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MEMORY TREE: Front from l-r: John Quill - husband of the late Yvonne Quill and Michael Gleeson Chairman of Killarney Tidy Towns along with members of Yvonne Quill family (centre): Sean Quill (son), Mairead Quill (daughter-in law) Peter Quill (son), Peter Dunlea (son-in-law), Sandra Dunlea (daughter), grandchildren Ted Dunlea and Luke Quill Sean, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Niall Kelleher (centre at the back from the right), Matthew Farrell Killarney KCC Municipal District Officer (1st from the left) and members of Killarney Tidy Towns pictured at the Tree (sorbus) in Memory of Yvonne, dedicated member of Killarney Tidy Towns on Thursday afternoon. Photo by Tatyana McGough. See Page 4



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A Note from the EDITOR



While Storm Kathleen put paid to many events last weekend, we still have lots of news for you in this week's magazine.

A tree has been planted to honour one of the great ladies of Killarney, a massive fundraiser is underway for a Killarney resident and ladies have their knitting needles out to help the Kerry Cancer Support Group.

A concert to raise funds for Gaza is taking place this weekend, Kerry youth are showing their artistic potential and a Killarney author has launched her latest book.

There were celebrations on the double for Dan Tim in London, Dr. Crokes Juvenile Hurlers played on the hallowed grounds of Croke Park and the Royal Hotel are holding their annual charity coffee morning.

There is a new team at the helm of Killarney BNI, Kerry artists are getting in the picture for Jack & Jill and a very special Killarney Boy has helped the Rose of Tralee launch a partnership with the Cliona Foundation.

Jimmy takes a look at all things sport, Kerry soccer youths played in Barcelona and St. Paul's Ladies are preparing for a trip to Dublin this weekend.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook.

Aisling Crosbie

The Wild Atlantic as seen from Finian's Bay in South West Kerry, looking towards the Skellig Islands captured perfectly by James Grandfield

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Tree Planted in Memory of Tireless Worker Yvonne



The late Yvonne Quill who has had a tree planted in her memory.

Killarney Municipal District Council and its sub committee, Killarney Looking Good have planted a tree in honour of Yvonne Quill.

Yvonne’s husband and family were present at the planting, along with members of Killarney Municipal District, council workers and friends.

For over 20 Years, Yvonne dedicated her life to keeping Killarney tidy and was Cathaoirleach of Killarney Looking Good, a group that dedicates its time enhancing the appearance of the town and its approach roads.

On a daily basis, Yvonne devoted her energy and time to ensure Killarney was always looking good.

Yvonne captained Killarney to All Ireland National Tidy Towns Final in 2011 and was coordinator of the group who prepared the town for the Entente Floral Competition, along with motivating every household in Killarney to

keep their homes looking good. It is unknown the hours of effort that Yvonne put into keeping Killarney tidy, from litter picking on the streets to visiting local schools to educate the children on the importance of keeping Killarney litter free, she is a huge loss to Killarney and with the late Fr. Michael Murphy being known as Fr. Tidy Yvonne was known as “Mrs. Tidy.

The name Yvonne Quill is known and respected in tidy towns circles throughout the entire country – she really was a legend and everything she turned her hand to, she succeeded. The tree planting took place close to the WW1 Memorial and the Avenue Hotel.

*“I do not think my song will end
while flowers, grass and trees
abound with birds and butterflies
for I am one with these.” - J Hathcock*



John Quill, husband of the late Yvonne Quill plants a tree in her memory with the help of Michael Gleeson, Killarney Tidy Towns Volunteer.



Pictured at a recent Kerry GAA Sponsors Event were representatives of Educate.ie who were delighted to bring some of their market-leading school books and have them pictured with All Star David Clifford and other members of the Kerry team!

Pictured are: From left to right: Fiona McPolin, Educate.ie Tom Keane, Armin Heinrich, five-time All Star David Clifford, Seán O’Shea, Kieran O’Donoghue, Educate.ie, Brian Ó Beaglaioich, Peter Twiss, Diarmuid O’Connor and Patrick O’Sullivan. PHOTO: DOMNICK WALSH



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John & Mary Murphy, Killorglin.

COMMUNITY RALLIES IN 'PUSH FOR PAUL' FUNDRAISER

A week-long 350-kilometre multi-region wheelchair push in support of a Wexford man who was diagnosed with a life-altering disease in October 2019, is aiming to raise €100,000.

Paul Murphy, who living outside Killarney is living with Mitochondrial Myopathy (MM), a condition similar to Motor Neurone Disease (MND). This devastating diagnosis has left Paul wheelchair-bound, while also impairing his motor skills. Married to Linda, with whom he has two children, Harry (14) and Sadie (9), the strength of character Paul has demonstrated in recent years has come as no surprise to those who know and love him best.

Rallying to the Murphy family's cause, 'A Push for Paul' shall see a group of Paul's friends pushing a wheelchair from Drogheda, starting on Sunday, April 21st all the way to Killarney Racecourse for a scheduled finish on Saturday, April 27th.

A graduate of Mountbellew Agricultural College in County Galway and hailing from a farming background in County Wexford, Paul has maintained contact with several of his classmates over the years.

Those decades-old links have wonderfully manifested themselves through a 2022 project which made Paul's home more accessible due to the reality of living with MM, along with April's cross-county walk, which will also raise awareness of the Irish Wheelchair Association's (IWA) outstanding work.

Event co-organiser John Heavey, a friend of Paul's who lives in County Louth, explained the motivation behind a 'Push for Paul'.

"It all came about following a conversation with Paul and Linda," he said. "Paul said he didn't know how difficult it was for a person in a wheelchair until he had to use one himself – and it wasn't something I'd devoted too much thought to prior to Paul's diagnosis. And that sparked something. Accessibility issues that wheelchair users encounter daily need to be highlighted as frequently as possible to help increase wider awareness of the issue."

John continued: "We'll be pushing a teddy called 'Hardie' which is a mix of Paul's two children's names Harry and Sadie in a wheelchair in relays from Drogheda to Trim, Trim to Tullamore, Tullamore to Nenagh, Nenagh to Adare, Adare to Castleisland and then from Castleisland to Killarney Racecourse on Saturday, April 27th. This is going to be a



Killarney resident and Wexford native Paul Murphy, pictured with his wife Linda and children Harry and Sadie.

team event so it's not going to be reserved to one person or one group covering the entire distance.

"While we're busy training for the event, we're also hoping that interested members of the public and companies will get involved to help us realise our €100,000 fundraising target. So far, we've been blown away by the individual and corporate support we've received, which we are so grateful for."

The ambitious campaign has already exceeded the €90,000 mark, with Paul's family and neighbours in Killarney, in addition to the many friends he has made through college and rugby, all admirably doing their bit.

"My world has gone very small," said Paul. "For someone who travelled far and wide, to Australia and so on, it has been a huge and difficult change for me. Linda has been absolutely brilliant; she's made sure that we've kept going to Harry and Sadie's matches together, which means a lot to me and to us as a family. Just because I'm in a wheelchair doesn't mean I can't be a parent. But I'm keeping myself going, I'm keeping myself busy and that's very important. I have to do something."

"Back in my days studying Agribusiness at Mountbellew and playing rugby with GMIT, I could never have thought that all these years later, so many of the people I met then would still be there for me now, offering me and my

family such amazing support."

Paul concluded: "On behalf of myself, Linda, Harry and Sadie, I want to sincerely thank everybody who has been involved in the campaign. The kindness that so many people have offered means so much."

Paul's wife Linda says the family have been overwhelmed with support and the goodwill shown both locally and across the country means a lot. "I would also like to highlight accessibility issues for wheelchair users, especially in social and sporting settings. We are very lucky that our club Listry has created an accessible area for Paul so he can watch his children train and play matches. The community support has been amazing but I wish to extend this to all GAA clubs all over the country. It is essential that every GAA ground from local clubs to large stadiums are accessible to all so that people can follow their sporting passion. This is a message I wish to continue to promote into the future, we have seen how Paul's world has become smaller in recent months and years, maximising quality socialising opportunities is essential.

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New Team at the Helm of Killarney BNI

The Killarney Chapter of BNI (Business Networking International) have announced the appointment of a brand new leadership team for 2024. The hugely successful Killarney Chapter welcomed Anne Hannan (Sort My Books) as Chapter President, Sean Kavanagh (Sean Kavanagh & Co. Chartered Accountants) as Vice President and Mairead O'Sullivan (Killorglin Family Resource Centre) as Chapter Secretary. The new team will steer the networking group in building new business relationships and boosting the local economy through effective networking among its members.

Following her appointment as Chapter President, Anne Hannan said "As we bid farewell to the outstanding contributions of the outgoing leadership team of Tony Dunne, James Crothall and Ciarán O Ceilleachair, we express deep gratitude for their remarkable stewardship over the past year. Their dedication has been pivotal in advancing our mission, and we are poised to continue their legacy of excellence. Since 2001, the Killarney BNI has been a cornerstone of support for our business community, fostering growth and collaboration. I've been in BNI for 24 years, and it has been instrumental in our business success and longevity. As we embark on our 25th year, I am profoundly honored to assume the role of President, committed to furthering our Chapter's prosperity and service to our community."

This Kerry BNI Chapter supports local jobs and consists of local businesses and trades, with the group generating more than €21,000,000 worth of business since the Chapter was started back in 1999!

The BNI Killarney Chapter welcomes any local business people who



The incoming leadership team at KillarneyBNI: Mairead O'Sullivan, Anne Hannan and Sean Kavanagh.

would like to come along to a future meeting to promote their business. To find out more about BNI and how you can grow your business through the power of referrals please contact Anne on 087 668 3756, email bnikillarneychapter@gmail.com or visit www.bnikillarney.ie.

Knitting and Nattering...

LADIES CREATE BLANKETS FOR THE KERRY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



A group of knitting enthusiasts have created an amazing range of blankets which have been presented to the Kerry Cancer Support Group.

"I was delighted to accept more beautifully crocheted/knitted blankets from the Milltown Knit, Natter & Crochet Group. These blankets have become an integral part of our service as part of the care packs given to all new service users", Breda Dyland from the support group told Killarney Outlook.

Creative ladies donate their blankets to the Kerry Cancer Support Group.

Minister Foley announces €2.7 million in funding for primary, post-primary and special schools in Kerry

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley has today announced €2.7 million in funding to support digital learning in schools and minor building works in Kerry.

€50 million in grant funding for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) will issue shortly to all recognised primary and post-primary schools across the country, while a separate €29 million in

minor works funding is being provided to primary and special schools. The ICT funding is being provided to schools to help them continue to use digital technologies in their teaching, learning and assessment, while the minor works funding can be used by these schools for maintenance and small-scale improvements to school buildings and grounds. The €50 million ICT grant represents the second

tranche of ICT funding under the Digital Strategy for Schools to 2027. Schools previously received €50m in ICT grant funding for the 2021 to 2022 school year. Minister Foley said: "I am pleased today to be announcing funding which will support primary, post-primary and special schools in Kerry and throughout Ireland to enhance both school settings and teaching and learning, to benefit our pupils and students.

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It's been revealed that 16 Kerry artists have generously donated their art for Incognito, Ireland's biggest online art sale, in aid of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation.

Among the local artists who have taken up their brushes for a great cause are David Morrison from Ballybunion, William C. Dahm from Bealad East, Tara McCarthy from Kilgarvan, and Patricia de Jong from Killarney.

What's different about the Incognito art sale is that buyers have absolutely no idea of the artists behind the artworks, until after the sale has closed. Now in its eighth year, Incognito 2024 features the work of over 1,200 artists, with more than 3,300 original postcard-size artworks priced at €65, no matter who the artist is, on show at www.incognito.ie. Buyers now have three weeks to peruse and pick their favourite pieces before the sale goes live on Wednesday, April 24.

Among the stars taking part in 2024 are iconic model and actress, Jerry Hall, comedian Colin Murphy, fashion designers Don O'Neill, Heidi Higgins, Helen Steele and Simone Rocha, milliner Philip Treacy, jewellery designer Chupi Sweetman, radio stars PJ Gallagher and Jim McCabe, singer Brian Kennedy, TV royalty Thelma Mansfield, and award-winning architect Hugh Wallace.

For Emily McCarthy, Jack and Jill Liaison Nurse Manager for Kerry, Incognito means that local families can continue to receive much-needed support:

"Monies raised from Incognito go to fund in-home nursing care hours, respite support and end-of-life care provided by the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation to 12 Kerry children from birth to six years of age. These include children with a range of highly complex medical conditions, whose parents are caring for them at home, where they belong. Jack and Jill is a lifeline for these families in offering mum or dad a break to spend time with their other children, run out for the messages, grab a coffee with a friend, or catch a nap, safe in the knowledge that their child's complex medical needs are being looked after. We are privileged to be there, in the family home, and at the invitation of the parents, giving what support we can to these incredible families, who face such immense challenges with love, hope and courage."

For further information and to see the Incognito collection, visit www.incognito.ie, and to check out the work of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, visit www.jackandjill.ie. Follow all the latest Incognito developments on Facebook at www.facebook.com/2024incognito #Art4Care #Incognito2024

Incognito 2024 in Three Simple Steps: What You Need to Know

Step 1 – Create your account on the Incognito website at www.incognito.ie

Step 2 – Browse the complete collection and compile your Wishlist by 8am on Wednesday April 24. Random selection applies on sale day when you can secure up to three of your favourite pieces

Step 3 – Sit back, relax, and watch the drama unfold as the sale goes live on Wednesday April 24 after 10am. For those lucky purchasers, all will soon be revealed as to who the mystery artist is behind your work of art!

Are you ready to get in the picture for Jack and Jill?

16 Kerry Artists Play Hide and Seek as Incognito, Ireland's Biggest Online Art Sale, is Launched



Pictured is artist Patricia de Jong from Killarney, who is taking part in Incognito, Ireland's biggest online art sale, where buyers have no idea of the artists behind the artworks until after the sale has closed.



One of the over 3,300 original postcard-size artworks for sale in Incognito, Ireland's biggest online art sale, where buyers have no idea of the artists behind the artworks until after the sale has closed.



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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

Time for our MEPs to put hands up in their role in worsening the housing crisis

Germany's leading news magazine, Der Spiegel has published a damning critique of Ireland's housing crisis. The property and rental market has spiralled "out of control". The lack of housing is the worst since the Famine, the top selling magazine said.

'Der situation' in Killarney may be eased with the new permission for hundreds of residences in Upper Park. An Bord Pleanála decided there was no danger of over burdening the Killarney wastewater treatment plant as anglers from Killorglin feared. We shall see.

Work on the 249 dwellings - 143 houses and 106 apartments - will start immediately on the eight hectare site. Housing, as new Taoiseach Simon Harris said on Tuesday, 'remains the greatest societal and economic challenge of our generation'.

I was in the new Custom House visitor centre as outgoing Taoiseach Leo Varadkar delivered his exit speech. The Custom House had been the British administrative centre for Ireland. It was responsible for the workhouse system and for public works in the lukewarm attempt to the 19th century poverty. I glanced across the Liffey and took in a shiny new office building almost complete. Solutions to the Housing crisis stared me in the face: My Home.ie - that founding of the Celtic Tiger - said 4.6% above asking prices were being paid for houses amid 'fierce' competition for limited supply. Other reports have detailed how office buildings are emptying and are not in demand. Turn the offices into homes! The EU now governs as the British once did, setting laws and measures and determining the economy. Yet they are lukewarm about giving the young a fair shot at life - just as the Brits hadn't the bottle to tackle the landlord class on poverty 150 years ago. I met a couple from Valencia on the train to



Dublin. They have moved to Cork for jobs, and for housing. Housing is tight in Spain and there is no chance of a place of their own in Cork either. The European elections are coming up. Our own MEP Sean Kelly and others ought to be asked tough questions. All the main party MEPs - FG, FF, SF - have opened the doors of this country too wide these past two years and encouraged unfettered immigration from outside the EU in line with European policy against Russia. The Irish MEPs more than most have made a bad situation worse at home. We have 100,000 Ukrainians alone and they are now competing with the young and not so young Irish for a roof. And do not the Ukrainians deserve housing dignity too?

A return to the Killarney of Culture

Pan Celtic the colourful musical gathering that was founded in Killarney 50 years ago, attracted 2,000 visitors from across the six Celtic countries to Carlow town and region last week. It was one of the most exciting and colourful Spring events of my youth. Killarney would be awash with Breton singing and harpists, choirs from Wales in the town hall ballroom and art competitions up in the Parish Hall. We have gone all out outdoors in Killarney. But have we lost sight of culture? Our Bach festival has gone too and I know from speaking with local musicians how difficult they find it getting venues and funding, especially since Covid. But has Failte Ireland also lost sight of the importance of culture? Wander Wild for

instance got 25,000 euro in funding from the agency both this year and last year. Pan Celtic did not get one penny. Failte Ireland says it wants to encourage outdoor events that are off season.

'Wander Wild received 25,000 Euro under the Failte Ireland Outdoor Active Scheme in both 2023 and 2024. Our high impact festivals in Mullingar, Kerry, Donegal, Galway, Wexford, Cork and Cork County attract incremental international visitors who spend more and stay longer during the off-peak months. Failte Ireland has been providing capital investment to local authorities to improve their outdoor facilities and trails. To compliment this work, we developed the Outdoor Active Scheme to support and develop Outdoor Active Festivals,' a Failte Ireland spokeswoman said.

Pan Celtic was a fantastic festival and full marks to founder Con O'Connell, of Cork-Kerry Tourism and an enthusiastic committee such as the late Eileen Scott, Noel Grimes others. I was involved too in the latter days. But it couldn't be retained in a Killarney turning it face to mass tourism.

It had diminishing support and at the time practically no Irish agency funding. There had been a decline too, dare I say it, in culture values and historically minded people in Killarney. The drain continues - it seems to be all about brawn rather than brain in this town these days.

But it might be time to put our thinking caps on again.

Postcards from the Edge of History

Postcards from the edge: The history of Killarney tourism is writ large in the library at the moment.

I happened in as Killarney postcards from the late 1800s to the 1920s was being erected by Mary Horgan Rafferty, the founder of Vintage Irish Postcards.

Mary told me she has been fascinated by postcards all her life and her collecting has ranged across the sea to France where there are avid postcard collectors and where she has found many treasures.

Killarney has older postcards than any other town and while the earliest were small and tiny illustrations, others with full pictures followed. Local photographer Louis Anthony, founder of photography in Killarney, was one of the foremost producers and hotels also published their own.

Others too were produced by outsiders and were in the form of Kerry jokes, poking fun at the local Irish, it has to be said.

Mary's grandparents' thatched house on the Dingle peninsula was one of John Hinde's iconic postcards. And she wonders if that perhaps is where her fascination and first exposure to postcards really started.

'I believe that postcards hold information that is not found elsewhere and should be used more by is of huge value to heritage, tourism, educationalists and designers,' says Mary who has financed the display of her postcards herself.

Vintage Irish Postcards has a Facebook page.

The Vintage Irish Postcard display continues until Saturday 13th in Killarney Library. It is accompanied by a display of Victorian and Edwardian souvenirs by Brendan O'Sullivan.

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CONCERT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR GAZA THIS WEEKEND

On Sunday 14th April, a group of musicians and singers are coming together to raise funds for those who are working in Gaza.

Killarney group, Deeper Well, which is comprised of Joan Greene, Brighid Daly and Ronnie Moore hope to bring people together for an evening of song to raise funds for Médecins sans frontières in support of their work in Gaza.

Concert - Songs for Peace will take place on Sunday 14th April at 5.00pm in the Brehon Hotel, They will be joined on the night by Nick Moloney on Keys and Brian Fleming, percussion. Tim O'Shea on sound and Raconteur, Joe Brennan will guide us through the evening as MC. Killorglin Tickets €25 available at door or phone 086 0633618



Dermot Healy Launches his Local Election Campaign



Sean Kelly MEP, Patrick Eviston, former Cllr Cathal Walshe (MC), Dermot Healy (Fine Gael Killarney local election candidate), Deputy Brendan Griffin TD and Former Minister Jimmy Deenihan at the launch of Dermot Healy's local election campaign in Tigh Mary Donal's at The Whitegates Hotel, Killarney on Sunday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Dermot Healy (Fine Gael Killarney local election candidate) with supporters at the launch of his local election campaign in Tigh Mary Donal's at The Whitegates Hotel, Killarney on Sunday night. Included are Tadgh O'Sullivan (Killarney Fine Gael Branch Chairman) Sean Kelly MEP, Former Cllr Cathal Walshe (MC), Former Minister Jimmy Deenihan and Deputy Brendan Griffin TD. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Dermot Healy (Fine Gael Killarney local election candidate) with Iryna Zoria, Alina Terzi and Natalia Eismont from the Killarney Ukrainian community at the launch of Dermot Healy's local election campaign in Tigh Mary Donal's at The Whitegates Hotel, Killarney on Sunday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Dermot Healy (Fine Gael Killarney local election candidate) with family members at the launch of his local election campaign in Tigh Mary Donal's at The Whitegates Hotel, Killarney on Sunday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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SOUTH KERRY'S YOUTH SHOW THEIR ARTISTIC POTENTIAL

Young people from across South Kerry have been showing their artistic potential recently as part of an art course organised by South Kerry Development Partnership CLG and funded through the LEADER programme.

The 10-week course, run in Killarney, Killorglin and Cahersiveen, offered young people the opportunity to learn the skills needed to produce outdoor art projects such murals. The courses were supported by the KDYS in Killarney, the Sean Scoil in Killorglin as well as Foróige in Cahersiveen who provided room space to enable them take place. They were tutored by well-known artist Mike O'Donnell and the course covered areas such as Anatomy & Figure Drawing, Colour, Digital Drawing, Typography & Lettering as well as Mural Design and Painting Techniques.

SKDP CEO Noel Spillane said that he is delighted with the outcome of the courses as it is the first time SKDP undertook such an initiative in the region. "While there are many activities for youth in South Kerry who have an interest in sports, there are much less activities for those who are not and this course provided an outlet for some of those" he said. He thanked the groups for supporting the development of the project through providing the room spaces in the three areas and said he hoped that there will be an opportunity to work with them to build on this initiative under the new LEADER programme. "I would encourage community groups out there who are potentially interested in developing murals in their areas to contact Mike and his team of young artists who may be able to assist them" Noel added.

Artist Mike O'Donnell said that the young people involved were a wonderfully creative and diverse group who were a joy to work with as young artists. "Each of them has a unique voice that is needed now more than ever" he noted and added that South Kerry is richer with these young people expressing themselves. Mike described it as a unique project that provided the young people involved with the scope and space to explore and develop their artistic talent and he hopes that many of them will develop careers in the artistic sector in the future.



Young artists at work.



Artist Mike O'Donnell sharing his skills.



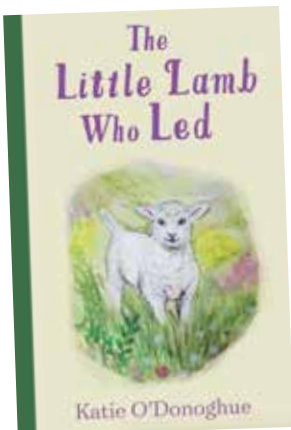
The Little Lamb Who Led is Launched by Killarney Author

A new book by Killarney Author Katie O'Donoghue was launched at Eason Killarney with the opening speech delivered by Councillor John O'Donoghue.

"The little lamb who led", was inspired by the Kerry mountainside, particularly the Macgillycuddy Reeks. The reeks are not only a site of special conservation, with its rare flora and fauna, but also a place of recreation. Every year over 125,000 people travel up the reeks, and they are only able to do this because farmers allow them to do so.

"All the land is privately owned and is accessible out of the goodness of farmers hearts. The Little Lamb Who Led is dedicated to all Irish farmers the custodians of the land for future generations", Katie told Killarney Outlook.

"Little Lamb has been separated from her mum, but she knows she'll find her at the top of the mountain. The journey there scares her, but she is cheered on by friendly animals along the way and becomes more confident as she climbs. She even ends up



helping others by taking the lead.

A mountain hare, a cow, a red grouse, a goat and a white-tailed sea eagle all share their stories about learning confidence and independence as they encourage Little Lamb on his journey.

"Young readers will love this story of strength and courage set in the Irish countryside", Katie added.

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Great Southern Hotel continues partnership with Kerry FC



Pictured at the announcement of the Great Southern Killarney continued partnership of Kerry FC for 2024 this week are from left, Antonio Tuta goalkeeper, Jamie Power, General Manager, Great Southern Killarney, David Okwute, Michael Jacobi, Hayfield Family Collection, and Ryan Kelleher. PHOTO: DON MACMONAGLE



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Great Southern Killarney are delighted to have continued their official partnership of Kerry FC for 2024, as they take part in their second season in the SSE Airtricity First Division.

Speaking on the partnership, General Manager of Great Southern Killarney, Jamie Power, said, 'We are delighted to continue our partnership with Kerry FC as they take part in their exciting second season in the League of Ireland First Division. Local partnerships are incredibly important to us, as they have been throughout the history of Great Southern, and it is

fantastic to see Kerry soccer represented on the national stage. We wish Conor and the team the greatest of success in the season ahead, and I look forward to watching a few of the games in Mounthawk Park!'

Great Southern Killarney are committed to a number of charities and organisations as part of their ongoing work in the local Killarney and overall Kerry region, including work with the Ring of Kerry Cycle and Comfort For Chemo Kerry.

The Wild Atlantic...Sand Artist Manuel Frolich, putting the finishing touches to his sand artwork on Ballybunion North Beach (Ladies Beach) County Kerry to celebrate 10th anniversary of the iconic Wild Atlantic Way - Launched in 2014, the longest defined coastal routes in the world, which stretches for 2600 km from Cork to Donegal. Over the last decade it has become a globally recognised tourism brand and has provided an economic engine for the west of Ireland. This growth has contributed to the creation of an additional 35,000 jobs, with tourism now supporting 121,000 jobs across the region. At the anniversary, were staff of Wild Atlantic Way (Fáilte Ireland) in Kerry, Sharon Houlihan, Declan Murphy and Veronica O'Connor. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN





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Double Celebrations for Dan Tim & His Family

It was an double celebration in Cricklewood on Saturday night last when well known Kerryman Dan Tim O'Sullivan celebrated his 70th Birthday and retirement from the business empire he set after leaving his native Kells at the age of 16 with just ten pounds in his pocket. Dan Tim was joined by his wife Sheila and his family, along with many friends from both London and Kerry. Dan Tim worked his way up in the construction business and his company is now one of the biggest in the whole of Britain, employing over 2000 staff. Danny Tim has been honoured on many occasions for his many contributions to charities. He has the titles of Kerryperson of the Year in London and r Kerryperson of the Year in Ireland and has received the Freedom of London, following in the footsteps of Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela and Bill Gates among others. The celebrations took place at The Crown Hotel in Cricklewood and award winning photographer Michelle Cooper Galvin was there to capture the memories of a great night.



Dan Tim O'Sullivan celebrating his 70th birthday and retirement with his wife Sheila and family (front from left) Jay, Caroline, Charlie, Luke, Daniel, Patsy (back from left) James, Abbie, Elaine, Daniel, Tadhg, Julie, Ian, Kacey and Tim at a special function in The Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London on Friday. PHOTO: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN



Dan Tim O'Sullivan celebrating his 70th birthday and retirement with his wife Sheila, sister Mary T, Sheila O'Riordan, his brother John and sister in law Agnes at a special function in The Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London on Friday. PHOTO: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN



Sheila O'Sullivan with Martina Cronin Fossa Killarney. PHOTO: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN



Dan Tim O'Sullivan celebrating his 70th birthday and retirement with his wife Sheila at a special function in The Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London on Friday. PHOTO: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN



Dan Tim O'Sullivan celebrating his 70th birthday and retirement with his wife Sheila and grandchildren Charlie, Tadhg, Luke (back) Daniel, Abbie and Jay at a special function in The Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London on Friday. PHOTO: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN



Dan Tim O'Sullivan celebrating his 70th birthday and retirement congraluated by (left) Dermot Galvin and Liam O'Donoghue at a special function in The Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London on Friday. PHOTO: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN



Mike Jack Cronin Fossa, Killarney performing at Dan Tim O'Sullivan's 70th birthday and retirement function in The Crown Hotel, Cricklewood, London on Friday. PHOTO: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN



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Sean Helps Roisin launch the Rose of Tralee's partnership with Cliona's Foundation

A very special Killarney boy has helped the Rose of Tralee launch their new partnership with Cliona's Foundation. Sean Howard along with his parents Katie and Michael met with the Rose of Tralee, New York Rose, Roisin Wiley who is currently in Ireland as part of her role within the festival.

Roisin is now an ambassador for Cliona's Foundation and will be joining a cohort of Roses and Rose Escorts in walking the Camino De Santiago to raise funds and awareness this April. All funds raised will go directly to providing financial support to the families that Cliona's support.

Cliona's is a national charity providing financial assistance directly to parents of seriously sick children with life-limiting or chronic complex care needs across Ireland to help with the non-medical expenses related to caring for their child. Since 2008 the foundation has provided financial assistance to over 1300 families.

The foundation was set up by Brendan and Terry Ring, following the death of their daughter Cliona, from an inoperable brain tumour in 2006 aged 15. Over the years, as Cliona underwent numerous different hospital treatments, Brendan and Terry were struck by the number of families, facing enormous financial hardship, on the brink of financial free-fall, blindsided by non-medical expenses piling up. They saw at first-hand the enormous toll it took on these families, already struggling to cope with the nightmare of having a seriously ill child.

Joining the Roses from Arizona, Wexford, Boston New England, Toronto, Carlow will be Escorts from Mayo, Limerick, Kilkenny and the USA and co-founder of Cliona's Foundation, Terry Ring. Terry walked the Inaugural Camino for Cliona's with 36 transition year students from all over Munster last June. This year 101 students have signed up to walk the Camino for Cliona's from all over Ireland. The route the Roses and Rose Escorts will walk is 120kms, beginning in the Portuguese city of Valencia and finishing in the Spanish city at the Cathedral in Santiago De Compostela.

Speaking of the Festival's reason for getting involved with Cliona's, Festival Director Suzan O'Gara said "The Rose of Tralee Festival is delighted to partner with Cliona's Foundation. The foundation is a wonderful charity who provide crucial financial support to families who are caring for a child with a serious illness. Roisin and I recently met a family supported by Cliona's and learned first-hand how much relief the financial support provides. The Rose class of 2023 are so excited to be getting involved and to be able to walk the Camino to raise awareness for Cliona's Foundation, and to show solidarity with the many families all over Ireland who need this help. Supporting charitable work is very much at the heart of what our Festival



Pictured at the Launch were : Rose of Tralee, New York Rose, Róisín Wiley, Katie Howard, Michael Howard, Seán and Dan Howard, Killarney, Co-Founder of Cliona's Foundation Terry Ring. Photo By: Domnick Walsh



Rose of Tralee, New York Rose, Róisín Wiley with Sean Howard . Photo By : Domnick Walsh

does - a Rose really can make a difference. We are thrilled to be able to shine a light on the great work Cliona's Foundation does, and to support such a worthy and meaningful cause through this new partnership".

A recent survey conducted by Cliona's shows how families with sick children are often disproportionately affected by situations out of their control, such as rapidly increasing living costs. These are parents who are in a living nightmare and the last thing they should have to worry about are bills. Cliona's survey found that in 70% of families, at least one parent must give up their jobs to care for their sick child leaving them struggling to cope. Studies have highlighted that a family will need between €10,000 and €15,000 a year to cover various non-medical costs while their child is ill.

During Róisín's visit, the Rose was delighted to meet one such family in Killarney, the

Howards. Their two year old son Seán was recently diagnosed with a progressive genetic condition which means he needs a lot of care. Commenting on the visit, Róisín said: "I am very proud to be an ambassador for Cliona's and to support such a worthy cause. The Howards are such a wonderful family, Sean is a bright and loving boy. It was a real privilege to spend time with them and to learn about the love and care they give to Sean and his brother Dan. I am so excited to be walking the Camino to raise much needed funds for Cliona's Foundation to help families throughout the country".

Cliona's Foundation expects a record number of families will apply for financial assistance this year and will need to raise a minimum of €700,000 to meet these applications. To support the Roses and Rose Escorts, please visit this link: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/CaminoForClionasROTIF>



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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.

KILLARNEY NATIVE CON CRONIN IS NEW CHAIRMAN AT THE CURRAGH RACECOURSE

Killarney native Con Cronin is appointed new Chairman of the world renowned Curragh Racecourse. Mr Cronin succeeds Padraig McManus who stepped down as Chairman of Curragh Racecourse Limited having overseen the redevelopment of the racecourse and training grounds.

Con Cronin has a background in commercial property and is currently Executive Chairman of Avison Young in Ireland. Con was an international rower and successful rowing coach and served as President of Rowing Ireland for the four-year period leading up to the Rio Olympics, at which Ireland won its first Olympic rowing medal. He has also served as a Board member of Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin and is currently a director of Children's Health Ireland. A native of Killarney, County Kerry, Con has enjoyed success as a racehorse owner, most notably with GVA Ireland and Miss Xian.

Con Cronin said "Horse racing is a great passion of mine, and I am honored to take up the position as Chairman of the Curragh. I must pay tribute to the wonderful work done by Padraig in bringing the Curragh to where it is today. His vision and leadership have been of great benefit to Irish horse racing, and I am looking forward to working with the team at the Curragh to continue the growth and development of both the racecourse and the training grounds."



Joe Keeling, Racehorse Owner and former chairman of HRI, Padraig McManus outgoing Chairman of the Curragh Racecourse, Con Cronin incoming Chairman of The Curragh

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Dr. Crokes Juvenile Hurlers make Croke Park Debut

The Dr. Crokes Juvenile hurlers had a fantastic day in Croke Park on the 2nd of April. They played 3 games against Ahan Gaels from Cork, Croagh Kilfinny from Limerick and Whitegate from Clare, followed by a stadium tour. The team was delighted to compete on a level footing with teams from Hurling Counties. They all did the club and their families proud. The club would like to thank Niamh Murphy for arranging refreshments at her home GAA club Ardclough in Co Kildare. Also thanks to Ciaran Culloty of the Reeks for providing snacks for the journey. Memories made that will last a lifetime.



The Dr. Crokes Juvenile Hurlers pictured with their trainers at Croke Park.



Trying out the dressing rooms at Croke Park



The Burchill family pictured in Croke Park



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NEWS BITES...

KWOTE

Next meeting (AGM) is at 7 pm on Wednesday the 17th of April in the parish centre of the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road.

KILLARNEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT

meet every Friday in the KDYS Hall (back of Franciscan Friary Bookshop) from 2 to 4 PM All Welcome.

AWARE

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

BINGO

at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held every Thursday @ 8.30pm All Welcome.

MILLTOWN/LISTRY HOSPICE WALK

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in or supported our Annual Good Friday walk. It raised a total of €2000 all of which will go towards Palliative care in Kerry. Thanks to Milltown Hall for use of their facilities and to Donal Clifford for providing teas and coffees. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

LIFESTYLE TALK AT THE LIBRARY

Killarney Library will host a lifestyle talk on Thursday next, April 18th. 'Train for the challenge, not just the swim' Join author, cold water swimming expert and Guinness World Record Holder Nuala Moore for an illustrated talk detailing her adventures in open water swimming around the world. Nuala will talk about the mental and physical challenges of swimming around the island of Ireland, swimming from Alaska to Russia and becoming the first woman to swim around Cape Horn, the spot where the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans meet. Followed by a Question and Answer session. All Welcome. Fáilte roimh gach éinne
Where: Killarney Library V93 YE35. When: Thursday, 18th April. Time: 7.00pm-8.00pm
The talk is free to attend and are funded by Healthy Ireland.

2024 RÁS TAILTEANN LAUNCHED

The 2024 edition of the Rás Tailteann will take place from Wednesday, May 22nd to Sunday, May 26th. This is the 69th edition of the race.

This year, the event will kick off from Tullamore, County Offaly in Ireland's Midlands, where the first stage finish will be in Kilmallock. This will be the first-ever Rás Tailteann stage to finish in the County Limerick town. The 2024 edition will also have finishes in Sneem, County Kerry on the famous 'Ring of Kerry', Cahir, County

Tipperary which will see the first finish there since 1967 and Kildare Town, County Kildare with the fifth and final stage of the 2024 Rás Tailteann finishing in Bective, County Meath where the race will take in three laps of a 14.1KM spectator-friendly finishing circuit. 784.8KM of Irish roads awaits this year's entrants with a total of eighteen categorised climbs over the five stages, including two x category one climbs on stages two and four.



Team Wheelbase/Cabtech/Castelli celebrate Matthew Fox's second consecutive stage win in Castlebar during Rás Tailteann 2023. Photographer: Lorraine O'Sullivan

Enterprise Rent-A-Car announce Kerry GAA sponsorship

Enterprise Rent-A-Car have been announced as sponsors of Kerry GAA for the upcoming season.


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Pictured at the announcement are: Peter Twiss Kerry GAA, Sean O'Shea, Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Diarmuid O'Connor, Adrian Spillane, Paul Murphy, Tadhg Morley, Dan O'Shea-Remarketing Manager Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Orla O'Connor-Area Manager Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Ryan Lenihane-Branch Manager Enterprise Rent-A-Car Tralee, Jason Foley, Graham O'Sullivan, Shane Murphy, Shane Ryan, Gavin White, Tom Keane Kerry GAA.



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- I'm okay and I will be okay.
- One difficult day does not define my life
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- It's okay to take my time and go at my own pace.
- I'm doing the best I can and that is good enough.
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Staff at BORN in the Killarney Outlook pictured on their first birthday last weekend. From left: Carlise Caffrey, Sarah Doody, Natalie Fee and Jessica Doody.

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

>FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to Listry on Saturday, 13th April in round 2, Development league

>RESULTS

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE, DIV. 2, ROUND 3

Kenmare Shamrocks 0.13 Beaufort 2.17

Beaufort senior men pulled away from Kenmare Shamrocks in the second half to record their third win in Co League, Div. 2.

The half time score was Beaufort 0.08 to Kenmare 0.07. Panel: Seán Coffey, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Ger. Hartnett, Kieran O'Sullivan, Ethan Coffey, Nathan Breen, Josh Coffey, Mark Neary, Ronan Murphy, Darragh O'Connor, Pádraig Doona, Fergal Hallissey, Darragh Dennehy, Ciarán Kennedy, Liam Carey, Fionn O'Neill, Danny Healy, Rory Breen, Donnchadh Coffey, Mikey Moriarty, Seán Kelliher, Liam Curran, Jack O'Connor, Pádraig O'Sullivan

>SENIOR CO LEAGUE DIV. 6B ROUND 3

Spa, Killarney 0.06 Beaufort 1.07

Beaufort has recorded two wins and a draw in Division 6B. A Cian O'Shea goal was the difference between the sides in last weekend's round 3 game.

Team: Jason Foley, Cian Kissane, Donnchadh Coffey, Michael O'Shea, Rory Breen, Ian McGillycuddy, Ryan Sweeney, Timmy Casey, Mikey Moriarty, Eoghan O'Hagan, Pádraig O'Sullivan, Micheál O'Sullivan, Jack Sweeney, Cian O'Shea, David Breen, Darragh Foley, Ben Taylor, Adam Flynn, Ronan Curran.

>MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311.

For Ladies football, LGFA membership has to be paid by 22nd March. For more information, please contact Sue 086 2632219.

>LOTTO RESULTS

The next draw for a jackpot of €3,200 will be on Sunday, 14th April. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at



Killarney Soroptimists were delighted to make a Presentation of a cheque for €4200 to St Mary of the Angels Hydrotherapy Pool and Gym which will be used for Sensory lighting in the pool. This cheque was the proceeds of the Pancake morning held on Shrove Tuesday.

Pictured are representatives from St Mary of the Angels, Michelle O'Donoghue, Padraigh o' Mahoney, Willie Riordan & Denis O'Mahoney.

Soroptimists: Teresa Irwin, Emer Moynihan, Bridie Brosnan (President), Eileen Foley, Ann Wrenn, Sheila Casey.

www.beaufortgaa.com.

Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw.

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

>SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Eileen Scannell. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses who continue to support our project

>IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - JUNE 1ST

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 1130 am in St John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1 pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2 pm, followed by the Rosary

Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3 pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

>MASS IN THE CITY IN SHRONE

Because of a clash of dates with the RALLY OF LAKES it is necessary to move The Mass in the City to Sunday MAY 12th @ 1.30pm

>RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY (Cancer Support House) are currently enrolling for an upcoming Cubs Programme - a bereavement programme aimed at children between 8 and 12 years of age, who are dealing with the loss of a parent through cancer.

Through play & art, children will learn about grief responses and learn how to cope with their feelings. The free, 8 week programme began on Tuesday, April 9th (4.30pm - 6pm) and names are now being taken on 0667192122.

>NOTES

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

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LOTTO

NUMBERS DRAWN 2, 3, 7, 12. Jackpot €3,750. Winner: Martina Kennedy. Next weeks jackpot €3000

>U13

U13s play John Mitchels on Sunday 14th April next in Keel at 5.30 and 7.00pm.

>U11

Lee Strand County League starts this Thursday, but Listry has a bye.

>YOUTH ACADEMY

Our youth academy U5 commences Friday April 12th at 6pm

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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>COUNTY CLEAN UP

The County Clean Up this year has been rescheduled for Saturday 13th April. We are looking for volunteers to assist in collecting rubbish on the roads in their area. Refuse sacks are available from the Kilcummin Rural Development office. They can be returned or left on the road side & KWD will collect after the Saturday the 13th April.

>KILCUMMIN CCE

FLEADH CHEOIL CHIARRAI

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarrai will take place in Ballybunion on the weekends of June 8th & 9th (dancing) and June 15th & 16th (Music, song & comhrá). Kilcummin CCÉ entries to be submitted to branch secretary (Rural Dev. Office) no later than Friday April 19th at 12 noon please. Entry forms are available in Kilcummin Rural Dev. Office.

NEW BRANCH LEISUREWEAR

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

SINGING CLASS

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

>LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 8th April 2024 of the Jackpot for €10,500. Numbers drawn were 16,23,28,30. Consolation prizes of €50

went to Consolation prizes of €50 went to Caitriona Blake, Helen Healy, Cathal Brosnan & Ester Dwyer. The next draw will be on Monday 22nd April for Jackpot of €10,750.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1: Dr Crokes 0-12 Kilcummin 0-7

Played in Lewis rd. our lads can be proud of their efforts despite losing to a highflying Dr Crokes team. In difficult conditions scoring was low with Dr Crokes leading 0-5 to 0-2 at half time Philip O' Leary and Cian Foley the scorers. The second half saw Crokes exerting much pressure but the defence stood up well and limited them to seven points. Our scorers included points from Philip O' Leary, Chris O' Leary, Cian Foley, James Williams and Noel Duggan.

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 6: Fossa 2-09 Kilcummin 1-10

Hard luck to our B team who lost out to Fossa on Saturday in very windy conditions. Playing against the wind we trailed by nine points at halftime but reduced the deficit in the second half to just two points aided by a Shane McSweeney goal. Jack Fogarty, Luke Daly and Mikey O'Shea stood out but it was pleasing to see large numbers available. Well done to all concerned.

CLUB MASS

In remembrance of deceased members, Mass will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

Players from Mastergeeha FC Under 15 & 16 teams represented Kerry Schoolboys/Girls League at the Barcelona cup over the weekend. U15's were represented by Fabian, Cillian, Roan and Conn and U16's by Cillian Miley, Jakub Hyciek and Shane Daly and Coach Mike Guerin.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 5th April 2024 of the Jackpot for €10,000. Numbers drawn were 6,10,12,20. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Denis O'Connor, Glounonea; J. Coffey, c/o Martina Lyne; Ada & Abbey Kelly; Tadhg Moynihan, Artgallivan, Headford. The next draw will be on Friday 12th April for Jackpot of €10,200.

>KILCUMMIN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

SPRING CLEAN

The Kilcummin P.A. are looking for any unwanted clothes to be dropped at the school on Sat 13th April between 11.30am – 1pm and also at the school gate on Wednesday 17th April before 10am.



U15 Mastergeeha boys representing the Kerry Schoolboys League in Barcelona



U16 Mastergeeha boys representing the Kerry Schoolboys League in Barcelona

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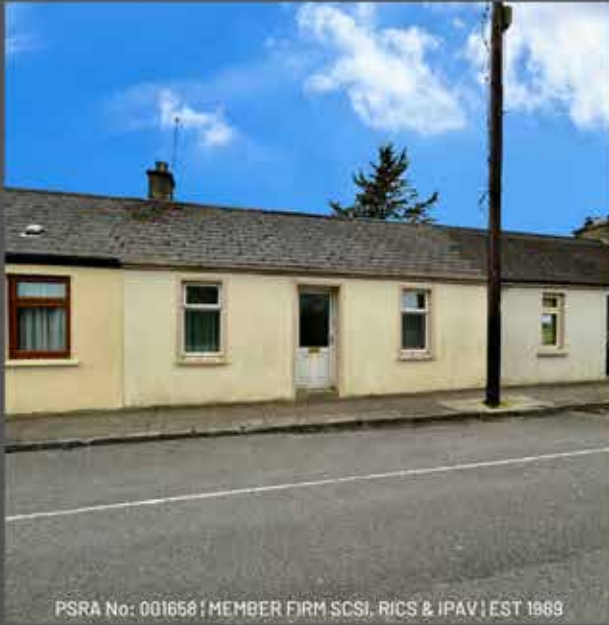
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GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

>CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Spa 0-10 Glenflesk 1-07

After 60 minutes where both teams had chances to win it, Spa and Glenflesk shared the points on a windy night in Spa in Round 3 of Division 1 of the Credit Union County League. Glenflesk got off to the better start, with Tommy Bowler finding the target 3 times in the first 10 minutes, with Spa's only reply a free from Evan Cronin. There were only 2 more points in the rest of the half, with both teams struggling to adjust to the windy conditions. Cian Murphy got both of them, the second one an outstanding curling effort that split the posts. Lots of endeavor in the first half, but an absence of quality, as they headed to dressing rooms tied at 3 points each. Glenflesk opened the scoring after the break with one of their better team move's, Ian Roche providing the finishing touches to some good work from Liam Warren and Patrick Darcy. Spa responded well again, Michael Kearney finding Cian Tobin who brought the sides back level again. From here, the sides were never separated by more than a point, as each time one team looked like they push ahead, the other found a way to reply, with Murphy and Bowler the main scoring threats for their respective sides. When Tobin pointed after taking a mark, Spa once again went 1 ahead with injury time approaching. Glenflesk then found the quality to score what looked like the winning goal. Started by Roche's superb catch in midfield, Kevin Bowler's defence splitting pass sent Callum Cronin in on goal. Cronin finished clinically giving Shay O'Meara no chance in the Spa goal. Spa though railed, with Shane Cronin reducing the deficit to 1. After Glenflesk were adjudged to have delayed the kick out, a throw ball ensued, before which Conor Stack was sent off for the home side. After the ball was thrown in, it fell loose on the ground and Glenflesk were adjudged to have touched it on the ground. Evan Cronin converted the free, and each side would leave with a point each, after a frustrating evening for both teams. Thanks to Michael Healy for the report.

>CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 5B

Glenflesk 1-10 Sneem Derrynane 0-09

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>LOTTO

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



Co League Div 1 rd 3 Glenflesk's Emmet Finan breaks away from Spa's Cian Murphy last Saturday in Spa. Photo Seamus Healy.

>CONFIRMATION

Congratulations and best wishes to the boys and girls of the Parish receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

>ANNUAL COUNTY CLEAN UP

As a result of Storm Kathleen, the period during which participating groups can collect litter has been extended by a week until Sunday 14th April. Bags can be collected at O'Briens shop Glenflesk. Please wear reflective clothing. This is an ideal chance to come together and keep our roads and community clean. All bags will be collected. Please tie them and leave them on the road side.

>COMMUNITY FITNESS CLASSES

Glenflesk Gym for a 6 week block. Women's class Mondays 6pm. Men's class Thursdays 6pm. All existing members and newcomers are welcome to join. If you have any queries you can contact Micheál O'Shea 087 6412587 or Gearóid O'Sullivan 087 9011322.

>KERRY UNDER 20 FOOTBALL PANEL

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

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St Francis Special School Beaufort are reaching out to all clubs to encourage anyone who may be cycling the Ring of Kerry on 6th July to consider cycling for them. Check out St Francis Special School Beaufort Facebook page for more information

>NOTES

If you would like anything included in the clubs weekly notes, please email it to topro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie

SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

>CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1 ROUND 3

In an exciting game during challenging conditions an equaliser was the final outcome when our Senior men hosted Glenflesk on Saturday last. Full time score Glenflesk 1-07 Spa 0-10

>CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 6 ROUND 3

After a very good first half performance playing against the wind Spa led at half time by 0.05 points to 0.03, some very good frees scored by Thomas Cronin, other scores on the day were well taken points from

Emmett Spillane and Donagh Fahy. Unfortunately we couldn't keep up the momentum in the second half and Beaufort ran out deserving winners. Full time score Beaufort 1-07 Spa 0-06

>SCOR

Best wishes to all representing the Club and County in Munster Scór this weekend in Tipperary

>RACE NIGHT

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Holy Cross Mercy Students and teachers pictured on their Confirmation Day with Bishop Ray Browne and Priests from the parish.



Students and teachers from Scoil Brid, Loreto NS at the confirmations with Bishop Ray Browne and Priests from the parish.



A full house at St. Mary's Cathedral for the Parish Confirmations



Holy Cross Mercy Students and teachers pictured on their Confirmation Day with Bishop Ray Browne and Priests from the parish.



The Music Team at the Killarney Parish Confirmations.



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The Kerry Cancer Support Group work hard each day to provide an excellent service and are devoted to maintaining a warm, welcoming environment while ensuring that service users have immediate access to free programmes and resources. Killarney Royal are delighted to support this incredibly worthy charity.

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By Dermot Cronin,
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RUN OR WALK THE MILES FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

Now that the clocks are going forward and the evenings a little longer, many people will be setting themselves a target to take part in a 5km, 10km or even a full marathon. Regardless of the distance, setting a target can give one the motivation to train and prepare for an upcoming event. If you are considering taking part in any of the marathons in 2024, national charity, Anam Cara would love if you would consider fundraising for them.

Some such events include, on the 5th May, the wonderful women in the West will raise much needed funds for local charities. Since it's formation in 2010, the West of Ireland Womens Mini Marathon has donated over €1.5 million to great causes across the West.

On Sunday 2nd June, over 40,000 women will take to the streets of Dublin, to take on the 10km route, in the Womens Mini Marathon. Each year, the Anam Cara team grows, and we would love for many more to join us on the day. Soak up the atmosphere before the event as we all gather pre-race, run, jog or walk at your own pace on the day and then meet up



after for that feelgood factor. On the same day, the people of Cork will take to the streets for their marathon, half marathon and 10km.

Every cent raised by those taking part in the above events or any marathons across the country, will ensure our support services for bereaved parents continue to thrive nationwide.

On Tuesday 9th April, Anam Cara will hold their Kerry meeting in The Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee @ 7:15pm. All bereaved parents are welcome, regardless of the age of the child or circumstances of death. Any bereaved parent in the Kerry area and surrounds are welcome to attend.

If you are taking part in an event in 2024 and raising funds for Anam Cara, contact them now for your fundraising pack. Anam Cara can be contacted on 085 2888888 or by email info@anamcara.ie



The Victorian and Edwardian Exhibition at Killarney Library was a great success on Saturday last. Organisers of the event Mary Rafferty and Brendan O'Sullivan are pictured under a Victorian umbrella that was sold in Killarney. "The umbrella doubles as a walking stick with Killarney carved out in the handle", Brendan told Killarney Outlook.

CEAD MILE FAILTE FOR GERMAN STUDENTS

Killarney Town Twinning Association welcomed students from our twin town of Plainfield, Germany. Students will under an Erasmus programmes that is now in its second term promoted by Killarney Town Twinning association and under direction of our secretary Sheila Dickson has proven to be a big success with schools in the Pleinfeld region this group of students come from the School of Gunzhausin. And will as part of their trip work in many areas of hospitality clerical marketing and other areas as part of their curriculum under the European Erasmus programmes. Some hours in Killarney school of English and of course the cultural area of Irish music and sports will engage the students over a two-week period amongst us. Trips to the National Park and of course options for Ring of Kerry and Dingle are on itinerary for down time of students Killarney school St Brendans will host teachers accompanying

students and a follow up exchange is being discussed with Angela Daly and another School in the region of Pleinfeld called Rhodes and our Counterpart Twin Associations Chairman Josef Meiling. Is working with Angela In developing this opportunity for Killarney students studying German. Sean Counihan. Chairman of Killarney Town Twinning is currently talking with local soccer clubs in town who may link with our twin areas. There are great opportunities for exchanges in many of our twin towns. In Italy France Germany Sweden or in England. Killarney town twinning association would welcome any inquires from clubs or indeed groups or individual citizens of Killarney who would like to visit our beautiful Twin Towns just contact counihansean@gmail.com or Sheiladickson58@gmail.com. Officers of Killarney Town Twinning Association for information.



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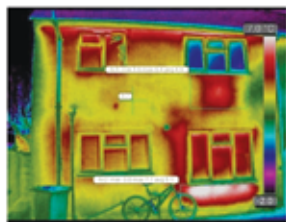
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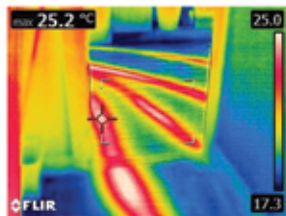
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EASTER EGG COMPETITION

What a challenging way to start off the golfing season for the Ladies of Beaufort Golf Club. Their Lady Captain decided to start the first weekend competition, the Easter Egg competition, as a 3 club competition over 11 holes. Their was a good turn out for the competition and it left many lady golfers thinking about why we carry 14 clubs every time we go out. The competition was very kindly sponsored by Helen Clifford, Managing Director of Beaufort Golf Club. Congratulations to the winners who kept their club choice a secret.

1st: Laura Furlong (13) 18 points
 2nd: Rita Kelliher (24) 17 points
 3rd: Lady Captain Maire Ni Loinsigh (17) 16 points.
 Congratulations to Maeve Quirke on winning the Winter League.

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SUNDAY DRAWS

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 Gross: Gearoid Cronin and Sean O'Brien and
 Second Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr and Dan Kiely.

WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL

Please note this event scheduled for Sunday April 21st has been postponed. We will have a new date for this event as well as the previously postponed Club Matchplay in due course.

MUNSTER SCOTCH FOURSOMES

Entries for this event must be received and paid for (€18) by April 22nd next.

TIM SCANNELL MEMORIAL

This County Board event is scheduled to begin on Tuesday April 30th next. We are hoping to enter two teams this year. Anyone interested in entering is asked to contact Jason O'Connor on 087 9488516 regarding same.

KERRY MAN HAS BEEN CROWNED
THE 17TH MR PERSONALITY IN MACRA



Mark Celebrating with Kerry Macra Members.

A proud Kerryman has won the title of Mr. Personality at a Macra Festival which took place in the Talbot Hotel Clonmel on the 5th and 6th of April 2024,

Mark Riordan from Kenmare took home the cup from the festival which was hosted by Kilkenny Macra and kindly sponsored by Kilkenny/Carlow and District FRS.

25 contestants travelled from across the country to Clonmel for a fun-filled weekend. On Friday afternoon, they all enjoyed a tour of Coolmore Stud, which was followed by interviews on stage with MC Michelle Heffernan of 'Beat 102/103'. Mark like the other contestants entertained the audience with stories about an embarrassing moment and hobbies and interests but Mark also displayed his singing talents for the judges with a rendition of 'Will you go, Lassie go'.

On Saturday morning all the contestants had their private interview with the judges for this year's festival who were – Sarah McIntosh (Irish Country Living), Martin Merrick (Irish Farmers Journal) & Liam Comerford (Former Mr Personality Festival Chair). After the interviews they all had an opportunity to show off their jiving skills with Niall Doorhy before heading into the final part of the judging process, the Team building.

The results were announced at midnight on Saturday night after a sold-out Banquet Dinner Dance with entertainment from Hypnotist, Jason O'Callaghan and music by 'The Loose Cannons'. In second place was Stephen Murray from Scotstown Macra (Monaghan) and third place was Michéal Kilheeny from Mountmellick Macra (Laois).

When Marks name was called out as the winner, the crowd broke out in a massive cheer with Kerry flags and posters popping up across the room. Mark came up on stage and gave a powerful speech showing just how proud and shocked he was to be crowned this year's Mr Personality. Mark told the crowd "We might be going through a hard time at the moment in farming, but it can only get better and remember to talk to one another and help is always there for you".

Festival Chairperson and Kilkenny Macra member Christine O'Neill is thrilled at how the weekend went, "After months of planning it was great to see so many people attend this year's Festival in Clonmel, I would like to thank all the contestants for their participation this year and I look forward to working with Mark over the next year as the new Mr Personality 2024".



Mark just after his names was called as Mr Personality 2024.




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UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS SECURE SWORDS THUNDER

Preview by Enda Walsh

A competitive season that started on October 1st in Carlow comes to a close in the home of Irish basketball in the National Arena in Tallaght. And of course the spade work for that October start commenced in August with pre season training and the usual friendly games. The clash with Swords Thunder will be their 21st game of the league season, and the record to date reads 19 wins and just the 1 defeat, back in November to Swords Thunder. Of course the ultimate box has been ticked, promotion to the Superleague, but like all good sides the hunger for more remains.

Utility Trust St Pauls will be looking to add the MissQuote.ie League Trophy to their collection, having already captured the Southern Conference and League crown. And you know a team is in a good vein of form when the individual gongs are handed out. A fruitful March has seen Sofia Paska crowned Player of the Month, her teammate Khiarica Rasheed running her close in the rankings in third place. James Fleming's tactical acumen has seen him awarded the Coach of the Month, his third in the last four months. Paska has averaged 21 points and nine rebounds per game in an extremely productive four weeks and is ranked No. 2 in the league for two pointers and No.4 for rebounds. Rasheed was of course MVP in the league decider and is the ultimate in consistency.

It will be the third time the sides have met, with the score at 1-1, and is of course a rematch of the league final. Thunder recovered well from that disappointment, putting Moy Tolka Rovers to the sword, before accounting for National Cup champions Limerick Celtics in the semi final. Their challenge is of course built around the twin threat of Jensen Caretti and Jasmine Walker. Carretti is their talismanic figure but Walker was outstanding in that Celtics win, netting 28 points. Peggy Black was also in prolific form while Megan Connolly and Laura Fortune are also playing big roles in their renaissance. The wily Aisling Sullivan



THE ST. PAUL'S LADIES TEAM Front Row L to R...Niamh Ni Chonchuir, Rheanne O Shea, Lynn Jones with daughter Heidi, Leah McMahan, Khiarica Rasheed Back Row L to R...Siofra O Shea, Lorraine Scanlon, Meabh Barry, Cliona Coffey, Sofia Paska, Liadh Tobin, Aisling Counihan, Denise Dunlea.

brings plenty of experience and there can be no doubt that Swords will be smarting from the league defeat.

St Pauls have just continued their fine form, accounting for the Dublin Lions and Limerick Sport Huskies enroute to the final. The squad have been further boosted by Leah McMahan's role in the Irish U18s Four Nations triumph, with the squad cantering to a clean sweep. The ageless Lynn Jones shows no sign of abetting, her defence in that Huskies win really set the tone. Denise Dunlea was also in rude form, netting 17 points in an MVP performance. Rheanne O'Shea is averaging 15 points in her last six games, with the three point radar most definitely dialled in. Meabh Barry is really putting her hand up in recent weeks and is a perfect foil inside.

Lorraine Scanlon has balanced her load between football and basketball really well, accommodated by two understanding management teams and no doubt aided by the presence of fellow dual players Siobhan Burns and Niamh Ni Chonchuir. But the real backbone to the squad has been the commitment of the likes of Cliona Coffey, Liadh Tobin, Mary Kate Smith and Aisling Counihan, their presence helping to drive the standards of those around them. And of course as the curtain falls on the season it would be remiss not to mention Siofra O'Shea, whose involvement in top level GAA and basketball has been curtailed by injury. But in true spirit she is inching closer to a return with hard work and dedication.

So the season will end exactly where you would want it to end, the headquarters of Irish Basketball in Tallaght. The stage is set and now all it needs is the perfect ending.



Congratulations to Leah McMahan who was part of the Irish Under 18 team who won the Four Nations recently. Ireland had a clean sweep beating England, Scotland and Wales to win the title.



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AIB LAUNCHES 2024 GAA ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AHEAD OF SUMMER OF SPORT

AIB, proud sponsors of the club and county, has today been joined by Stephen O'Brien (Kerry), Pat Spillane (Sligo), Aidan Forker (Armagh) and Mathew Costello (Meath) for the launch of the 2024 AIB GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships. Ahead of a busy summer of sport, which kicks off with the GAA Championships, AIB will once again celebrate #TheToughest players in Gaelic Games - highlighting the grit, determination and passion that is required to win the AIB

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2024 marks the ninth year of AIB's sponsorship of the AIB GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships. Throughout its sponsorship, AIB has shone a spotlight on the players, fans and volunteers who contribute towards inter-county success, year after year, to make their counties and communities proud. Last year AIB renewed its sponsorship of both the AIB GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships and AIB Club Championships until 2028,



Footballers, from left, Mathew Costello of Meath, Aidan Forker of Armagh, Stephen O'Brien of Kerry and Pat Spillane of Sligo pictured for the launch of the 2024 GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships at the D-Light Studios in Dublin.

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Stephen O'Brien of Kerry, pictured today for AIB ahead of the launch of the 2024 GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships at the D-Light Studios in Dublin. Photo by David Fitzgerald/Sportsfile

supporting Gaelic Games across the country at all levels for another five years.

AIB is joined by a host of inter-county stars to launch the Championships today, including Stephen O'Brien, who will be hoping to go one step further with his Kerry teammates this year having been beaten by arch-rivals Dublin in last year's All-Ireland final. The Kingdom will begin their journey for the Sam Maguire with a Munster semi-final against Cork. Pat Spillane and Sligo have already started their campaign with a win over Leitrim on the opening weekend of the competition. The Yeats County

will be hoping to go one better in the Connacht Championship this year having lost to Galway in the final last year. Aidan Forker will be aiming to put Armagh's recent Division Two league final defeat behind him when they take on Fermanagh in their Ulster campaign opener. The Orchard County lost out on the Anglo Celt cup last year, losing on penalties to a strong Derry side. Defending champions Dublin will look to make their mark once again this year and add a 32nd All-Ireland Football title to their roll of honour. The Dubs will begin the defence of their crown against Meath.



The Faha National School team who won the the East Kerry Mini 7's competition in Killarney this week, pictured with their principal Jerry Fitzgerald.



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Members of Muckross Rowing Club, Killarney, gathered in Muckross Park Hotel, to accept a very generous presentation of €5000 from the Muckross Park Hotel, Management and proprietor. The sponsorship will be of enormous benefit to the club, for ongoing day to day operations and expenses Muckross Rowing Club requires in 2024. Management of Muckross Park Hotel include, Garrett Power, General Manager first left, Sean Dennehy, 1st Right, Bar Manager, and Filip Margos, (centre) Operations Manager. Club members include, Aine Murphy, Maurice Coffey, Jerome Kenny, Chairman, Brendan O'Neill, Sean Coffey, Timothy O'Shea, Daniel Daly, Niall Coffey.
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WORKMENS ROWING CLUB NEWS

Our crews were very disappointed about the cancellation of the Bantry Regatta last Saturday due to storm Kathleen.

They are preparing in earnest for the flat-water slider event at Skibbereen Grand League Regatta on the 13th & 14th April 2024.

Best of luck to our club members who are due to row with the University of Limerick and University College Cork at the Universities Championship on Friday next at The National Rowing Centre.

Training continues as usual for all members

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club certainly made a splash over the Easter holidays! At a gala in Mallow Lara O'Brien Leahy came 2nd in the 200 Back and 4th in the 100 Back. Lara has achieved consideration times for the Irish Summer National Age Group Championships in these swims.

At the Future Challenger Gala in UL, Killarney Swimming Club had 16 swimmers competing in IM (Individual Medley), Backstroke, and Butterfly events. There were lots of heat wins, PBs, and bands. Aoife Coffey and Evan



Lara O'Brien Leahy came 2nd in the 200 Back and 4th in the 100 Back.



Evan O'Donoghue came 3rd in the 200M IM.

O'Donoghue both achieved qualifying times in the 200 IM for the Munster Long Course Championships in May.

Congratulations to the swimmers who had top 5 finishes:

Aoibhin Heinemann - 1st 50 back, 4th 50 fly, 4th 100 IM

Aoife Coffey - 4th 100 back, 5th 50 fly, 5th 200 IM

Daniel Cremin - 2nd 50 back, 4th 100 IM

Emma Hallissey - 5th 50 back

Evan O'Donoghue - 1st 100 fly, 2nd 100 IM, 4th 100 back

Juan Avila - 3rd 100 IM

Nessa Brosnan - 4th 50 back

Noah Keogh - 2nd 100 back, 3rd 100 IM

Will Casey - 4th 50 back, 4th 100 IM

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletics Ireland Indoor National Juvenile Championships were held in Athlone over the weekend. Killarney Valley AC had some great performances from their athletes. Kieran Moloney won gold in the U14 Shot Put with a new PB of 11.80m. Babatunde Smith came 2nd in the U15 High Jump with a leap of 1.67m and came 4th in the final of the 60m Hurdles. Lily

O'Shea came 8th in the U15 1000m race walk with a PB of 5min50sec. Beibhinn O'Donoghue came 5th and Katie O'Sullivan 7th in the U15 Pole Vault, both with PB's. Anna O'Shea came 3rd in the U17 Pole Vault with a new PB of 2.70m. Dominik Wasila came 4th in the U17 Long Jump with a PB of 6m. Oisín Lynch ran a great run receiving gold in the 800m. Mollie O'Riordan came 4th in the final of the 400m with a new PB of 60 sec and 6th in the heat of the 800m. Cian O'Brien came 3rd in his heat of the U19 200m. Oisín O'Regan came 8th in the U19 High Jump and 5th in the 60m Hurdles.

Congrats and well done to everyone.

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie

FARRANFORE MAINE VALLEY

A lot of our athletes were competing this weekend. Unfortunately, the Kerry Indoor games was cancelled due to weather conditions. Hopefully this will be rescheduled shortly. Natahsa Myers representing MTU made the long trip to Belfast to compete in the Intervarsity Championships. She performed brilliantly setting 2 PB's in both Long Jump and 200 metres in which she set an MTU record. David Kenny was competing in the world race walking tour in Podebrady in the Czech Republic. Unfortunately he wasn't able to finish the race despite being up with the leaders at 14K Mark.

The Vickers brothers were competing in the National Championships in Athlone. Ryan competed in the 60 metres on Saturday and ran brilliantly to qualify for the final where he finished 6th in a new PB. This is a tremendous performance from Ryan showing amazing versatility being able to compete at a National level ranging from 60 metres to 3 Kilometres over cross country.

On Sunday he returned for the 800 where he finished 3rd in his heat. Unfortunately he was 1/100 of a second from qualifying for the final where he just eased approaching the line over the last few metres. Isaac making a return from last years lay off qualified for the final in the U-16 category. In a very fast race he finished 5th which was an excellent performance given the circumstances.

Training resumes on Tue 9th at 7.00 PM in the GAA hall in Farranfore.



Back: Elaine O'Donoghue, Kyrylo Lutchenko, Ronan O'Leary, Juan Avila, Daniel Cremin, Evan O'Donoghue, Noah Keogh, Erin McNulty.
Front: Aoibhinn Heinemann, Madeline Lynch, Grace Collins, Aoibhinn O'Leary, Maria Avila, Lily Larkin, Aoife Coffey, Ella McCarthy.

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Ava O'Malley who represented Ireland at last week's U18 6 Nations tournament in Wales.



Emily Clifford Glenbeigh, Chloe O'Mahony Milltown and Cleo Wall Kells competing last Saturday at the Southwest Ireland Karate International Championship in Killarney

KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB

MINIS FINISH

Last Sunday morning our awesome Minis braved the elements to enjoy our last training session of the season, having postponed yesterday's session due to the orange weather warning. Another fantastic turnout at Aghadoe to top off what has been a wonderful, action packed season for our next generation of stars. We held a fun training session followed up with our end of season party and medal/awards presentation.

Well done to everyone who worked so hard right across the season. A huge thanks to our excellent band of coaches led by our Minis Coordinator Dave Hickey, for all your hard work and for inspiring our players. Thanks also to the parents for their unwavering support and for bringing the kids week in and week out. Finally a huge thanks to every single player who represented the club with pride! Thanks also to our awesome volunteers for keeping the show on the road.

Our coaches presented awards for Player of the Year and Most Improved Player at all ages from Fawns to U12 Boys/Girls following training and a special presentation was made to Molly Jenkinson for her super work with our Fawns for the past 3 years. Thank you Molly and the best of luck with next chapter and college.

GIVE IT A TRY - STARTS 23RD OF APRIL

This years Girls only 'Give It A Try' programme kicks off on Tuesday the 23rd of April next at

Aghadoe. Aimed at introducing girls aged between 8 and 14 years of age to rugby, fun is guaranteed during this fantastic 8 week programme devised by the IRFU. For details simply give Ger a shout on 087-1240365 or dm our Instagram or Facebook pages. Please spread the word!

AVA REPRESENTS IRELAND:

Well done to our own Ava O'Malley who represented Ireland with huge pride over the past last week in the U18 6 Nations festival in Wales. Ava played in all 3 matches and had a fantastic display as Number 8 with a win over Wales but defeat to a very strong French side and came off the bench in the final game over England, another victory. It was great to be able to watch the matches as they were streamed live. Very well done Ava, the whole club is so proud of you.

RESULTS

Senior: Killarney 17 - 27 Fethard

FIXTURES

U14 Boys V Killorglin, West Munster Plate final, Tralee - Sat @ 11

U14 Girls V Old Crescent, U14 Development Cup final, TBC Sat @ 11

U18 boys V Tralee/Castleisland, West Munster Cup Semifinal - Aghadoe Saturday @ 12

MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

U19 NATIONAL TRIALS

Congratulations to Daniel Fleming and Ian Coffey who have received invites to compete in the latest round of selection trials for the Under 19 Irish rowing squad of 2024. Daniel and Ian have successfully completed a number of water and land based trials since last Autumn and are now among a group of just 12 male rowers nationally to have reached the closing stages of the trial process. The next trials will take place on the weekend of April 27-28th and we wish both Daniel and Ian continued success.

EVENTS

Storm Kathleen resulted in much disruption last weekend with the postponement of Saturday's Bantry Regatta as well as the cancellation of the Commercial Regatta in Dublin. Our own training schedule was also upended and limited to land over the weekend. The club has 32 crews entered for the Skibbereen Grand League Regatta, which is scheduled to take place over this Saturday and Sunday at the National Rowing Centre in Farran. Best of luck to all our crews.

CONGRATULATIONS

From all at Muckcross RC, we send our congratulations to Shona O'Sullivan and Dara O'Suilleabhain on their recent engagement. Wishing the happy couple every health and happiness for the future.

EXCITING DOUBLE HEADER AT FITZGERALD STADIUM!

Saturday April 20th is set to be an electrifying day of football at the Fitzgerald Stadium

The Munster Senior Football Championship double header kicks off at 1.45pm with the Ladies in the First Round of the Championship when they take on Tipperary in what promises to be a thrilling opening game. Then it's the turn of the Mens who take on Cork at 4pm. Chiarrai Abú!

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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club u10s welcomed Inter Kenmare to Murt Scott Park on Sunday last where both sides displayed their skills on a good surface. Thanks to the coaches & parents for facilitating.

Our u16s advanced to the next round of the shield competition when they overcame Ballyheigue FC away on a 2-4 scoreline. Two goals each from Davin Quilter & Lee Crillio with Eoin O Mahony, Anthony Cremin & Marcus Clifford also impressing on the day.

The club U17s exited the Division 1 league when being defeated in the shield semi final at mounthawk park to MEK FC on a 2-8 scoreline. Ballyhar trailed 2-4 at the break thanks to a goal each by Shane Doolan & Ger Long. Ballyhar had the majority of possession in the early stages of the second half but could not convert possession into goals. With both sides using their extended squads MEK pushed on to reach the final. Best of Luck to MEK in the final. On the day Ballyhar were best served by Sean O Sullivan, Tony Daly, Andy O Cathasigh, Eugene Deniel, Marcus Clifford, Anthony Cremin & Luke Courtney. Thanks to the players & Coaches for their commitment over the season.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Well done to Ciaran Ferris of the clubs U12 squad on being selected on the KSB league team of the week. Ciaran has had a great season along with his fellow u12 squad members & coaches.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

Storm Kathleen Wreaks Havoc With KSBGL Fixtures

Due to the elements in play at the weekend a host of postponements took place in the Kerry Schoolboys & Girls League.

Three games took place on Sunday in the Boys grade. In the U16 Tucker Kelly Shield Ballyhar were 4-2 winners over Ballyheigue. Davin Quilter and Lee Cirillo were both on the double for the visitors while Roan Morris and Ruairi Walsh scored for Ballyheigue.

Elsewhere Park claimed a 1-0 win over Listowel



Killarney Celtic U17 squad vs Inter Kenmare

Celtic in the U16 Division 1, while in the U15 Boy's Premier, MEK were 5-0 winners away from home against Tralee Dynamos.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 9,19,22,23. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €7,200 on Monday April 15th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

WELL DONE to our boys who played with the Kerry U15 and U16 ETP squads at the Barcelona Cup last weekend.

GIRLS

U17 PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 1-3 Killarney Celtic

Ali Bowler 2, Emily Buckley.

Killarney Celtic continued their unbeaten run in the U17 league with a good win away to Inter Kenmare. Celtic were on the front foot from the start and Ali Bowler hit the crossbar before she opened Celtic's account after receiving a pass from Clodagh Moriarty. Emily Buckley fired home Celtic's 2nd after she latched on to a chip from Casey Mulry and in the 2nd half, Hannah Casey crossed for Ali Bowler to finish from close range.

MILLTOWN FC SPORTS NEWS

MILLTOWN FC U13 5th League match in Cromane v Killarney Celtic.

More valuable experience again that will help with their football development.



Kerry schoolboy U15's who finished their Barcelona Cup campaign with a well deserved 4-0 win at the weekend.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u10s who welcomed Inter Kenmare FC to murt Scott on Sunday last.




Ballyhar Dynamos FC u17s who were defeated at mounthawk Park, Tralee by MEK FC in the semi final of KDL Division 1 league.

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KERRY U16 SQUAD FINISH EIGHT IN BARCELONA CUP

The Kerry U16 Inter League Team finished in eight place after a crushing penalty shootout in their seventh/eight placed play-off.

It was a heartbreaking conclusion for what was an incredible performance by the team as they finished eight out of their age bracket contraining 12 teams. The second best Irish side in the competition as they suffered defeat to Leeds AFC.

The 16's began their campaign with a meeting with Åsa IF (Sweden). Patrick O'Brien of Killarney Celtic netted the goal in the tie as Jayden Moriarty supplied the assist and O'Brien struck calmly to the net in a 1-1 draw.

Bouncing back from this contest, they played their second game later the same afternoon, producing 2-0 win over West Kirby FC (England). Joe Lovett was the first to strike with an impressive goal before Morisrty supplied another exquisite assist for O'Brien to score his second goal of the competition.

In their final game of the group stage, it was another stalemate as Rathcoole FC produced a tough nut to crack as Kerry produced a hard earned 1-1 performance. The goal, a testament to their teamwork, was beautifully scored by Ramin Khan, with an incredible assist by the talented Fionn O Dálaigh setting up the move. The result secured second spot in their group and up next on Sunday was a semi-final against Leeds AFC.

A nail-biting semi-final showdown against Leeds AFC ensued on the Sunday morning with the U16's suffering theri first defeat of the competition. Despite knocking on the door countless times in the tie, they failed to find the net. Relentless in their nature, their efforts just could not materialise a goal as they suffered a 1-0 defeat.

West Kirby who they met a day earlier would be their final game of the tie as they played out a place playoff tie. Unlike their first meeting the English side were on top for large spells and did hold a 1-0 advantage with the lock ticking down. Ryan Onyekwere's remarkable free kick found the back of the net in the final 30 seconds, sending the game to penalties.

Penalties can be a cruel way to settle ties and on this occasion it proved the case for the Kerry side as they bowed out on the end of a 5-4 loss in the shootout. Patrick O'Brien was a lethal finisher for the 16's and his two goals saw him as joint top scorer of the Irish players playing in the tournament.

SEASON 2024 KERRY U16 SQUAD: 1. Corey Campion, 2. Brogan Hurley, 3. Fionn Ó Dálaigh, 4. Cillian Miley, 5. Aodhán Murray, 6. Cian O'Connor, 7. Ramin Khan, 8. Jack Power, 9. Ryan Onyekwere, 10. Patrick O'Brien, 11. Brian Heaphy, 12. Joe Lovett, 13. Shane Daly, 14. Jayden Moriarty, 15. Jakub Hyciek, 16. J.J O'Rourke, 17. Evan Doona, 18. Sean O'Neill.



The Under 16 Squad

KERRY U15 SQUAD FINISH SEVENTH IN BARCELONA CUP

The U15 Boys finished one place ahead of their U16 counterparts as they claimed seventh spot out of the 16 teams in their age bracket also finishing up as the second best Irish side in the competition.

Saturday proved a dominant day for the 15's recording wins in all three of their group games. Defeating Edinburgh CFC (Scotland), St. Anne's FC (Ireland) and Sibbo Vargarna Boca (Finland) in the process.

An ideal start to the tournament saw the 15's claim a 5-1 win over Edinburgh CFC. Mikey Corridon netted a hat trick in the tie, while Fabian Lorkowski and Danny Kingston also struck to the net in the win.

In their second fixture the U15's again clocked up a 5-1 win, overcoming St. Anne's FC. Ademola Idowu of Park was on the double in the tie while Cillian Miley (Mastergeeha), Mikey Corridon (Fenit) and Conor O'Regan (Park) also found crucial goals in the tie.

Goals were plentiful for the U15's and they would add eight more to their tally in the final group game, outclassing Sibbo Vargarna Boca of Finland 8-0. Roan Guerin (Mastergeeha), Mikey Corridon and Danny Kingston (Park) all were on the double in the one sided win. Fabian Lorkowski and Adedamola Idowu also netted for the 15's.

Winning all of their group games set up a Quarter Final tie against Thor Akureyri of Iceland. The Kingdom would suffer a 2-1 defeat in the tie, Danny Kingston scoring the goal for the U15's. The Icelandic team would prove to be the eventual winners of the competition.

Entering into the place playoff games, they would meet Germinho Cruz Alta of Brazil. The tie finished 1-1 with Ruairi Daly scoring the goal for the U15 Boys Inter League Team. Going straight to penalties the Brazilian side were victorious 4-3 on penalties.

One final game of the day in the evening on Sunday saw the U15 side meet St. Annes FC once again to determine seventh place. This time around the game ended 4-0 for the 15's, Cillian O'Donoghue bagged a brace while Mikey Corridon and Ruairi Daly also got on the scoresheet. Corridon was the joint second top scorer in the competition and was the top scorer from all of the Irish teams who jetted over to Spain for the competition.

SEASON 2024 KERRY U15 SQUAD: 1. Sean Sargent, 2. Billy Naughton, 3. Cillian O'Donoghue, 4. Fabian Lorkowski, 5. Ruairi Daly, 6. Darragh O'Donoghue, 7. Luca Mosca, 8. Mikey Corridon, 9. Conor O'Regan, 10. Odhran Buckley, 11. Adedamola Idowu, 12. Roan Guerin, 13. Mark Looney, 14. Sean Collins, 15. Rian McEvoy, 16. Conn Deally, 17. Dara Harry, 18. Jack Grady, 19. Danny Kingston, 20. Eoin Mangan.



The Under 16 team

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8.30 PM	Bridge Bar, Rathmore	8.00 PM	The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
9.00 PM	Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore	8.15 PM	The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
9.30 PM	Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla	9.00 PM	Hughes Bar, Cordal
1st Wednesday	Killarney Area	9.30 PM	Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen
8.00 PM	Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen	4th Thursday	Killorglin Area
8.30 PM	The Village Inn, Kilcummin	7:00 PM	Golden Nugget, Fossa
9.00 PM	Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe	7.30 PM	Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
9.30 PM	The Golden Nugget, Fossa	8:15 PM	O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
1st Thursday	Glenflesk & Barraduff	8.45 PM	Larkin's Bar, Milltown
8.30 PM	The Kerry Way, Glenflesk	9.15 PM	Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
9.00 PM	Spillane's Headford	9.45 PM	Anvil Bar, Boolteens
9:30 PM	Murphy's Bar, Barraduff	4th Friday	Kenmare & Sneem Area
10:00 PM	Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff	8.30 PM	The Roughty bar, Kenmare
1st Friday	Tuosist & Lauragh	9.30 PM	Riney's Bar, Sneem
9:30 PM	Sailors Bar, Killaha West	10.00 PM	Blackwater Tavern
10:00 PM	Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	10.45 PM	O'Connor's Bar Kenmare
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The People with disabilities once again forgotten by Government

The Government and the DRS trading as Re-turn who was employed by the Minister, gave no consideration to people with disabilities when designing and implementing the bottles and cans return machines.

Wheelchair users cannot access the slot for inserting the bottles and cans as it is too high and out of their reach. This was total negligence on behalf of Re-turn and indeed Minister Smyth who should have issued a directive to make provision for people with disabilities. Not only are wheelchair user precluded from using the deposit return machines but people with impaired vision also have difficulties in operating the machines as there is no braille marking on

the machines.

Many people with disabilities are very independent and lead independent lives and returning their used cans and bottles should not be an obstacle for them. They should not be forced to ask for help at these machines. Likewise, people with impaired vision should not be put in a position to have to ask someone to operate the machine for them.

People with disabilities should be provided with all necessary means to enable them to lead a normal independent life and our Government has failed them miserably on this occasion.



CLOSING DATE FOR THE UISCE EIREANN WATER & WASTE WATER REFUND SCHEME

Cllr. Brendan Cronin is reminding people that the closing date for the Uisce Eireann water & waste water refund scheme is coming up.

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DISAPPOINTMENT FOR KERRY IN THE LEAGUE FINAL

Armagh 2-12 Kerry 2-9

By Daire Walsh

Aimee Mackin and Kelly Mallon combined for 1-9 at Croke Park on Sunday as Armagh got the better of defending champions Kerry to claim the Lidl National Football League Division 1 title for the very first time.

Having lost out by three points to the Kingdom in a NFL Division 2 decider at the same venue two years ago, this is a sweet victory for an Armagh side that were also appearing in their maiden top tier league showpiece.

A fine point by Aoife McCoy edged Armagh in front for a second time after free-takers Mallon and Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh had exchanged early frees, but the Kingdom received a massive boost when Lorraine Scanlon fired to the net on 10 minutes after a dead-ball strike from Ní Mhuircheartaigh had dropped short. This was only a minor set-back for Armagh, however, as midfielder Niamh Coleman palmed a goal of her own after Kerry netminder Mary Ellen Bolger had knocked down Mackin's attempt at a point.

An earlier Mallon score meant Armagh led 1-3 to 1-1 on the first-quarter mark and this cushion was extended when Mallon superbly split the uprights from an acute left-hand angle.

Yet Kerry never allowed panic to creep into their play and three points on the bounce from Ní Mhuircheartaigh had the sides level at 1-4 apiece during the break.

After Mary O'Connell pounced on a defensive mishap by Armagh three minutes into the second half, Niamh Ní Chonchuir comfortably fired home a second Kingdom goal.

While this looked like being a major blow for the Orchard County, but they were instead galvanised in the minutes that followed Ní Chonchuir's major. After unanswered points from Mallon, Mackin (two) and Niamh Henderson moved Armagh in front once again, the increasingly-dangerous Mackin rifled an unstoppable shot to the roof of the Kerry net on 39 minutes.

Further points from the Shane O'Neills ace

either side of the third-quarter mark suddenly left Armagh six ahead, but much-needed contributions from Ní Mhuircheartaigh (two) and Hannah O'Donoghue offered fresh life to the Kingdom challenge.

Their deficit remained at three points when centre half-back Ciara Murphy cancelled out a Mallon free with a well-worked score, but even though Ní Mhuircheartaigh added her seventh point for a battling Kerry, substitute Corrina Doyle also found the range to ensure Armagh sealed a breakthrough success.

Scorers - Armagh: A Mackin 1-4 (0-2f), K Mallon 0-5 (3f), N Coleman 1-0, A McCoy, N Henderson, C Doyle 0-1 each. Kerry: L Ní Mhuircheartaigh 0-7 (6f), N Ní Chonchuir, L Scanlon 1-0 each, C Murphy, H O'Donoghue 0-1 each.

ARMAGH: A Carr; G Ferguson, C McCambridge, R Mulligan; C Towe, L McConville, D Coleman; N Coleman, C O'Hanlon; E Druse, A McCoy, L Kenny; A Mackin, N Henderson, K Mallon. Subs: S Quigley for N Coleman (24), C Doyle for Druse (49), M McCambridge for Kenny (57), S Grey for McCoy (58), E Lavery for Mallon (59).

KERRY: ME Bolger; C Lynch, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, C Murphy, K Cronin; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchuir, L Scanlon; H O'Donoghue, E Dineen, L Ní Mhuircheartaigh. Subs: D O'Leary for Ní Chonchuir, C O'Brien for Kearney (both 39), A Harrington for Scanlon (44), K Brosnan for O'Donoghue (57).

Referee: Gus Chapman (Sligo).

Emma Dineen of Kerry in action against Roisin Mulligan of Armagh during the Lidl LGFA National League Division 1 final match between Armagh and Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Stephen Marken/Sportsfile



Eilís Lynch of Kerry in action against Lauren McConville of Armagh during the Lidl LGFA National League Division 1 final match between Armagh and Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile



Hannah O'Donoghue of Kerry takes a shot under pressure from Grace Ferguson of Armagh during the Lidl LGFA National League Division 1 final match between Armagh and Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Stephen Marken/Sportsfile



Joint managers Declan Quill and Darragh Long pictured with Síofra O'Shea

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Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh of Kerry reacts after kicking a wide during the Lidl LGFA National League Division 1 final match between Armagh and Kerry at Croke Park in Dublin. Photo by Piaras Ó Mídheach/Sportsfile

ORCHARD COUNTY HAND KERRY LADIES A HARD Lesson LADIES DIVISION ONE FINAL

Armagh 2-12 Kerry 2-9

Tough day at the office. The hardest thing about this is that I was fairly confident coming into it. I was (and still am) delighted with Kerry's progress during the National League in general. Kerry mixed and matched really well, able to give the likes of Louise Ní Muircheartaigh and Danielle O'Leary a bit of breathing room to deal with little niggles while giving the likes of Emma Dineen (a massive card back in Kerry's deck) and Deirdre Kearney the chance to assert themselves. In those circumstances, getting to a League Final was a big statement in itself. Sure, we were well beaten by a hungrier Armagh side on their home ground, but I felt that the more open spaces of Croke Park and Kerry's kicking speed in transition would yield a different result.

You have to give Armagh credit. They knew Kerry's gameplan perfectly and swallowed it up in an old-fashioned, unentertaining, but highly effective blanket defence. It's not necessarily pretty, it never was, but when done with this kind of intensity and drive, it's still one of the most highly effective tactics in the modern game. To begrudge it in these circumstances would be curmudgeonly at best. Armagh outplayed us and deserved every bit of their win against a full strength (I know Siofra is a major absentee, but we all knew she wasn't going to be a factor in this one) Kerry. Fair play to them; they were superb, especially in transitioning from all-out defence to rapid attack. The Kerry defence actually stood up to it fairly well overall, Mary Ellen Bolger made great saves in each half, but our engines just never fired. Or more accurately and more worryingly, weren't allowed to fire.

The first half was cagey enough. Armagh announced their intentions early, drawing a great save out of Mary Ellen Bolger before play was called back for a handy enough free for

Kelly Mallon. Louise Ní Muircheartaigh replied in kind after Hannah O'Donoghue was impeded – already you could see Armagh dropping back to form a hard nucleus. Kerry were getting possession but, with Armagh dropping deep, we looked a little slow in getting it into our forwards fast enough before the space was closed off by orange jerseys.

Aoife McCoy picked off an Armagh point. Louise Ní Muircheartaigh had a free drop short, but Armagh uncharacteristically let it pinball in their square instead of repelling all boarders, and Lorraine Scanlon has been punishing that kind of mistake for years now. The Desmonds star made no mistake from close range.

I thought that might force Armagh to come out and leave little gaps for an inspired Kerry to pick at. Instead, it was the opposite. Armagh showed great composure to stay completely calm and focussed. Kelly Mallon picked off her second free. Aimee Mackin has long been Armagh's main threat – one of the best players in the game, truth be told – but Eilís Lynch shadowed her really well and got enough pressure to have the shot drop short off the crossbar. So far, so good, but disaster struck as Niamh Coleman was quick enough to fist the leather home. Kelly Mallon pointed from play and Kerry were three points down. More telling, it was genuinely reflective of the balance of play. Armagh were taking the game to us, not the other way around.

Kerry needed something and finally showed why they were in this final in the first place. A tireless Niamh Ó Chonchúir, a trench warrior all day long, picked off a point and Louise Ní Muircheartaigh – Armagh understandably maintained a very close but clean watching brief on the hard-working Corca Dhuibhne bean laoch – coolly slotted two frees. Level pegging at the break, but that was slightly flattering for the reigning champions.

Kerry started the second half brightly. A rare error in the Armagh defence saw a bad handpass snaffled up by an alert Mary O'Connell, who laid off to Niamh Ní Chonchúir for a clinical finish.

Once again, though, Armagh remained completely unruffled. In fact, they promptly took the game by the scruff of the neck and Kerry simply had no answer. We were coughing up fairly alarming turnovers under fierce pressure and running into an unrelenting orange wall. Kelly Mallon slotted another point from play. Aimee Mackin got on the scoreboard with a free. Niamh Henderson brought Armagh level. Armagh had a multiplicity of threats; Kerry weren't really producing any. Aimee Mackin put them in front. It would have been worse if Mary Ellen Bolger hadn't emerged quickly to give Niamh Henderson no angle for goal from close range.

Kerry sprang Danielle O'Leary from the bench in an effort to shake up a stymied half forward line. Correct decision, in my opinion, but there just wasn't any space for the Rathmore assassin to work her magic.

Instead, the hammer blow landed at the other end. Kelly Mallon had posed problems all day and more good play from her found Aimee Mackin, and, well...a player of Mackin's calibre is never going to spurn a chance like that. This time not even Mary Ellen could prevent it finding the net. The same player added two frees. To be bluntly honest about it, there was one team in this game...and it wasn't us.

Two frees from Louise Ní Muircheartaigh meant that Kerry were still clinging on by their fingertips. Four points in it and plenty of time, provided we could force the tide to turn. A lad named Canute tried that trick one time, beating the waves with his sword to no avail (Canute, or Cnut Sweynson to give his proper name, was a medieval king of England, Denmark, and Norway, and actually demonstrating to some of his more foolish thegns how little nature cared for such grandiose titles).

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Pupils from Firies NS with Bishop Ray Browne after their confirmation in St Gertrudes Church Firies, with Rev Pdraig Kennelly PP, and Principle Claire Doyle, teachers, Ann Clifford Cathal Foley and Noreen Brosnan SNA.

PHOTO: TONY O'BRIEN

Mary Ellen Bolger was called into action once again to deny Lauren McConville – the centre back was an attacking fulcrum for Armagh all through with her ball-carrying – and instead Hannah O'Donoghue kicked a great score at the other end. That was more like it from Kerry. There was a kind of assured certainty about O'Donoghue's finish that gave me hope.

It just wasn't to be. Kelly Mallon pointed another free. Ciara Murphy kicked a fantastic point and Mary Ellen Bolger managed to superbly tip a close range rocket from Corinna Doyle over the crossbar. Time was running out for Kerry and a late free from Louise Ní Muirheartaigh was one last futile act of defiance.

A great day for Armagh, and congratulations to them. They fully deserved it. Other counties playing Kerry will be studying their play and looking to replicate this trick, but by the same token, Declan Quill and Darragh Long will be studying this one as well. It's not exactly a secret that Kerry are very much looking for a trophy this year, and it was never this one. Armagh appear to have leapfrogged Cork in terms of contenders (make no mistake; Cork can still be absolutely deadly in championship football) but, as I said initially, Kerry have unearthed serious talent en route to this final. Believe it or not, the likes of Louise Ní Muirheartaigh and Lorraine Scanlon have never actually met Brendan Martin in person, and it feels like time for that to change (not that fate gets a say in these things). This result is a setback in that journey, but certainly not a full stop.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Cáit Lynch, Deirdre Kearney, Eilís Lynch, Aishling O'Connell, Ciara Murphy (0-1), Kayleigh Cronin, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin, Niamh Carmody, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (1-0), Lorraine Scanlon (1-0), Hannah O'Donoghue (0-1), Emma Dineen, Louise Ní Mhuirheartaigh (0-7, 6f). Subs: Danielle O'Leary (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 39 mins), Ciara O'Brien (for Deirdre Kearney, 39 mins), Amy Harrington (for Lorraine Scanlon, 43 mins), Katie Brosnan (for Hannah O'Donoghue, 57 mins).

Armagh: Anna Carr, Grace Ferguson, Clodagh McCambridge, Roisín Mulligan, Cáit Towe, Lauren McConville, Dearbhla Coleman, Niamh Coleman (1-0), Caroline O'Hanlon, Louise Kenny, Aoife McCoy (0-1), Corinna Doyle, Aimee Mackin (1-4, 2f), Niamh Henderson (0-1), Kelly Mallon (0-5, 3f). Subs: Sarah Quigley (for Niamh Coleman, 24 mins), Emily Druse 0-1 (for Corinna Doyle, 50 mins), Meabh McCambridge (for Louise Kenny, 57 mins), Shauna Grey (for Aoife McCoy, 58 mins), Eve Lavery (for Kelly Mallon, 58 mins).

Referee: Gus Chapman (Sligo).

KERRY MINOR HURLERS LOSE OUT TO LAOIS LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Laois 4-8 Kerry 1-12

Defeat was the lot for our Kerry minors as well, but this was a completely different display. The minors may well have taken confidence from their previous win over Carlow. Certainly, this seems to be the correct grade for them, with victories attainable but certainly hard to come by. That's exactly what you want to nurture a

core group of players going forward in any sport. Kerry looked the better outfit for a lot of the first half – and that was with both sides playing well. Kerry had early scores from Ivan Conway and Jake Rochford. Laois pulled one back but John Curtin and sharpshooter Evan O'Sullivan (2f) soon had Kerry 0-6 to 0-1 in front. Cian Harris made a fantastic save to deny Laois a goal but could do nothing about their next chance and it was 0-5 to 1-1. Kerry responded well, with Evan O'Sullivan's accuracy leaving them 0-10 to 1-3 at half-time, albeit having had the strong wind in their favour.

Laois, understandably enough, hit back fast with the first two points of the second half. Eoin O'Flaherty kept Kerry two points in front but another Laois goal nudged them in front.

The Queen's County (it was named in honour of Mary Tudor in 1556 – English protestants called the would-be catholic restorer 'Bloody Mary' with good reason, though her protestant half sister and heir Elizabeth was not exactly a shrinking violet either!) quickly added two points. Usually this is where Kerry minor teams are supposed to fold up the tents, having acquitted themselves honourably on the field of play. This Kerry team scorned the notion. Ivan Conway trimmed the gap by one. And then Kerry pulled a rabbit out of their hat. Liam O'Sullivan sent a long free down towards the Laois square. It broke loose and John Curtin did superbly to get a flick on it towards the path of an alert Evan O'Sullivan. Suddenly, dramatically, the net was bulging and Kerry were a point in front.

Laois responded in style, to their credit, racing down the final for a goal themselves. Kerry, now two points down, threw kitchen sink and all at them and were caught for a second goal in injury time. So be it. As well pay the same price of defeat for the sake of a lamb as well as a sheep. Kerry can be enormously pleased with their display, even if qualification now almost certainly requires a result against a strong Kildare side (Laois will be strongly fancied against Carlow).

Jerome O'Sullivan and his management team deserve huge credit for this battling display. I for one certainly hope it has put to bed any idea of the Kerry minor hurlers competing as a team in the Munster Colleges Harty Cup. We don't have a team in the A grade of that competition, but the likes of Tralee CBS, Mercy Mounthawk, and Causeway Comprehensive have established strong traditions at lower grades and I would be very strongly in favour of keeping that going as a feeder base alongside the clubs for our Kerry minors. Not that it would happen anyway – the traditional colleges like Flannans, Ardscoil Ris, Christain Brothers, Coláiste Choilm, and De La Salle Waterford would have understandable conniptions at the notion. I wouldn't blame them.

Kerry: Cian Harris, Aidan O'Mahony, Dominic Regan, Cillian Hurley, Eoin O'Flaherty (0-1), Liam O'Sullivan, Rory O'Halloran, Ryan Hurley, Callum Carey Sheehan, Evan O'Sullivan (1-7, 7f), Jake Rochford (0-1), Ivan Conway (0-2), Dylan Costello, John Curtin (0-1), Oisín Heaton. Subs Alex Relihan (for Dylan Costello, half-time), Eoin Costello (for Jake Rochford, 38 mins), Scott Sheehan (for Aidan O'Mahoney, 43 mins), Jake Segal (for Oisín Heaton, 54 mins).

KERRY BOW OUT OF U20 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP LEINSTER U20 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Kildare 4-15 Kerry 0-6

Not a lot that can be said. Kerry hurling, at all levels, is not in a good place right now. I wasn't able to make this game myself, and I didn't fancy us to win, but I really wasn't expecting a mauling like this from the Lilywhites. I was happy with that team selection – I'd have maybe had Gary O'Riordan at centre back and driving forward, but that's a minor quibble. O'Riordan was fantastic at corner back for Mercy Mounthawk in their Corn Uí Mhuirí campaign and also played very well for St. Brendans in a Kerry U20 championship where the overall quality really gave me hope. Coincidentally, a lot of that Kildare U20 team hailed for Naas CBS, although more so last year's team than the one knocked out by O'Riordan's Mounthawk team this year. In fact, O'Riordan's school team-mates Odhran Ferris, Paddy Lane, and Tomás Kennedy, as well as lads like Cormac Dillon, Charlie Keating, and Luke Crowley would have surely featured for Kerry's hurlers at the grade if they were not already committed to the footballers.

Apropos of absolutely nothing, I'm told that when Kerry lined out against Kildare in the 1903 All Ireland Final – played in November 1905, such was the championship schedule in those days before the split season! – they wore all white, including whitewashed boots and togs made out of flourbags from the Lilywhite Bakery. Hence the county's nickname.

This, unfortunately, was a hammering. It was 0-2 apiece early on but the writing was already on the wall (since I'm in the mood for whimsy and don't really want to write about the actual hurling, I'll point out that the saying comes from the Old Testament Book of Daniel, where a mysterious hand writes on the wall during the feast of Belshazzar prophesying his end at the hand of the Persians). By half-time Kildare led by 2-9 to 0-4 and there was a whopping 21 points between the sides at the finish. Kerry have one game left but frankly, the result is entirely moot before the sliotar is even thrown in. A few years ago Kerry were absolutely dominating the B grade and I was wondering how we could turn that progress into A grade currency. Those days seem a lot closer to the zenith than the nadir in days like this one!

Kerry: Keltyn Molloy, Dara Kearney, Tomás Godley, Anthony Kavanagh, Darragh Conway, Jack Hannon, Rory Mahony, David O'Sullivan, Gary O'Riordan, Jack Enright, Killian Boyle (0-2, 2f), Seanie McElligott (0-1), Kieran O'Carroll, Eric Walsh (0-1), Eoghan Stack (0-1). Subs: Damian Hogan (for Killian Boyle, half-time), Pádraig Kenny (for Jack Hannon, 39 mins), Calum O'Sullivan (for Jack Enright, 39 mins), Felim O'Sullivan 0-1 (for Darragh Conway, 42 mins).

SOCCER WOMENS' EURO 2025 QUALIFIERS

France 1 Ireland 0

Neither I, nor anybody else, was expecting a win here. We didn't so much draw the short straw in the qualifying draw as basically pull the pin out



Pictured at the announcement of the Great Southern Killarney continued partnership of Kerry FC for 2024 this week are Jamie Power, General Manager, Great Southern Killarney shooting the ball at goalkeeper Antonio Tuta watched by players David Okwute and Ryan Kelleher and Sean Cooney, Group Marketing Manager, Hayfield Family Collection. Photo: Don MacMonagle

of a hand grenade. In 28 games, we have yet to beat any team in our group. France at home was always going to be a cliff climb at best. I'd have been okay with a battling 3-0 defeat. France went 1-0 up after six minutes and not once did we look remotely like closing that gap. As a matter of fact, I genuinely believe that France will be disgusted at their lack of goals, considering their dominance. It wasn't great defending by Ireland, who were schooled in every area of the field.

So you'd imagine I'd be pleased with a mere 1-0 loss, right? Wrong. This was abysmal. We technically had one shot on target, and the only realistic way that was going into the goal is if it was a cannonball instead of a soccer ball.

France were 1-0 up after six minutes and we never once looked like closing that gap. I genuinely believe that France will be horrified at their lack of end product, given their virtual total dominance. Our best player by far was Courtney Brosnan.

Technically, if Leanne Kiernan had squared to McCabe late on instead of her own easily gathered effort, we could have snared a draw. It would have been larceny on such a scale I think Interpol would at least have looked at the matter. France had three quarters of total possession (74% you don't even get that in FA Cup third round mis-matches), 22 shots, 8 on target. Ireland had 1 shot in total, albeit on target, and it was completely toothless.

Like I say, I never thought we would beat France, but we should be able to give them some semblance of a game. I'm writing this on Tuesday morning, before the England game, and I really and truly hope that I am wrong but I think the Lionesses won't even play with their food tonight.

FIRST HOME WIN FOR KERRY FC

LOI Division One: Kerry FC 3 Longford Town 0
The wait for a first home win was becoming a bit of a monkey on the backs of the Kerry players. In the end, they shook it off so convincingly that it had the feel of a definitive statement in itself. Conor McCarthy and his backroom team – including, of course, the massive contributions from Billy Dennehy and Steven Conway – have

made Kerry FC a very hard team to beat. We still aren't a high-scoring team anyway, but we are always good enough to create at least one goal and nick another. The key difference with last year is that the defence as a whole are much more assured. Last year we had a little bit of a soft underbelly, always capable of spilling a ball or neglecting the back post or skewing a clearance. That isn't happening this year and that gives midfield a platform to look forward as well as minding the house. I genuinely feel that people under-estimate the element of trust in soccer matches in particular – one of the delights of soccer as a game is that just one small error can carry a huge price tag. Goals are at such a premium compared to other sports (one score apiece is actually the most common result worldwide in soccer, with one nil being second) that the risk/reward ratio is perfectly balanced. A team that concedes soft goals is on the rapid road to nowhere.

Kerry have been there before, but Kerry are rising. Longford dominated the early possession but, not for the first time this season, Kerry's defence kept their formation and controlled the access channels perfectly. There were no last gasp tackles or spectacular fingertip saves on the Kerry side; they simply weren't required. In fact, it was Longford's keeper who had to be sharp to deny Daniel Okwute's speculative effort and then a stinging effort by Kennedy Amechi, with Seán O'Connell not far away from heading home the resultant corner.

The opening goal arrived after half an hour, Daniel Okwute smoothly laying off to Ryan Kelliher, who intelligently found Steven Healy with time to measure his pass to the advancing Seán McGrath. Neat play, nicely controlled, and the midfielder deftly turned on the proverbial sixpence and picked, and more crucially, found his spot. 1-0 Kerry FC. 50 games for Kerry, and McGrath has featured in every single one. That goal execution amply demonstrates why.

Kerry took almost complete control of the remainder of the half. Ironically, it was Longford who actually had the best scoring chance, a good diving header by Luke Wade-Slater that skinned just wide. Fair play to the lad for having a

great go at it but let's not pretend to be neutral – even more fair play to him for missing it!

We've been here before and shared the spoils or even walked away empty-handed. Time for cool heads – bodies were already plenty cool enough, given the bitter weather!

And that's exactly what Kerry did. There was no attempt to try and kill the pace of the game – there's a time for 'have and hold' and there's a time to press. Just before the break McGrath sent the ball in front of Ryan Kelliher and he is deadly in those situations, shimmying past the defence and driving it to the bottom corner. Longford were definitely rattled, with Kerry going close another few times before the break.

Half-time Kerry FC 2 Longford Town 0

Kerry came out after the break looking re-energised and hunting more goals. Longford were under a constant cosh. In all honesty, I did feel sorry for them; we have been there ourselves and know the feeling all too well. That said, you have to mind your own patch and a certain lack of ruth is required at the higher levels. That's just the cold truth of it.

A third goal for Kerry always looked inevitable and the only surprise was that it took half an hour to arrive before. Man of the match Seán McGrath – I'm told his was the only name in contention – deftly laid another measured pass, this time to the hard-working Kennedy Amechi, who curled it past the hapless goalkeeper.

Three nil to Kerry FC. That's not just breaking a duck, that's blowing it away with buckshot!

Mind you, the players can't afford to get carried away. Next up is a formidable Treaty United, second in the table to Cork City, and that'll be a tougher proposition. But the Limerick outfit won't exactly be looking forward to much to this battle either, and that in itself is a fair statement about how far Kerry FC have come.

Kerry FC: Antonio Tuta, Kevin Williams, Andy Spain, Samuel Aladesanusi, Seán O'Connell, Daire McCarthy, Seán McGrath Steven Healy, Ryan Kelliher, Daniel Okwute, Kennedy Amechi. Subs: Darragh Foley, Ethan Kos, Ronan Teahan, Steven Healy, Cian Brosnan, Evison Rramani, Samuel Aladesanusi, Finn Barrett, Graham O'Reilly, Cianan Cooney.

ALL IRELAND B SEMI-QUARTER-FINAL: KERRY 2-15 WESTMEATH 1-1

Kerry secured a victory over Westmeath at minor level with this comprehensive 2-15 to 1-1 win in wintry conditions at Rathdowney GAA grounds, Co. Laois in the Minor B All Ireland quarter final. Starting with the advantage of a significant breeze, Kerry were quickly into their stride with a point from Tara Burke which was quickly followed by a Jennifer Harty point. Kerry really pressed home their early advantage a minute later when Sarah O'Connor finished neatly to the Westmeath net. Burke then finished off a superb team move with an excellent point on the next puck-out, while a Shannon Collins free put Kerry 1-4 to nil up inside five minutes.

Unfortunately for Kerry, their momentum was broken by a very heavy downpour and it was Westmeath who had the next score of the game from a pointed free. It wasn't until the 20th minute that Kerry scored again, but when they did it was in style with Kate Maunsell blasting to the net. There was a steady flow of Kerry points to the short break with Burke (2) finishing off a fine half, Collins, Maunsell and Ruth O'Connor all extending Kerry's lead to leave the half-time score Kerry 2-9 Westmeath 0-1.

Kerry took no chances on the restart facing the stiff wind, scoring an immediate point from the throw-in through the industrious Collins. Westmeath continued to fight but Kerry's rearguard answered all the questions being asked of them. It was Collins again that extended Kerry's lead further in the 38th minute as Kerry introduced a number of subs.

But the winners replied quickly with two further points each from Collins and O'Connor before the final whistle.

The Kerry defence was superb throughout the game, conceding only two scores. The final score-line did not reflect Westmeath's work rate and determination but Kerry will be happy to advance to the B semi-final for the first time in two weeks time where they will play either Kildare or Armagh.

Kerry: Lauren Bowler, Aishlin Hennessy, Roisín Quinn, Tiarna Dineen, Sarah Slattery, Anna Chute, Anna McCarthy, Amy O'Loughlin, Kathryn Ryan, Tara Burke, Ruth O'Connor (JC), Shannon Collins, Sara O'Connor, Kate Maunsell, Jennifer Harty. Subs Hannah Ryan (JC), Rachel Sargent, Lily Stack, Orla Leahy, Charlie O'Keeffe, Megan Gillespie, Lana O'Connell, Martha O'Sullivan

LATE RALLY GIVES SILVER LINING TO ENGLAND DEFEAT

Honestly, this was far better than I was really expecting. Maybe not quite what any Irish supporter was really hoping, but let's be honest, unless your bottle of water turned into wine in your hand, that kind of miracle was never going to happen.

The Lionesses took us to town from the start and frankly, if they were a little bit more clinical, they could have been well out of sight by the half-time whistle. Unlike France, who ran direct at us, especially down the left wing, England spread the ball around a lot more and drew us out. It worried me from the off – a high defensive line leaves space behind and England's attackers have more pace than our defence. Mind you, stay back in your shell and a team on top can always pick you off – it's a balance between robbing Peter and paying Paul, so I certainly wouldn't call it a strategic malfunction. The bottom line is that they are simply better than us, more clinical with their first touch, more aware of positional possibilities, and really, really good at closing down the opposition. They are one of the best teams in the world; we are decent aspirants. That's the reality.

Ireland technically had the first chance, Katie McCabe (Ireland's talisman was closely guarded all night) swung in an early corner, but it was comfortably gathered. England took over, sending in some inviting crosses but not quite able to finish. It had a certain inevitability about it, though; that kind of pressure always tells before too long. Sure enough, with eleven minutes gone, Lucy Bronze heads a cross down across the goal. Patton got a touch but hadn't time to control it and it spilled out to Lauren James, who made what was actually a technical enough strike look easy. England 1 Ireland 0. It's going to be a long night.

Very long. England double their advantage just seven minutes later when Ruesha Littlejohn concedes a penalty. Despite some grumbling from Irish supporters, it's a blatant call. If you run at the player in possession windmilling your arms...well, I'm sorry, but that's hand to ball all day, not the other way around. It doesn't matter whether you meant it or not; that's not a natural position for your arms. Alex Greenwood sent Courtney Brosnan (the goalkeeper was actually Ireland's best player on the night, which is a telling enough statement in itself) the wrong way. Just

over quarter of an hour played and Ireland were 2-0 down. If you told me that it would be the final score-line, I'd have happily shaken your hand on the deal there and then.

It would be easy to say that we were showing England too much respect, but that's almost always a cheap shot. They were taking that much respect for themselves, completely nullifying any move we made, and there wasn't a lot we could do about it.

Half an hour in, England get another penalty. That was a harsher call, I don't think Louise Quinn could have done a lot about it, but if it had been an England player, I'd have been listening for the whistle. This time Greenwood hits the post – a real let-off. We got to the break without conceding anything else...but only just. The truth is that only one team played in that first half, the other one spent the whole time fighting fires.

The third quarter saw the same pattern, England dominating, but Ireland just about doing enough to hold them out. In the 65th minute Courtney Brosnan made a superb save. Gradually, though, Ireland seemed to finally be growing into this game. Katie McCabe sends a good ball into Louise Quinn, who sends a wicked one across the England square. Nobody could get a final touch, but that was a real chance and a refreshing whiff of sulphur. Five minutes later Hayes got a head to McCabe's corner, but couldn't power it past Hampton. It's too late for Ireland to realistically get anything from this game, but a goal would be a massive boost to morale.

It didn't happen, but to be fair, it wasn't for the lack of trying. Ireland played more actual football in the last twenty minutes than the seventy before it, powered by McCabe and Megan Connolly sending the ball straight into the danger-zone. Shades of Jack Charlton's simplistic approach? Well, why not? POMO ain't pretty (most definitely not), but it's fine as an underdog strategy, and we were massive underdogs here. Let's face it; we got nailed when the draw was made, and we all knew it. I was expecting a score-line like 5-0. I actually think Ireland can be reasonably proud in the circumstances, and I think England, who could yet be haunted by that draw against Sweden, will actually be a little disappointed with their overall execution. I'll take it. We are where we are.

MORE FUN PLANNED FOR KILLARNEY LEGION MOTHERS AND OTHERS



Killarney Legion Motherds & Others Team

Just back from a trip to France to play football, Killarney Legion Mothers & Others is now planning their next trip.

The group was established in 2018 by local mothers who wanted a social outlet and to meet to play football.

"Since then, we have had women from all different walks of life, all different levels of fitness and ability meet on a Wednesday evening from 8pm to 9pm in Killarney Legion. We have women playing who are from Legion, other clubs or no club at all because they just want to play and train with a great bunch of women", Sharon O'Grady told Killarney Outlook.

"There isn't a Wednesday night that we don't have a laugh and go home feeling like we spent the hour doing something for ourselves. The football is secondary, it has developed into something we never expected, more than football and more about friendship, comradary and being part of a team. We enjoy travelling locally, inter

county and now internationally, having just returned from Rennes, France to play Gaelic football. This was an amazing opportunity to represent our club and county on a different stage. We developed friendships, exchanged skills, played other M&O teams from Wexford, Antrim and Wicklow, all while enjoying the hospitality offered. We visited Saint Malo, Nantes and Rennes exploring cobbled streets and stunning scenery", she added

"We are off to Ballyvourney on the 4th of May and are equally as excited to return following the success of their blitz last year. We would love to welcome anyone to Killarney Legion M&O who thinks this is something they would like to try. Remember it's not about the football, it's about so much more. Come join and see for yourself! Check out our Facebook page and find us on Instagram", Sharon added.



FIRIES GAA

SENIOR MEN'S RESULTS

Credit Union Division 3 Round 3

Firies 0-11 Keel 0-06

Match Report by Robert Kelly

A windy evening in Farranfore post Storm Kathleen witnessed a Firies team who had to dig deep to come out victorious and keep their 100% record alive. Keel opened the scoring through a free, this was followed by 5 unanswered Firies scores. A great point from Cian Doe opened Firies account, then two long range efforts from Mike Daly and further scores from John Power and Jake Flynn. Aided by some great battling by Aaron O Sullivan and Niall O Donoghue helped Firies to a three point advantage at half time.

HT 0-05 0-02

Keel started the second half strong bringing the game back to just a one point Firies advantage, but a failure to score after that cost them any chance of getting something from the game. The second started half with Cian Doe winning and converting a free, a Mike Daly score and a great individual John Power score from the right hand side was followed by a Cian Doe score. Firies almost got a goal when TJ Palmer got played through and got there just before the Keel goalkeeper, however he was upended by the keeper who subsequently received a straight red card. Cian Doe scored the resulting free. Firies ended the game with a well-worked score with Chris Palmer assisting Mike Daly to round off the scoring.

It was a great performance against an inform team. Special mention to debutant Aaron O Sullivan who started for the senior team for the first time. Firies will hope to continue their early season form in a fortnights time against Tarbert.

CREDIT UNION DIVISION 5 ROUND 3

St Pats Blennerville 2-14 v's Firies B 0-06

LOTTO

Lotto Results 01/04/2024. Numbers drawn were: 5, 12, 24, 27. No jackpot winner - 5 x €30: Michael McCarthy, Cards, Thomas Kearney, c/o Bridie, Amy Kennedy, c/o Bridie, Padraig Breen, c/o Bridie, Damian Keane, Fossa. Next weeks jackpot €2900

KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Our Senior Men collected their first points in Division 1 of the County League with a 3-11 to 0-10 win over Kerins O Rahillys in a blustery Dieren on Saturday evening last. Playing against the elements Peter McCarthy palmed home a first minute goal and points from Finbarr Murphy and Eoghan O Sullivan made it 1-2 to 0-2 early on. A couple of frees from Ryan O Grady extended the advantage but O Rahillys finished the half strong with four unanswered points, prompted by Barry John Keane, to leave the lead at the minimum, 1-4 to 0-6. The blue momentum continued momentarily in the second half with an equaliser but the influential Darragh Lyne kicked a point and followed it up with a goal, more likely seen at our neighbouring Celtic Park. BJ Keane struck again but with wind advantage

William Shine, second half substitutes James O Donoghue, Micheal Devlin and David O'Sullivan extended the margin to 2-11 to 0-10. Jameso had the last word when he crashed home a third goal to ensure the points.

Round four is a visit to our neighbours Kilcummin, with the game pencilled in for the weekend of April 20/21.

The Senior B team played out a 2-8 to 0-14 draw with Keel in the latest round of Division 6. It maintains their unbeaten start with the back game vs An Ghaeltacht due to be played this week.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Our Church Gate Collection is this weekend, April 13th and 14th. This is for Masses in the Killarney area so anyone with time to give on Saturday evening or Sunday morning please contact Club Treasurer John Foran 086 390 7722

U13 BOYS

Our U13 boys had their second County League outing on Sunday evening away in Spa. Our lads battled hard to the very end but came up against a physically stronger Spa side who took the points on the night.

U15 BOYS

The U15 boys began their County League Division 1 campaign in Glenbeigh on Wednesday evening with a good win against Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane. Playing with the wind in the first half Legion built up a commanding lead by the interval through excellent work rate, strong teamwork and good finishing. The second half was an even affair with GGC not leaving their heads drops and fighting till the end despite the gap.

So a positive start for the boys in their first game of the year with plenty to work on before the next game at home against John Mitchels. Full time score Killarney Legion 5-14 Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane 1-8.

U17 BOYS

Played on a horrible Thursday evening for football, the U17 boys team bounced back impressively from their disappointing last outing in Spa to beat Rathmore in the final group game.

The result sees them finish second behind Austin Stacks in the group in Division 1A and a semi final against Dr Crokes awaits, with the fixture pencilled in for Monday April 8th at 6.30pm. Starting the game well, moving the ball in wet conditions quickly led to the first two points of the game. Rathmore levelled matters on the quarter with a score from play and one from a placed ball.. Rathmore worked a chance across the squarw and when it looked like Rathmore might have to settle for a point they netted from a tight angle to take the lead. On a night where scores would be at a premium this could have been a big setback but a powerful run up the middle by Bryan Walsh in the very next play led to a brilliant solo goal. The teams entered the break level at 1-2 a piece but three excellent goals and some well worked points in the second half won the game on the scoreboard but it was really won in the attitude and commitment of the 19 lads who fought for every ball, tracked every run and made lung bursting attacks. As good a team performance as you will see against a good side in horrible conditions.

Thanks to Rathmore for a very sporting contest

in such horrible conditions and we wish them the best for the rest of the year.

Thanks also to Tom Corbett for consistent and fair refing and to both sets of supporters for the encouragement given to both sets of players.

The U17 second team had their first run out in month with a refixed final group game against Listowel Emmets . Played in heavy and wet conditions, both teams found fluency hard to sustain, and it was a game of many turnovers. Although the lads defended well throughout the game, Listowel was equally dogged in defence. The visitors took a decisive lead when it looked like one of their forwards fist passed the ball into the net after a good attack, but standin referee Donal Culloty let the goal stand. There was never much more than a score in the game, and the lads got their goal with a good sequence of running and handpasses to set up the 1-on-1.

Needing a second green flag after some good Emmets scores, the lads went close on a couple of occasions, with the Listowel rearguard held firm, and the visitors took the spoils. The lads will probably still make a Div 7 semifinal after a good campaign.

KERRY LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL

Hard luck to Keri Ann Hanrahan and the Kerry Ladies as they couldn't get the better of Armagh in the Lidl Ladies National Football League final played in Croke Park on Sunday. They are still ranked amongst the top contenders for further honours with plenty to work on between here and the August showpiece final.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Tueanchai Hurlley. Her husband Joe coaches with our Juvenile teams while children Jayden and Trey play with our underage teams. May she Rest in Peace.

LOTTO

Results Tuesday April 2nd. Numbers were 13, 19, 24, 28 Bonus 16. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s/Lucky Dips: 1.Peter O Sullivan online 2. Mike Nash online 3. Restaurant staff Lake Hotel 4.M.A.G. C/O DoDo Hegarty 5. Donie Fleming

EAST KERRY NEWS

KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY

MINOR LEAGUES

Best of luck to East Kerry Clubs involved in County Minor League Finals in the next few weeks.

CAMOGIE ALL IRELAND B QUARTER FINALS

Congratulations to the Kerry Minor Camogie team, who defeated Westmeath in the All Ireland minor Quarter Final last weekend.

FOSSA NOTES

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 07/04/2024 for a jackpot of €10,950 were 1, 11, 13, 28. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Amanda Cronin, Online; Kathleen Moynihan Butler, Online; Tim Cronin (Carpets); Siobhan Talbot; Joanne Brosnan. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online.



Killarney Camogie 7 representatives on the Kerry team who defeated Westmeath in All Ireland 1/4 final last weekend.



COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 6

Our B team secured another win in the county league on Saturday evening when they overcame Kilcummin in an entertaining encounter in a wind-swept Fossa. Playing with the aid of the elements in the first half, Fossa played very direct football and this paid rich dividends as they raced into an early lead. Goals by Peadar Kelliher and another by the rampaging Ted O’Gorman after a superb pass by Michael O’Dwyer left them with a healthy lead at half time, 2-07 to 0-04.

Kilcummin upped the ante in the second half and had Fossa pinned in their own half for long periods but with Padraic Talbot playing brilliantly at full-back, our defence stood strong and limited their opponents scoring chances. Kilcummin did get a goal midway through the half but a Rocco Sheehan free and a great point from Mark Dennehy was enough to see Fossa over the line on a score of 2-09 to 1-10.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 2

Fossa secured another valuable two points on Sunday against Templenoe in the county league. Tadgh O’Shea opened the scoring with a free but we had to wait until the 22nd minute for the next score as both teams found it hard to break down their respective defences. In the 25th minute, Eoin Talbot reacted quickest to a ball off the upright to crack the ball to the Templenoe net which left Fossa leading at the break, 1-04 to 0-03.

The second half was a more open affair, Killian Buckley landed a great point after 3 minutes and while Templenoe began to find their range, further scores from Ruari Doyle and Harry Buckley kept the scoreboard ticking. Fintan Coffey had the ball in the Templenoe net immediately after coming on in the 16th minute and from there on, Fossa controlled the game well to run out winners on a score of 2-10 to 0-10. This was a workmanlike performance, conditions were tough but Fossa can be very happy to win these types of games, they were patient and showed great levels of fitness at the end which is a credit to the management team. Special mention for our field committee, this was the third game in as many days and the pitch was in great condition considering all the rain that we have got in recent times, so well done to them.

U-16 GIRLS

Well done to our U16 Girls who got off to a winning start in the 1st round of the East Kerry League away to Beaufort. On a very wet pitch

both teams played some real quality football. At half time Fossa led 2-06 to 2-02. Beaufort returned with purpose and notched the 1st two scores to tighten things up and a titanic battle followed, end to end attack, last ditch defending, great saves, rebounds off the bar we had it all. While both teams tired on the ground they didn’t stop working, warriors one and all. A great sporting game, well reffed saw a final score 4-08 to 2-06. Well done to all our girls and best of luck to Beaufort for the rest of their season.

SENIOR LADIES

Well done to our senior ladies team who started their season at home in Fossa to Kilcummin in Round 1 of the Donal Curtin Cup. On a very poor night for football our team of new and returning players in many new positions showed plenty of promise.

After a slow start the girls were down at half time 2-07 v 0-7. A much improved second half effort saw Fossa rally strongly and out score a tough Kilcummin team and in the end were unlucky not to get something from the game, going down to a one point defeat on a final score 3-08 v 1-13.

Well done to the team and new management who will have learned plenty for the many games to come.

FOSSA U13 BOYS

sponsored by Thermohouse.

U13 County league - Rd 2 Fossa away to St Senans. Very competitive game played in tough conditions against St Senans. Fossa played against a very strong wind in the first half and put in a disciplined defensive display.

The second half - Fossa playing with the wind, worked their way with a tireless effort to get a 2 point lead.

In the dying seconds of the game St Senan’s worked the ball up the field and got a decisive goal and held out for a one point win.

Thanks to all the Fossa players for their huge effort this evening and to the coaches and parents for their help and support.

Thanks to St Senan’s for a sporting game. Final score ST Senans 1-11 to Fossa 1-10.

Next game for u13 boys will be at home against Currow at 6.00 pm Sunday April 14th.

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

UNDER 8 & UNDER 10

Training continues next Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. Age 5 upwards. Hurleys & helmets provided. Please come along and try out a few sessions. Only need to bring runners and water. Contact Secretary Eimear Flynn for more information 087-6481736.

UNDER 12 TRAINING

Under 12 training continues on Friday 12th April. Venue & time tbc. Bring runners, boots, hurley, helmet & water. New players welcome.

2024 UNDER 15 FÉILE

Our Féile team got their campaign underway last weekend, taking on Abbeykillix and Sliabh Luachra. With one win and one loss, we are now into the Division 2 Final. Details to be confirmed (keep an eye on our Facebook page)

UNDER 16 COUNTY

Best of luck to Shannon Murphy who lines out with Kerry Under 16s in the Inter County Shield Semi Final on Saturday 13th April. Ava Moore is also a member of this panel but is unfortunately recovering from an injury earlier in the year.

UNDER 18 COUNTY

Congratulations to Kerry Minor Camogie team who played Westmeath in the All Ireland Quarter Final last weekend. Killarney were represented by Hannah Ryan (Joint Captain), Kathryn Ryan, Tiarna Dineen, Megan Gillespie, Martha O’Sullivan, Yasmin O’Brien & Orla Cronin. Tiarna Dineen was marking her cousin Sian Weir for part of the game.

REGISTRATION

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

FÉILE MEDAL PRESENTATION

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

PAT SHEEHAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

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



DR. CROKES

SFL DR. CROKES 0:12 KILCUMMIN 0:07.

We welcomed Kilcummin to Lewis Road on Sunday in Round 3 of the SFL. Micheal Burns got things underway in the 3rd minute with a lovely point from play before Kilcummin's number 11 responded 5 minutes later. A low scoring first half saw pints from Micheal Burns, Mark O'Shea, Kieran O'Leary and Billy Courtney to give us a 5 points to 2 points lead at half time. The second half was opened with two fantastic scores from Billy Courtney. Our opponents worked well and scored the next 3 points from play. In a good team performance we ran out 5 point winners. Next up we have An Gaeltacht away on April 21st.

ACADEMY

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

MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Crokes GAA Membership for the 2024 season is now open online. This is the last week for membership. If membership is not paid players will not be able to play or train with the club.

LOTTO took place April 8th. Numbers drawn were 4, 11, 19, 26 Jackpot of €9,200 was WON. Jackpot for draw on April 15th will be €5,000. Play online

DR. CROKES SHOP

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BINGO

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

OLD CLOTHES BANK

is located at the rear of the clubhouse. All clothes should be deposited in bags. Donations will help to provide valuable funding to our club.

NOTES

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

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

LOTTO

The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Tuesday, April 2nd at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 13, 22, 27 and the bonus ball was 21.

LUCKY DIP WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- €50 Sandra Finnegan, Mallow, Cork
- €50 Kieran Hogan, Callinafercy
- €25 Willie O'Shea, Milltown
- €25 Emily Curtin, Tournafulla, Limerick
- €25 Patricia Spillane, Milltown
- €25 Rhoda O'Shea, Basingstoke, UK

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 15th at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets. Mile búiochas do gach duine for playing Milltown/Castlemaine Clubs Fortnightly Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

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

Milltown-Castlemaine Gaelic 4 mothers and others are back again! We are hosting two sample training sessions on April 15th and 22nd from 8:00pm - 9:00pm at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. If you want to play football, get fit, learn new skills & do it all in a fun relaxed environment, then this is the group for you! Please share this update with anyone you think would be interested. For more information message our Club Facebook page or WhatsApp Caitlin at 0872471416.

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: GROUP STAGE DRAW

The draw has been made for the 2024 Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Football Championship. We have been paired with Dingle, Na Gaeil and Dr Crokes.

Our first fixture will be against Na Gaeil. Dates, times and venues to be confirmed in due course. Credit Union County Senior Football League: Division 1, Round 3 Result and Match Report Milltown/Castlemaine 0-4 Laune Rangers 0-7 Venue: Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown Referee: John Michael Fitzgerald (Abbeydorney) Rivalries were renewed on Sunday afternoon at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown as Milltown/Castlemaine hosted near neighbours Laune Rangers in Round 3 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League. The hosts were coming into the contest after losing to Glenflesk in Round 1 and drawing with Ballymacelligott in Round 2. Laune Rangers on the other hand were on the back of two victories against Kerins O'Rahillys and Killarney Legion.

In what was a low scoring affair between the two sides in very windy conditions, Laune Rangers played with a strong breeze in their favour for the opening half but it was the home side, Milltown/Castlemaine who registered the games first score as Dylan O'Neil kicked a point from play after breaking through a number of tackles. Laune Rangers first point of the afternoon came from a John Tyther 21 metre free to leave it 0-1 to 0-1 after 10 minutes. A long wait ensued until the next score came and when it did from Eanna O'Connor in the 20th minute, it was quickly responded to through a Fiachra Clifford close range free at the other end. The scores were tied at 0-2 to 0-2 after 23 minutes and only one further score was put on the board before the break as John Tyther put over a long distance free to leave the away side holding a slender lead at 0-3 to 0-2 at half time.

One would be forgiven for thinking that the

hosts were content with keeping Laune Rangers to three scores in the opening half and the expectation was that Milltown/Castlemaine would kick on in the second half with the elements in their favour and on home soil but that's not how it played out as pointed efforts from play in the 32nd and 37th minutes from Daire Cleary and Rory O'Connor extended the lead out to 0-5 to 0-2. Eanna O'Connor landed one of Milltown/Castlemaine's two second half points in the 39th minute to reduce the deficit. Patrick Carey made a long and probing run from centre back in the 49th minute and he cut a line straight through the home side's rearguard and went for goal but a good save from Cormac Leane diverted it over for a point. This was followed by a pointed free from substitute Patrick Daly in the 52nd minute. Eanna O'Connor put over a free for Milltown/Castlemaine in the 57th minute to bring it back to a one score game at 0-7 to 0-4 as we headed for the closing stages but the result was never really in doubt at any stage in the second half as the visitors deservedly closed the game out to maintain their 100 percent record in Division 1.

TEAMS AND SCORERS

Milltown/Castlemaine:

Cormac Leane, Stephen Roche, PaWren, Anthony Kelliher, Kieran O'Carroll, David Roche, Jonathan O'Connor, Gavin Horan, Donal Dennehy, Dylan O'Neil (0-1), Eanna O'Connor (0-3), Dara Hogan, Cathal Moriarty, Sean Hogan, Brendan Casey.

Subs Used:

Cian O'Connor, Oisín Spring, Gavin McKenna, Jerome Flynn.

Laune Rangers:

Pdraig Ahern, Sean Cleary, Oisín Daly, Rory O'Connor (0-1), Callum Moriarty, Patrick Carey (0-1), Ciaran O'Sullivan, Eoin Clifford, Killian Spillane, Fiachra Clifford (0-1), John Tyther (0-2), Stephen Sealy, Daire Cleary (0-1), Eoin O'Sullivan, Matthew Leslie.

Subs Used:

Patrick Daly (0-1), Stephen Gannon, Oisín Bermingham, Ronan O'Shea

Credit Union County Senior Football League: Division 6B, Round 3 Result and Round 1 (Backgame) Fixture

Milltown/Castlemaine's Senior 'B' side welcomed Kenmare Shamrocks 'B' last Saturday evening to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown and they picked up their first win of the 2024 season running out four point winners in a low scoring contest, 2-6 to 1-5.

A rescheduled Round 1 fixture will take place on Sunday, April 14th when Milltown/Castlemaine take on Dr. Crokes 'C' at 2:00pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. All support is welcome for the players and management.

COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 2 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine 'C' will take on Rathmore 'C' on Friday, April 12th at 7:30pm in Rathmore in Round 2 of the County Senior Football Development League. The lads had a good win in their opening contest against Beaufort a few weeks ago and will be looking to build on that this weekend. All support is welcome.

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STATE EXAM CANDIDATES MUST NOW FOCUS ON JUNE'S WRITTEN EXAMS



By Billy Ryle

WRITTEN EXAMS

Just over seven weeks remain before the state exams get underway on Wednesday, 5th June. The Leaving Certificate exams, the Junior Cycle exams and the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) exams will run until Tuesday, 25th June, Monday, 17th June and Thursday, 13th June, respectively.

GRADES

The H/O/F grading system and the CAO common points system have been very successful since first introduced in 2017. The grades cover multiples of ten percentage points and 625 points is the maximum attainable CAO score. Grades from H1 to H7 are awarded points at Higher Level, grades from O1 to O6 merit points at Ordinary Level, while grades F1 and F2 are awarded points at Foundation Level by certain institutions.

JUNIOR CYCLE

At Junior Cycle level, in addition to classroom-based assessments (CBA) during second and third years, students complete a state exam after three years and are awarded a Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement. All Junior Cycle subjects have undergone syllabus change and no Junior Cycle exam lasts longer than two hours. In addition, all subjects are now examined at common level except for Irish, English and Mathematics, which are still offered at both Higher and Ordinary levels. Six grade descriptors - Distinction (90% to 100%), Higher Merit (75% to < 90%), Merit (55% to < 75%), Achieved (40% to < 55%), Partially Achieved (20% to < 40%), Not Graded (0% to < 20%) - are used in the Junior Cycle exam.

OPTIMISM

Candidates can approach the state exams optimistically because they are well prepared by a dedicated teaching force. The national results achieved each year in the state exams are very impressive. In addition, places in further and higher education courses, apprenticeships and traineeships are very plentiful in a buoyant economy. At this stage, there will certainly be more places available than there will be applicants to take up these places. More employment opportunities are available to school leavers as the economic continues to

thrive. However, if the trend of previous years continues, the vast majority of Leaving Cert exam candidates will continue in education as the changing nature of the work environment means that employers are looking for staff with qualifications at craft, traineeship, degree or post-graduate level.

CERTIFICATION

The stigma of failure has long gone from the state exams. Back in the day, failure in Irish meant overall failure. Thankfully, those days are far behind us. Every candidate's performance is now acknowledged by individual certification. Leaving Cert exam candidates' main aim nowadays is to achieve the minimum entry requirements, the specific course requirements and the points for their preferred courses. The State Examinations Commission (SEC) also provides a range of exam supports, known as Reasonable Accommodations at Certificate Examinations (RACE), for candidates with physical, visual, hearing and learning difficulties in order to remove, as far as possible, the impact of the disability on the candidate's performance in the exams. This facility ensures that no candidate for the state exams is disadvantaged because of a disability.

GOOD MANAGEMENT

Despite all the media hype about exam pressure, all you need is a cool head, a positive attitude, optimum use of the remaining weeks, good personal and time management, plenty of nutritious food, rest and an exercise programme to burn off any excess stress. Approach the exams with confidence, do your best during the remaining weeks and at the actual exams. Then forget about them and enjoy the summer. Exams should be kept in perspective. They are just another milestone on the eventful journey through life.

SCHEDULE

With the oral exams now concluded and practical coursework, project work and study reports, due to be completed during the next few weeks, exam candidates have a great opportunity to bank precious marks. Course work in Music, Home Economics,

Art, Construction Studies, History, Religious Education, Politics & Society, Geography and Engineering will all help candidates to ease into exam mode. The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) Link Modules written exam takes place on Wednesday, 1st May. The written exam in Leaving Cert Computer Science will take place on Wednesday, 22nd May. In the few remaining weeks, the written papers become the major focus of attention as the June exams draw ever closer.

CHECKLIST

- The State Examinations Commission (SEC) runs the second-level exams
- The Leaving Cert H/O/F grading and points system are very successful
- Six grade descriptors are now used for the Junior Cycle
- Candidates can face up to the state exams with considerable optimism
- Candidates are well prepared by a dedicated teaching force
- Results achieved each year in the state exams are very impressive
- The stigma of failure has been totally removed from the state exams
- The state exams are impartial, unbiased and comprehensive
- The vast majority of candidates can be certain of doing well in the state exams
- The written papers now become the major focus of attention
- Do your best during the remaining weeks and at the actual exams
- Exam timetables are available on www.examinations.ie
- CAO closing date for late applications at €60 fee is 5pm on 1st May
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon on 7th May
- The priority closing date for renewal applications for a SUSI Grant is 6th June
- The priority closing date for new applications for a SUSI Grant is 11th July

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Welcome back dear student, it’s really tough to stand firm when it seems like all hell is breaking loose around you. It’s impossible to remain steadfast, firm and hopeful without standing on God’s Word for everything wobbles when we try to work it out in our own strength. The day of evil comes to all – testing, rough times, whether in relationships, physical or mental health, work, or finances. No one is immune to trouble in this world while Satan is on the rampage (John 10:10; John 16:33).

God has given His people - the ‘ecclesia’ – translated: His church, the authority, and the commission to rule for Him on this earth. The Lord Jesus bled, suffered and died so that we could not only be forgiven of our sins and reconciled to our loving Father, but so we could take back what belongs to Him – Kingdom territory that the enemy has robbed and defiled - namely God’s precious people who have been attacked and afflicted by demons intent on destructing them and their future generations. It may feel like God doesn’t notice the suffering of His people, but He sees everything (Psalm 34:18-22). He is not the source of pain, but He patiently gives everyone mercy and time to repent, including the wicked.

This week a solar eclipse occurred across North America. It is a warning from the Lord to repent – urgently! The disciples asked Jesus what signs would herald His return for His church. He warned them to beware of deception and persecution, and watch for signs in the heavens; earthquakes, wars and rumours of wars, plagues, and great turbulence across the world (Luke 21:7-28). All this is happening now - but many, like those in the days of Noah and Lot are not paying attention. They are too busy thinking they know it all, full of pride, rebellion, striving, partying, and gratifying their flesh; often mocking those giving them warning. God told Malachi that there will be a difference between those who serve the Lord and those who don’t (Malachi 3:18). In Noah’s day, the difference became apparent when the land flooded - even the high mountains - and the Ark was shut tight. Jesus told the disciples that before He comes back it will be just like the days of Noah – rife with sin, rebellion, wickedness, and a lack of reverence and fear of the Lord (Luke 17:22-37). Noah’s contemporaries laughed at him. It was a ridiculous thing he was doing - building a giant boat telling everyone to repent for a flood was coming. But no one laughed when it happened (Genesis chapters 6-7). Friend, people must pray and get right with God and seek the Lord Jesus on this side of the grave (2 Chronicles 7:14; Jeremiah 29:12-14). Christian Voice Ireland are holding a special Day of Prayer for Ireland on next Saturday 20th April, at the National Boxing Stadium in Dublin from 10am-4pm. Please come and let’s join together interceding for our nation to turn back to God before it’s too late.

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked
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This time I ask you this special one, (mention
favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it
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favour not mine.

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Say this prayer three times for three days
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*We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were all together.
The family chain is broken now,
But memories live forever.
May she rest in peace, dear Jesus,
In Thy Heavenly home above,
With the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
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Along the road to yesterday,
That leads us straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.
A silent grief that's in our hearts,
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For many a broken heart is hid,
Beneath a smiling face.*

Loved Always Jerry.

*Those we love don't go away,
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Still loved, still missed and
forever dear.*

Loved and remembered every day
Maria and Eileen.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

BUCKLEY



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JERH BUCKLEY
LATE OF LISMONGANE, FOSSA,
KILLARNEY.

WHO DIED ON THE
16TH APRIL 2014.

*Somewhere beyond the sunset
Where loved ones never die
You sleep in a beautiful garden
Beneath a golden sky
Though heaven and earth divide us
We are never far apart
For you are always in our thoughts
And forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered
by Kathleen, Mary, Teddy, Michéal,
grandchildren and great grandchildren.

16TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**JAMES (CHRISTY)
O'CONNOR**



KNOCKROUR WEST,
SCARTAGLEN

WHO DIED ON
12TH APRIL 2008

Rest In Peace

*Though absent you are always near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear,
So while you sleep
and your voice is still,
Your spirit lives on an always will.*

From your loving wife Betty, sons,
daughters and their families and
grandchildren.

JESUS

May your Sacred Heart Lord
Jesus, be praised, glorified and
honoured throughout the whole
world now and forever.
Repeat this 3 times.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PETER SHEAHAN



SWEET SHOP, 45 HIGH STREET,
KILLARNEY.

WHO PASSED AWAY ON EASTER
SUNDAY, 9TH APRIL 2023.

*"Time passes, memories stay, quietly
remembered every day."*

Though Peter may no longer be with us in
person, his spirit remains alive in our hearts
and in the cherished moments we shared.
We find comfort in the thought that he is
now at peace and are thankful for all the
memories we have in our hearts.

His gentle soul touched the hearts of all
who knew him, leaving behind a legacy of
kindness, faith and compassion.

We, the family, would like to extend our
thanks to Fr. Kieran O'Brien for the beautiful
Requiem Mass, Deacon Thady O'Connor,
Mike and Mary O'Shea and the staff of
O'Sheas funeral home, and Patrice O'Connor
for her beautiful singing on the day.

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Rathmore and the staff in University
Hospital Kerry. And thank you to all his
relatives, neighbours and friends and
everyone who sent their well wishes and
condolences.

Thank you to Dr. Gary Stack, Dr. Fidelma
Cronin, Norma and all those in Park Medical
Practice Killarney for looking after Peter so
well over the years.

As it is not possible to thank everyone
individually please accept this
acknowledgment as an expression of our
deepest gratitude.

Rest peacefully, forever in our hearts
and missed every day.

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