Vikings were ahead 72-60.

A similar pattern continued through the final quarter. The Cougars worked tirelessly to challenge the Vikings' advantage, but the home side held firm, frustrating the visitors throughout the closing stages. Glover fought hard, scoring 14 points in the final period before fouling out, but the Vikings stayed composed to secure the win.

Despite a valiant effort from the Cougars, led by Kani Glover's game-high 32 points and 11 rebounds, the Vikings maintained their lead throughout. Aaron Jackson was in top form for Waterford, leading all scorers with an outstanding 38 points.



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...

It's that time of year. Snow piling up outside the door, a fire crackling in the stove, and yours truly in reflective mood. I had planned to give my take on the Dr. Crokes versus Errigal Ciarán and Austin Stacks versus Ballinderry Shamrocks semi-finals. I wasn't travelling to either – are you kidding me? I'm not stepping outside the front door in this weather. I am not that soldier.

As it happens, I'm not really giving a rundown of either game. Dr. Crokes versus Errigal Ciarán was postponed for a week. Quite rightly, and for once, I will praise the GAA for making that call early enough for supporters to know. I've no great time for this idea of pitch inspections on the morning of the game – if it's in that much doubt already, call it off already. It's one of those things where the risk if you get it wrong vastly outweighs any rewards. Of course, the fact that the playing schedules are so congested that there is very little room for manoeuvre (or rest and recovery) is a different and I would say more urgent problem. The GPA came out with some sort of claim that no players were to train or play games for the month of November. Sure. No problem. Let me just go out and get a couple of flying pigs first.

I would like a no contact month. December 20th to January 20th. Nothing. No challenge games, no training sessions, nothing. As with so much of the GAA, it would be completely unenforceable, but it would at least send a proper message. Newsflash, Irish weather is not great in January.

I'm also not doing a big rundown on Austin Stacks versus Ballinderry Shamrocks. I watched it on TG\$ You Tube and I listened to Radio Kerry's very good coverage of the game. So why am I unwilling to do a full (albeit inadequate and mostly guesswork) analysis of it? Because it was absolute gack. Truly hideous. At one point deep in the first half, there were 26 players in Ballinderry's half of the field. Totally negative. I actually like Austin Stacks; I genuinely have great respect for them as a club. As has been their wont in recent years, they defended very well. I thought Dylan Casey outstanding. Joey Nagle pushed forward impressively. Jack O'Shea has calmed down about his ball-carrying sprints – I was never sure about his actual defensive abilities – but he marshalled a shield around the half back line very well. Joe O'Connor was a massive loss, no question about that. But up front... Paddy Lane just seems to be getting better and better. Cian Purcell – he has been a real stand-out player for me all year – showed really well. But a half-time score of 0-4 to 0-2 tells you a lot. Stacks led by 0-6 to 0-5 and then just completely ran out of steam. Kerry lost a lot of games to Dublin in the closing minutes of big games. Last year we did the



Therese Buckley, Brendan Lynch and Karen McCarthy of Killarney Credit Union presenting a set of Sports Bags to Eoin Brosnan Chairman and David Naughton Captain for the Dr Crokes Senior team who will play in the All Ireland Senior Club Quarter final on the 5th January (back from left) Evan Looney, Christina Bartlett, Gavin White, Tony Brosnan, Mark O'Shea, Shane Murphy, Stephen Brosnan and David Shaw at the Dr Crokes Club House, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

same against Armagh. Now Stacks ran out of legs against a Northern team. Is it a trend or merely coincidental? I'm certainly not dismissing it out of hand.

I watched the game. All of it. In a way, it feels like an achievement. The Stacks supporters who actually went and watched it....soldiers are given medals for a lot less.

GAELIC FOOTBALL

Overall, I'd be happy enough with Kerry this year. I do honestly think that we left a real chance of an All Ireland behind us. We coasted through Munster, maybe a little too easily – Cork put up a battle, but they were never going to win it. The group stage is just a dreary blur in my mind. The sooner the GAA abandon that dreadful nonsense, the better. It saps energy, recovery time, supporters' wallets and patience, and clogs up the fixtures schedule to absolutely no purpose. It adds absolutely nothing and takes away a lot. We were very controlled against Derry. Yes, it was awful to watch. Even Central Council were forced to take off their rose-tinted spectacles and admit that yes, the modern incarnation of gaelic football is pretty much rubbish. Then we came against Armagh. We left goal chances behind us and gave them one. I did think we were the better team for 45 minutes, but we didn't kill them off and they were making all the running in the end.

I don't want to sound churlish or begrudging,

but overall it really was an appalling football championship. Just dreary.

For me, Tom O'Sullivan, Brian Ó Beagláoch, and Tony Brosnan were Kerry's best players, and I'd just about give the nod to Ó Beagláoch.

The club championships took a while to get going. The best game in the senior was that rip-roaring opener between Crokes and Dingle. A game not without some controversy, but absolutely brilliant football. The best club game I saw was the Intermediate semi-final between Laune Rangers and Glenflesk. The home side were down a few too many bodies but came very close to pulling it off. To be honest, I didn't feel that the final or the replay lived up to the billing.

The best championship for me was the Premier Junior. That was an absolute roller coaster and I loved it.

Kerry Club Player of the Year? I'd just about give it to Gavin White of Dr. Crokes ahead of Paul Geaney of Dingle. Yes, two players on the strongest teams, but they are absolutely key elements in that team strength.

Will the new rules work? Well, they absolutely have to be better than what we have now. We have the usual suspects coming out and saying that there is nothing wrong with the game, but that nonsense isn't gaining traction with anybody. My worry is that already you have managers openly talking about how to manipulate those rules to prioritise strength and speed over skill.

There's some rubbish in the papers at the

moment about Donegal experimenting with Michael Murphy as a goalkeeper. Ah, lads. They say that paper never refuses ink, but there are times where paper absolutely should do so. It's January. Welcome to the silly season, you'll get worse stories.

Very happy with the U20s and minor team as well. The U20s reached an All Ireland Final and the minors reached a semi-final. Both beaten fair and square on the day by better teams, but that's no big think. It's all about an upward curve and we have good players coming through. The issue – and a huge talking point – is the AFL recruiting Irish players. I have no major issue with it. Of course it's a problem, these talented young players getting opportunities to play professional sport at a high level. But the idea that their amateur sports clubs should be compensated? That makes absolutely no sense to me. You don't pay them, so why on earth should you get paid?

Three contenders for Young Player of the Year, in my opinion. Evan Looney of Dr. Crokes, Paddy Lane of Austin Stacks, and Cormac Dillon of Duagh. Liam Evans of Keel and Killian Dennehy from Currow were excellent this year, but just not quite in that company. Very tight call, but my nod would go to the Duagh man.

HURLING

The hurling was as brilliant as the football was terrible. I would genuinely say that it was the best All Ireland Championship that I can remember, and that's after a decade of brilliance. There's definitely an element of shadow-boxing about the National League and, while the games are superb, the Munster Championship just takes too long. The game of the year – and I don't just mean best hurling match, I mean best game I saw in any code – was the semi-final between Cork and Limerick. The final was a cracker as well.

Kerry....ah, look, no point in dressing it up. Our turnover of players is simply too big. We need a bit of stability. And the omens are not looking good for the coming season either. Fionán Mackesy was Kerry's best player this year, and he will be a massive loss. Best of luck to him with Kilkenny – he hardly needs me to tell him that he is swimming in much deeper waters now.

The County Championship....well, the County Championship started off with a bizarre group stage that was utterly meaning less. Those games were damp squibs, truth be told. But once it got going, it was brilliant. I followed a lot of it on clubber – I do a bit for them myself, so take my high recommendation of that service with as much salt as you think is appropriate – but I did actually make the semi-final between Ballyduff and Kilmoyley. I'd imagine it's no great secret that the prospect of extra-time normally causes groans to erupt in the press box – we all have deadlines (and are remarkably childish, myself included) – but not on that occasion. Player of the Championship, and I imagine

this would be unanimous, would have to be Mike O'Leary of Abbeydorney. I have no idea why there are no Abbeydorney players committing to Kerry for the past while, but we desperately need the big man up front, especially in the absence of Pádraig Boyle.

Interesting at underage to see how many dual players there are in Kerry. Part of that is the hard work put in by Mercy Mounthawk and especially Tralee CBS – they got an absolutely awful draw in the Harty, but it's brilliant to see a Kerry team playing in it. I honestly never expected to see it in my lifetime.

Ballyduff and St. Brendans look like the coming teams to me, a lot of young talent coming through. My Kerry Young Player of the Year is Liam Óg O'Connor of St. Brendans. Serious talent, remember the name.

SOCCER

Kerry FC had a great start to the season but it took its toll and they just lost out to Longford in the finish. It's a steep climb, but they are going in the right direction. Ryan Kelliher is the obvious Player of the Year.

Recent investment is a huge boost. The fact is that most clubs in the League of Ireland are loss-making and the facilities are way out of date. Repeated attempts to blame the Government for that are...well, we all know where the money was actually spent. Numbers are growing, but the idea of a third tier....it makes no sense to me. The fact that the Premier clubs are full-time professional does not look sustainable to me either, despite the welcome growth in viewing figures. Summer soccer....I won't bang that drum incessantly, but exactly why do you think it never worked before?

Ireland are not in a great place as a national team. The women's team were schooled by Wales. It happens, but that one sets us back a lot. I don't blame Eileen Gleeson – there were certain delusions of grandeur based on a World Cup where we scored one goal, and that one was direct from a corner. Marathon, not a sprint.

I think the men's team have a decent manager at the helm. Now all they need is a functioning midfield....ah, yes. Let's just move on. My Player of the Year is Caoimhín Kelliher. Evan Ferguson is our great white hope, but he has had a poor year overall, even allowing for injury. He still has time, but it's up to us the stop piling all the weight on his shoulders.

BASKETBALL

The game is thriving in Kerry at all levels. Hopefully the collapse of the Tralee Sports Centre doesn't derail Tralee Warriors too much.

Nationally we give it what we got. We ain't great and aren't trying to pretend that we are, but there's big effort going in on the ground and it's paying dividends. That's both in Kerry and nationwide.

The NBA....it's just not very interesting,



Kerry FC's is Ryan Kelliher is the obvious Player of the Year.



St. Brendan's student Luke Doolan who has been selected in the final 24 for the Rep Of Ireland U18 schools side after an impressive 45 mins in UCD saw him score and assist vs Bray in a trial match. Luke will join up with the squad for training in Athlone this Saturday 11th, with an 18 man squad to be selected for the match card in a friendly vs Australia on the 18th January.

to be truthful. I watched a lot of a Netflix documentary called 'Starting Five'....oh my God, it was truly dreadful. A lot of those Netflix documentaries are fairly cheap and predictable ads....here's unfettered access to how surprisingly down to earth this multimillionaire is underneath it all. Any why – I'm not trying to speculate in any way and certainly not mentioning Stepford wives – are their wives all basically clones of each other? But 'Starting Five' was absolute drivel even by those low standards. I won't lie, I watched a lot of it in horrified fascination. Surely this can't get any worse. It can. It did.

There's also a documentary about the Saudi Pro League, but even I couldn't take that. I'm stuck in the house right now (the big freeze) and I'll stare blankly at the walls before I inflict anything like that torture on myself.

WORLD SPORTS

Time Magazine made Caitlin Clark their athlete of the year. Cue moans and groans from various attention seekers. The most bizarre being why didn't they recognise the WNBA as a whole. As athlete of the year? Exactly how stupid are these people?

Sports Illustrated went for Simone Biles. So do I. In fact, I have no idea why anybody else is even in the conversation. Before people compare Clark's medals to hers, let me remind you that one of them is a marketing phenomenon. The other one is a marketing phenomenon with 11 Olympic medals and 30 World Championships.

Shohei Ohtani is widely listed as another contender. I'm actually proud of myself; I didn't have to google the name. Is he brilliant? Sure. A phenomenon. But a fact that is genuinely important to note. There are Indian and Pakistani cricketers who have bigger followings on social media than the entire sport of baseball. Literally.

IRISH SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

The headliners for me were Paul O'Donovan, Kellie Harrington, Rhys McClenaghan, Daniel Wiffen, and Rhasidat Adeleke. The latter didn't win the medals of any of the rest, but she is one of the best in literally the most competitive sport in the world. Athletics is a broad spectrum that pervades every nationality and every culture. An Irish girl is absolutely among the world's best. Can she get better? How would I know? But I look forward to finding out.

BEST 25 IN THE LAST 25 YEARS

This is what we in the trade (and everybody else) calls a filler piece. It's January. There isn't a lot happening – and I think we'd all be better off if it was even less. So journalists make predictions for the coming year, detail their biggest talking points of the previous year, make lists. Endless lists. Greatest left-footed soccer players of all time. Ireland's best eleven soccer players. Greatest Lions players ever. Blah, blah, blah. I'm not knocking it. I've done it myself – I love doing them. It's a massive ego boost. I can pretend to be knowledgeable about a subject, in fact I can claim to be practically undisputable in my expertise. And of course, you can complain, I actively encourage it. Just send your complaint in writing to my secretary, Mr. Simon Harris, c/o Leinster House.

As is common in the Western World, the US tends to lead the way. Thankfully, we don't copy their newspaper layouts (they are truly dreadful, stories might start on page 2, continue in mid sentence on page 10, and conclude on page 22), but their commentary and opinion pieces.....contrary to what many people think, the American education system is actually quite good, albeit ridiculously expensive at third level. They are actually highly intelligent. But you would never guess it from reading their newspapers or watching television. Let me give you a quick rundown of the big topics. Is LeBron James better than MJ? (More of a team player, but not even close as a clutch shooter. Neither could stay with Kareem at his peak, though, and Wilt would barely notice Kareem on the court. But short-term memories don't acknowledge either of those two). Is Caitlin Clark victimised because of her skin colour (when I say their education system is actually very good, I make an exception for social history) and is Angel Reese the worst villain out there since....well, I was going to go with Hitler, but apparently Taylor Swift is even worse. You can't watch a single four hour NFL game involving her boyfriend without her appearing on screen for at least thirty seconds.

These are the things that consume media space in a country where a worrying amount of people think The Handmaid's Tale's Gilead is too liberal.

One unfortunate thing these days, for me at least, is how only players of recent vintage are considered. I have seen several 'greatest English league teams ever' by actual or pseudo-celebrity former players in recent days. Guess who many of them mention Tom Finney or Stanley Matthews? That's right, absolutely none. It would be like picking a gaelic football best fifteen and not even mentioning Mick O'Connell (happy birthday to the great man, by the way) or Seán Purcell. Nor is it only people across the water who are guilty of recency bias. I saw a Kilkenny article mention their greatest ever hurlers.... and not mention Eddie Keher. Oops.

The Irish Examiner's Kieran Shannon printed his best fifteen footballers from the last 25 years. I rate Kieran Shannon – easily the best basketball writer in the country before he switched to sports psychology and the GAA. I'd agree with a lot of his selections. But – partly because paper never refuses ink and, let's be honest here, I have a lot of space to fill in a fairly quiet week

STEPHEN CLUXTON – yup. Absolutely nailed on, and you can go back a lot further than 25 years.

KARL LACEY – Again, no argument. Umm, well....I don't want to be that guy, but Marc Ó Sé was a key player in five All Ireland wins and won Footballer of the Year....ah, look, maybe I'm wearing my Kerry hat a bit too strongly. Lacey was a great player, no question about that. We will leave it stand.

SEAMUS MOYNIHAN – he was full back in

his annus mirabilis of 2000, but for me his best position was wing back. He could direct again and drive it forward from there while minding the house. My full back would be Fermanagh's Barry Owens just ahead of Meath's Darren Fay.

LEE KEEGAN – Had to get the nod surely. Could you make a case for Tom O'Sullivan from Rathmore? I would say so, but Keegan is a fair shout.

TOMÁS Ó SÉ – Respectfully, I'd have Seamus Moynihan wearing that jersey. And if not, I think you'd have to look at Dublin's Jack McCaffrey. People remember the incredible speed, but he was also one of the most intelligent players I have seen.

KIERAN MCGEENEY – No question, McGeeney was a superstar. An icon of the game. Aidan O'Mahony would be in with a shout, but I think McGeeney has to get the nod.

JAMES MCCARTHY – Like I say, he had to make the team somewhere. One of the most influential footballers of the past decade. Philly Jordan and Peter Harte both deserve mentions.

DARRAGH Ó SÉ – I don't think anyone will argue that he wasn't the dominant midfielder of his era. One of the first names nailed on.

BRIAN FENTON – Again, it's a fairly obvious one. I will say – and this is another drum most of you have heard me beating before – Limerick's John Galvin brought awesome power to the field. He was a force of nature.

CIARÁN KILKENNY – They were talking about this guy as a dual player when he was fourteen years old. Mostly as a hurler, mind you. Imagine the Dublin hurling team if all their dual players committed to the small ball? Shannon mentions Paul Galvin and Brian Dooher as contenders; I agree with both, but I think people are forgetting how good Dublin's Paul Flynn was in the role. My own choice, though, would be Seán Cavanagh. You know how you can have a false nine in soccer? Well, Cavanagh was gaelic football's first false midfielder. He was always named there – and had the skills to fulfil that role – but in fact he always had a roving commission.

COLM COOPER – Right player, wrong number. You already know before you read any further that the number 13 jersey is going to David Clifford, and that's why Colm is being switched out to centre forward. I'd actually have another Kerryman in that jersey, and I don't think it's selection bias. There are people outside of Kerry who will agree with me that Declan O'Sullivan was an astonishing talent.

SEÁN CAVANAGH –Kieran Shannon names Diarmuid Connolly as a contender. Connolly

was among the most talented players I've ever seen, no question about that, but without being mean to a great player, his temperament was always questionably. He walked off too many of the big games before the final whistle. Yes, he would be goaded. Opposition players are going to do that to you all day long if you keep falling for it. Instead of Cavanagh, I'm going for the person I believe to be the best individual player of the last 25 years. Unlike Cavanagh, he was most often named full forward but operated around midfield. Step forward Michael Murphy of Donegal.

DAVID CLIFFORD – No. I'm not putting David at corner forward. Stop, calm down now, put away them pitchforks. Tisn't Frankenstein's monster ye are dealing with here. David has the advantage of physique, but Colm Cooper had the quickest mind and deftest touch of anyone.

PETER CANAVAN – Again, absolutely had to be on the team. Frankly, I think he'd make the best fifteen of all time, not just the last quarter of a century. But again, I'm moving him one place to the right and I'm putting David on the square. For me, David's biggest asset is his long distance kicking –nobody out there, is regularly scoring points from his range. But he is also absolutely brilliant at claiming important marks under pressure, really big game-changing fetches, and I think he is more a natural full forward who drifts into space than the other way around.

BERNARD BROGAN – I promise ye that I am not being controversial for the sake of it. And all of the Brogans (including their Da) were great footballers. But in my honest opinion, while Bernard was the better shooter, Alan was the better playmaker. But as for the idea of either of them starting ahead of Peter



What's Cookin'.....Kathleen Fitzgerald, Helen O'Neill and Maggie McAuliffe preparing dinner in the Dr Crokes GAA Club house over the Christmas time. Photo byt Michelle Cooper Galvin

Canavan? Not a hope.

Right. That's me actually being honest about it. And even I can pick obvious holes in that team. Both my wing forwards are arguably square pegs in round holes, in that neither was actually named there as far as I can remember. But given that both had roving commission based around drifting between midfield and full forward, I think that half forward line is fair enough.

Four Kerry players is a good bit, but I think we won or contested enough All Irelands in the past 25 years to justify it. Declan O'Sullivan wasn't even named by Shannon in his article, but Declan is literally one of the first names I would put down.

Just three Dublin players. In fairness, that would generate more controversy than Roy

Keane punching Prince William (how many people would even bat an eyelid?). Cluxton, McCarthy, and Fenton are inarguable. Kilkenny has a very strong case, likewise Flynn and Alan Brogan. But that Dublin team was arguably so strong as a unit that it was hard to single out individuals. There were players on that team that earned multiple All Ireland medals that weren't necessarily elite players in their position. I'm not going to name anyone (okay, Rock and Cooper) but their teamwork and cohesion....it really was like clockwork. I wanted to dislike them, but I just couldn't.

No Tomás Ó Sé. No Paul Galvin. No Kieran Donaghy. Yeah, look, I know what you are saying, and you know who would love to hear it? Joe Duffy. Ring him right now. Don't delay.

NIALL BROOKWELL SWITCHES FROM CORK CITY TO KERRY FC FOR THE 2025 SEASON

Kerry Football Club is delighted to announce the signing of Niall Brookwell ahead of the 2025 SSE Airtricity Men's First Division campaign. Brookwell, who is 22, signed for the Kingdom from Cork City where he made 15 appearances in the Rebels Army's run to the First Division title. Niall hails from Wigan in the UK and learned his trade with Liverpool FC playing for the youths, Under 18's and Under 23's. He then switched to Newcastle United where he played over 40 Premier League 2 games. A move to Darlington FC in 2022 saw Brookwell gain experience in the Vanarama National League. In 2024, Brookwell played a full season with

Cork City and has Mounthawk Park experience, playing 77 minutes at centre-back for Cork against the Kingdom.

Brookwell is a versatile player who can play in both midfield and defence. With 15 appearances in the league in 2024, he played right, centre and defensive midfield and also slotted in at centre-back for another couple of games. Brookwell becomes Conor McCarthy's second new signing of the 2025 transfer window.

Speaking to kerryfc.com after signing for the Kingdom, Niall Brookwell said "I'm buzzing to get the deal all sorted, after speaking to the manager and the CEO, they made it very clear where this club is going and straight away it was something that I wanted to be a part of. Looking forward now to getting pre-season out the way and into the season in front of the Kerry fans in Mounthawk Park"

Also speaking to club media after his signing, First Team Head Coach Conor McCarthy said "We are delighted to have Niall in Mounthawk Park for the 2025 season. His experience speaks for itself. A number of years in Liverpool and Newcastle playing reserve football is great and obviously, his time in Cork City last year means he lands in Kerry with good knowledge of the league and what it's all about. He is a versatile player and is comfortable in several positions which is a big positive for us. I'm looking forward to seeing Niall in pre-season training and I'm sure he will be a very important player for us in 2025"





O Sullivan Cup Final winners Kilcummin after they defeated Glenflesk last Saturday in Kilcummin.
Photo Seamus Healy



KILCUMMIN CLAIM O'SULLIVAN CUP IN PENALTY SHOOT OUT

Kilcummin 1-17 Glenflesk 2-14 (Kilcummin win 7 – 6 on penalties)

In a final that produced great drama, super scores, superb goalkeeping and a tension filled penalty shootout. Kilcummin were the victors, and claimed the Killarney Carpet and Furniture O Sullivan Cup for 2024

After a minutes silence in honour of East Kerry Chairman John Dineen and former Treasurer Andy O Sullivan, who both sadly died before Christmas, the game started slowly, with a Callum Cronin goal from a free, disallowed for being taken from the wrong place, the only thing of note, back to back points from tommy Bowler and Jamie Moynihan in the 7th and 8th minutes gave Glenflesk an early 2 point lead. Kilcummin responded with 2 points from Mark O Shea, and a terrific score from Padraic Moynihan. Both teams continued to attack with adventure, with Moynihan for Kilcummin and bowler for Glenflesk, prominent. Glenflesk got the first goal of the game after 26 minutes, from Callum Cronin, who fired his shot off the ground into the far corner of the net. Kilcummin responded immediately with points Richie O Connor and Cian Foley. All square at half time, on a score of 1-5 to 0-8 2 early point's from Killian O Sullivan, and 1 from Bowler saw Glenflesk off to a fast start to the second half. Kilcummin struck

back well with a 45 from goalie Keith O Leary, added to by points from Moynihan and Mikey O Shea, and only a superb block from David O Connor denied Foley a goal. From here the tension mounted and scores got harder to come by. When Bowler struck over his fourth point from a free just as injury time arrived, it looked like Glenflesk would grab the win. Kilcummin got 1 more opportunity, with Mark O Shea pointing a close in free to take the game to extra time.

Early point's from Philip O Leary and Sean Doolan put Kilcummin back in front again. Cronin then grabbed his second goal, firing past O Leary from close range. Glenflesk kept hold of their 2 point into the final minute. With a free from pretty much in front of the posts, Mark o Shea dropped his shot around the square. Shane McSweeney rose above everyone to fist to the net. Kilcummin 1 up again. Back came Glenflesk, with Cronin pointing a free with the last kick to force penalties.

The penalty shoot out saw some brilliant saves from O Leary of Kilcummin and Ken y Cronin from Glenflesk. There were also some top class penalties from Danny Lucey and Sean Doolan. Eventually O Leary made the crucial save and Kilcummin were champion's after

an epic game.

Kilcummin

1. Keith O Leary (0-1), 2. Jack Fogarty (C), 3. Damien O Leary 4. James Williams, 5. Oisín O Leary, 6. Dara Stack, 7. Mikey O Shea (0-1), 8. Shane McSweeney (1-0), 9. Colm Kelliher, 10. Cian Lynch, 11. Cian Foley(0-1), 18. Aaron Buckley (0-1), 13. Padraic Moynihan (0-4), 14. Mark O Shea (0-6), 15. Gavin Cronin.
19. Gavin Morrissey, 20. Ritchie O Connor, (0-1), 23. Philip O Leary (0-

2), 29. Sean Doolan (0-1).

Glenflesk

1. Kenny Cronin, 2. Liam Warren, 3. Peter Cronin, 4. David O Connor, 5. Eoin Kelly, 6. Emmett Finnan (0-1), 7. Sean Guerin, 8. Jamie Moynihan (0-2), 9. Dara O Connor, 10. Callum Cronin (2-1), Killian O Sullivan (0-2), 12. Kieran A O Donoghue, 13. Tommy Bowler (0-4), 14. Brian O Donoghue (0-1), 15. Danny Lucey. 18. Brian O Connor, 20. Gary O Donoghue (0-1), 21 Mike O Shea, 22. Dara Fleming (0-2), 23. Kian Crowley.



Kilcummin Captain Jack Fogarty accepts the O Sullivan Cup From Ronan O Sullivan with Gary O Halloran and Con O Sullivan last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.

Action from the O'Sullivan Cup Final

Kilcummin V Glenflesk

Photos: Seamus Healy





A Word of Victory

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Welcome back dear student, may God's abundant Blessing be upon you all this year. I'm looking out at the birds, hovering for some food in this heavy snow. Birds are capable and independent, well able to fend for themselves yet, even they need help at times. Human beings are no different. Even though we like to look after ourselves and do things 'my way' there are seasons in everyone's life where we need help. Before the Lord Jesus went to the Cross He promised His disciples that God the Father would send the Helper, the Holy Spirit. "I will send you the Helper from the Father. The Helper is the Spirit of Truth Who comes from the Father. When He comes, He will tell you about Me" (John 15:26).

This world is a frightening and isolating place for those without God. Offence, fear, wickedness, and anxiety rages - rooted in a lack of knowledge of the Love of God (Hosea 4:6). We only get to know His Love as we draw close to Jesus through studying His Word. And the Holy Spirit helps guide us into Truth to live right (John 16:13). Folks are searching for truth, for peace, for love and for light in dark places – finding only destruction, lies, and brokenness. Satan, the god of this world, defiles with sin and evil, and human beings are no match for him in our own strength – we need the Saviour, our Deliverer (John 12:31). We are depending upon God's help every moment whether we like to admit it or not - even for our next breath. Jesus Christ is the answer - coming into real and meaningful relationship with God through His Son is THE solution for every problem (John 14:6).

At the beginning of a new year, we make plans and resolutions. This year I'm going to or I'm not going to you know the drill friend. Take counsel from the Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace Himself – the Lord Jesus (Isaiah 9:6). God promises 'whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved' (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13). It's relationship with Jesus that opens the door to knowing God's purpose for your life. Why are you here? To merely exist? No friend – God has put you here for such a time as this. You are stronger than you realise - designed for a function only you can accomplish to glorify God. I don't mean how financially secure you are, or how many kilos you can lift in the gym, or even how many problems you can endure in life. No, true strength comes from humbling ourselves and admitting... 'Dear God, I know nothing – You know everything, and Your plan is the better way. I want to know and trust You, so I'm choosing to believe in You Jesus – for Your Word is Truth. Baptise me with Your Holy Spirit – come and live inside of me. I give You my life – bring Your plans to pass for me Lord, for they are good, and in You I put my Hope. Fill me with Your Peace, teach me to live for You - lead me by Your Spirit everyday. I renounce the ways of wickedness, and I ask You to forgive me for my sins. Please wash me in Your Blood Jesus, Son of God, my Saviour. Lord, thank You for giving me a fresh start as Your beloved child, blessed and safe in Your Love. "Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You" (Psalm 73:25). In Jesus Name I pray, amen.

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Are you from Kerry and coming home from abroad to set up a business?

Applications for Back for Business programme now open!

Back for Business, the free government programme that helps returned emigrants start and develop businesses in Ireland, is now open to applications.

Now in its eighth cycle, the programme is seeking offers of interest from people who have recently returned to Kerry or are still living abroad but thinking of returning in the near future.

Those eligible to apply include returned Irish emigrants who have lived abroad for at least a year and have returned to Ireland in the last three years, and emigrants currently living abroad who are planning to return to Ireland in the near future.

The 8th cycle of the programme will run from February to June 2025 and there is no charge for those selected to participate. Up to 50 places will be available nationally. Eligible candidates have until Thursday, January 16, to submit their applications. Those interested can apply through www.backforbusiness.com.

Funded by the Irish Abroad Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs, the programme was created to foster and support entrepreneurial activity among emigrants recently returned to Ireland.

Since launching in 2017, Back for Business has helped entrepreneurs who are returned emigrants to significantly grow sales and employment. It also addresses challenges that all early-stage entrepreneurs encounter, but also focuses on additional barriers faced by emigrants who have been living away from Ireland.

Participants on the last cycle, Back for Business 7, quadrupled their collective turnover from €300,000 at the start of the programme to €1.2million at its conclusion. Their collective employee numbers also increased from 14 to 47 during the cycle.

Back for Business 8 participants will take part in round table sessions focused on goals and milestones, which are facilitated by voluntary Lead Entrepreneurs who have experience of successfully starting and growing a business.

The 8th cycle's Lead Entrepreneurs are: serial entrepreneur Hannah Wrixon; Morgan Browne, CEO of Milner Browne and Enterpryze; Paul Duggan of The Gardiner Group; Seamus Reilly, co-founder and formerly of Critical Healthcare; Sinead Doherty, founder and CEO of Fenero; and Thomas Ennis, founder of the Thomas Ennis Group.

A Back for Business Community is also being formed for previous participants, who will be offered workshops, review round tables and an annual Community Forum.

Former participants from Kerry include Maurice O'Driscoll of Wild Atlantic Timbercraft which specialises in handcrafting exquisite garden and household furniture and lighting using three distinct materials: Bog Oak, Recycled timber, and Driftwood.

Maurice says: "When starting a business, a network is essential. The great thing about Back for Business is not just that you get a ready-made network, but one that's growing all the time. I returned to Ireland after 23 years living overseas and the Back for Business round table discussions very quickly helped you fill in the knowledge gaps in Irish Business which had changed dramatically since I last worked here. I would not just recommend it but say it's essential whether you are starting a business for the first time or like myself a serial entrepreneur."

Back for Business Lead Entrepreneur Thomas Ennis says:

"I was lucky enough to receive excellent mentoring when I was starting out and it made all the difference. It is great to be in a position to give back and to support those at the start of their entrepreneurial journey."

Back for Business has been designed and is being implemented by Fitzsimons Consulting, specialists in areas related to entrepreneurship and growth.

The deadline for completed applications for Back to Business 8 is midnight on Thursday, January 16th, 2025. For more information or to register your interest in receiving an application form, please see www.backforbusiness.com



Maurice O'Driscoll of Wild Atlantic Timbercraft and Rory Geraghty, Department of Foreign Affairs.

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



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CHRISTMAS DAY MOVIES ON THE TELLY

By Nicky Barry

*Christmas is for eight year olds, and not for eighty ones,
For now that I have reaches that age, I find it not much fun.
When you are at home alone, you can feel isolated,
And without the telly, I'd have been devastated.
Movies were on every hour, from early Christmas morn,
And I settled with the remote yoke, for a marathon.
I had seen them all before, in happier family times,
And they all brought back memories, as I sipped red wine.
John Wayne dragged Maureen O'Hara, through the fields
of Cong,
And then bate up her brother, in an epic ding-dong.
Alec Guinness built a bamboo bridge, on the River Kwai,
And then Jack Hawkins blew it up, .and poor ole Alec died.
Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe, romped in Some Like It Hot,
And Marilyn taught him how to kiss, on an exotic yacht.
Dustin Hoffman as The Graduate, sure learned an awful lot,
From neighbour Anne Bancroft, who was steaming hot.
John Wayne then shot Lee Marvin, who was Liberty Valence,
And Bogie helped Ingrid Bergman, to exit Casablanca.
It was a day of movie classics, of turkey take-away and wine,
And then I clambered up the stairs, one step at a time!*

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MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Thank you for favours received

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account of the fame of your miracles, and through the condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from the depths of my heart. (State your intention) You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request (State your intention) which I now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen
Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony. Saint Anthony, pray for us!

NOVENA TO ST MARTIN

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Martin de Porres as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to You he showed beginning from his childhood and adolescence in poverty. St. Martin de Porres, you and your family were very poor during your childhood and adolescence. Though you and your family suffered from poverty, you were eager to grow in love for God. Please bring my petitions before God Whom you loved! Your mother was barely able to support you and your sister. You had to begin work as a barber and surgeon from a young age, but you persevered in seeking God's will for your life. Pray for me, that I may never allow sufferings to deter me from serving God. Pray that I may eagerly seek His will for my life, as you did. Please also pray for (mention your intentions here). St. Martin de Porres, pray for us! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

NOVENA TO ST. CLARE

IN THANKSGIVING
Novena to St. Clare. Ask for three favours, one business, two impossible. Say nine Hail Mary's for nine nights with lighted candles. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful novena. Say may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored glorified and loved today and everyday throughout the whole world now and forever. Amen Your request will be granted no matter how impossible it may seem.

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands . . (mention in silence here) St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day. Amen

20TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN

WHO PARTED FROM US SUDDENLY ON JANUARY 13TH 2005 AGED 58

Memories Of You Dad

*It's been the hardest thing to lose you
You meant so much to me
But you are in my heart Dad
And that's where you'll always be
I know that Heaven called you
But I wish you could have stayed
At least the memories I have of you
They will never fade
I did not want to lose you
But you did not go alone
Because a part of me went with you
When Heaven called you home
So just remember one thing
We are not apart
You're with me in my memories
And in my broken heart*

Lovingly remembered by
Tina, Noel, Evan, Aaron and
great grandchild Timothy xx

20TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN,
KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON
JANUARY 13TH 2005

In Memory of Dad

*There is no one else on earth
So special as you were to me.
I hold you forever, my precious Dad,
In my heart and memory.
You made me laugh every single day,
You really were the best,
And even though you are not here,
The time we had was blessed.
I wish I had just one more chance
To see that tender smile,
To laugh with you again, my Dad,
Just for a little while.
So, this is not goodbye
And this is not goodnight,
Because you're still here by my side
Holding onto me so tight.*

Your loving daughter Mary x
and son in law Maurice x,
your grandsons Maurice Jnr x, Patrick x,
grand daughter Natasha x

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20TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN,
KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON
JANUARY 13TH 2005

*Whenever I think of you Dad
and how things used to be,
I wish so much I could turn back time
and re-live those precious memories...*

*Words cannot describe the sadness
this brings
or how very dearly you are missed...
You were everthing a great dad could be,
You meant so much to me...
You were remarkable and wonderful
You were one in a millin indeed.*

*Life is not the same without you...
You're turly irreplaceable.
No one could ever take your place -
You were loved more thasn words could
ever say.*

*Until we meet to part no more,
I'll forever remember you with love...
I'll dearly cherish my memories of you -
You're a d who's unforgettable.*

Sadly missed by your loving sons Michael x
and Martin x and Martin's partner Marena x

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20TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON THE 13TH OF JANUARY 2005

*Although you sleep in Heaven now
You're not that far away
My heart is full of memories
And you're with me everyday.
You lived your life with meaning
And with a smile upon your face
A world that was full of happiness
Is now an empty place.
People say that only time
Will heal a broken heart
But just like me and you
It has been torn apart.
I know you are at peace now
And in a place where you are free
Meet me at the Pearly Gates
When Heaven calls for me.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife
Maura xx

*Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday
January 12th in Our Lady Of Lourdes Church,
Kilcummin at 11.30am*

20TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN

WHO PARTED FROM US SUDDENLY ON JANUARY 13TH 2005 AGED 58

*Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
if only I could have you back for
just a little while,
then we could sit a talk again
just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
and always will do.
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain,
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again.*

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Anne,
son in law Patsy, grandchildren Cian, Padraig
Shauna, Adam, Amanda and Amanda's
husband Alan
xxxxxx

20TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13TH 2005

*Dad I miss you everyday
You were so precious and unique
A guiding light throughout my life
You were my strength when I was weak*

*Happy memories flood my mind
whenever I think of you
But you can never be replaced
that much is sadly true*

*The fact that you're no longer here
Still fills my heart with pain
I wish I had just one last chance
to talk with you again*

*I shall always remember
the closeness that we had
I love you and miss you so much...
... My kind and thoughtful Dad*

Sadly missed by your loving daughter
Geraldine and son in law Gerald

xx

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20TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN

WHO LEFT US ON 13TH JANUARY 2005

*We have memories we treasure
With though that are dear
We think of you always
Not just once a year*

Love your son Gerard,
his partner Lisa,
Grandkids Alana, Aoibhinn
Gearoid and Jack

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Sadness of the Passing of Sr. Canisius

Presentation Secondary School, Milltown has led tributes to the late Sr. Canisius Collins who passed away last Sunday.

The school said that "On Sunday we received the heartbreaking news that our beloved Sr Canisius had passed away.

Sr Canisius Collins was Principal of Presentation Milltown for 18 years before retiring in 2005.

Her dedication and commitment to the students and families of Presentation Milltown from the day she entered the school to long after her retirement was unquestionable.

Sr Canisius loved visiting the school in recent years. She was always keen to meet our students, many of whose parents and family members she would have taught.

She joined us for mass and prayer services on many occasions throughout the year but particularly loved visiting the school on Presentation Day.

Presentation Day 2024 was particularly special to Sr Canisius as mass was celebrate by newly ordained former student Fr Sean Murphy. During the service Fr Sean noted the significant role Sr Canisius played in nurturing and strengthening his vocation to the priesthood.

As a school community we thank God for guiding Sr Canisius through her vocation from a young energetic woman entering the Presentation Order to the wise and insightful mentor that we will miss and mourn.

We thank God for the legacy of kindness, care, and compassion that she modelled and gifted us through our school ethos.

We ask you Lord to help us to continue to care for our students as she did, by living and modelling the values of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sister daily. We pray for the family of Sr. Canisius and her fellow Presentation Sisters who mourn her loss so deeply.

We pray that you will give them strength in these difficult days and provide them comfort in the knowledge that she is at peace in your care.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam

Sr. Canisius, daughter of the late Willie and Annie Collins will be sadly missed by her sister BB and brother-in-law Brendan O' Sullivan, Presentation Sisters, cousins, relatives and a wide circle of friends.

Reposing today, Friday afternoon (January 10th) at Flynn's Funeral Home, Castlemaine (V93XNE2) from 3pm - 5pm.

Funeral arriving Saturday afternoon (Jan. 11th) to The Sacred Heart Church, Milltown for Requiem Mass at 1pm. Burial afterwards in Milltown Cemetery.

Mass will be live streamed on <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-sacred-heart>



1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KATHLEEN DALY



COIS NA HABHANN, FIRIES,
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
8TH JANUARY 2024.

*Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind*

Loved and remembered always by your
brothers, sister and families

35TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**PETER D.J.
O'SULLIVAN**



ANNAGHMORE, HEADFORD,
KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY WHO
DIED ON JANUARY 7TH, 1990

*Two calloused hands from work are stilled,
A million Jobs undone.
At rest, at last, in Gods Own House,
Content, at Peace, At One.*

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam

Always remembered
by your loving wife Philomena & family.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**JAMIE
O'SULLIVAN**



GEARHA CROSS, BEAUFORT,
KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
15TH JANUARY 2021

*It's lonely here without you
We miss you more each day
For life is not the same to us
Since you were called away Jamie
To your resting place we visit
Place flowers there with care
But no one knows our heartache
When we turn and leave you there*

Always missed by Mom Dad and your
brother Diarmuid.

*Anniversary Mass will take place on
Sunday January 12th at 10am in
St Mary's Church, Beaufort*

7TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A
DEAR HUSBAND, FATHER
AND GRANDFATHER

**DAN
CROWLEY**



INCHES, RATHMORE
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
5TH JANUARY 2018
R.I.P.

*He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
for the ones he loved the most.
His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.*

*He was there, a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold onto
In times of stress and strife.*

*A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
So treasure him Lord
In your garden of rest.
For when on earth,
he was one of the best.*

Always loved and forever remembered by
your loving wife Margaret,
daughters Eileen, Breda and Margaret,
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**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DECEASED OF
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There will be a special concelebrated Mass on Monday
27th January at 7p.m. in the Cathedral in memory of all
those who died in our Parish in 2024 (i.e. January 1st
to December 31st 2024 inclusive) There is No 6.15 pm
Mass that evening. We invite family, relatives, neighbours
and friends to join us for this Mass. Parishioners whose
loved ones have died, and whose funeral took place
outside the parish and whose family would like them to
be remembered, please submit their names to the Parish
Office before Monday 20th January.

2025 A JUBILEE YEAR IN THE CHURCH

A Jubilee Year is held every twenty-five years. Pope Francis
officially opened Jubilee 2025 at Christmas Eve Mass
with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica,
in Rome. Pope Francis has chosen the Jubilee theme
'Pilgrims of Hope' which he says should be a year of hope
for all God's pilgrim people and that all would experience
the great gift of God's grace which brings life and grace
to all humanity. We are asked to treat the year ahead as
a year-long pilgrimage seeking together to become more
aware that truly Jesus Christ Our Saviour is with us each
day - as our help, strength and guide. When we speak of
'Hope' we mean 'Hope in Jesus Christ', Hope in our God,
Father, Son and Spirit

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your
son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity
enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us
the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May
your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil
vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of
Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that
same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for
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9TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
CATHERINE O'LEARY



LATE OF KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

WHO DIED ON THE 8TH JANUARY 2016.

*You were always there
when we needed you
No task too great or small
With loving heart and helping hands
For us you did it all.*

Lovingly remembered by your husband Patie, daughters Marie & Kayleigh, Son Ian, son-in-law John, daughter-in-law Aileen, grandchildren Aimee, Rhea-Kate, Noah & Freddie

10TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JIM TONER



LATE OF KILLARNEY AND DUNGIVEN CO. DERRY WHO DIED ON THE 8TH JANUARY 2015

*As time passed by,
Season's change,
Memories remain,
Each year unfolds the new.
In a blink of an eye,
Your presence gone from our lives.
Forever in our hearts.
Ten years later, you are not forgotten
Till we meet again
May you continue to rest in eternal peace.*

Sadly missed and remembered always by Jackie and daughters Margaret, Fiona, Shannon and Grainne.

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5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MIKE JOHN MOYNIHAN



ON YOUR 5TH YEAR AWAY FROM US

GULLANE, GNEEVGUILLA, RATHMORE, CO. KERRY. WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 06/01/2020.

Remember Me

*Remember me at times,
you are feeling all alone.
Hear me in the whispers
of the days that you have known.*

*Remember me with love,
when you feel that it has gone.
See me in the footsteps
as with you I walk along.*

*Remember me with laughter.
In each snow drop from the sky.
Hear me in the wind
as I whisper "do not cry."*

*Remember me in life
with every step you take.
Hear me in my wisdom
with every decision that you make.*

*Remember us, now breathe,
and remember us some more.
Heaven is all around you,
throwing memories from it's door.*

(Joanne Boyle)

Loved and missed every day Eileen, Michelle, Aoife, Evie, Fionn, Grace, Frankie and Kevin

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KIT (KATHLEEN) FLEMING



NEW QUARTER, GNEEVGUILLA, RATHMORE CO KERRY WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 28TH DECEMBER 2023.

As we lovingly remember Kit on her first anniversary, we her family wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kindness, help and support shown to us by our wonderful extended family, dear neighbours and friends during this sad and difficult time

To all who visited our home, attended her wake, Mass, and burial, and those who sent mass cards, enrolments, letters, texts, and flowers your kindness and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to the stewards and caterers who helped us on the day of the removal.

Special thanks to Fr. Pat O'Donnell and Monsignor Dan Herlihy for a beautiful funeral mass which brought much solace to our family. To Joan, Sheila and Mary for your music and singing which added such a heartfelt and special touch to the mass, and for this we are sincerely thankful.

Thank you to O'Leary Undertakers for their professionalism, sensitivity, and compassion throughout the funeral

Our deepest thanks go to the ambulance crew, nurse, and doctors who cared for Kit on the night of her passing. We are equally grateful to the home help team, community nurses, UHK palliative care unit and home care palliative care services for their unwavering support and for ensuring Kit was always cared for with dignity, comfort, and love.

To Dr. Eimear Gill & the staff of Brooklands Medical Practice your care and support were invaluable. Our sincere thanks to Breeda Crowley, and the staff of Crowleys Pharmacy for their continuous kindness. We are also deeply grateful to Catherine Foley and everyone at the Motor Neuron Association for their unwavering support.

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NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account of the fame of your miracles, and through the condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for me of His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from the depths of my heart. (State your intention)
You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request (State your intention) which I now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen
Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and
Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony.
Saint Anthony, pray for us!

JB

PRAYER TO PADRE PIO

O Jesus, full of grace and charity, victim for sinners, so impelled by Your love for us that You willed to die on the Cross, I humbly beseech You to glorify in heaven and on earth Your servant, Padre Pio, who generously participated in Your sufferings, who loved You so much and labored so faithfully for the glory of Your Heavenly Father and for the good of souls. With confidence I ask You to grant me, through Saint Padre Pio's intercession, these special requests... (Mention here).

JB

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.
O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.
O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

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