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A Note from the EDITOR



Tireless work from a large group of volunteers will ensure that Killarney turns green in style this weekend. There is something for everyone at the Echoes of Killarney Present, St. Patrick's Day Festival. From The Great Duck Dash at 12 noon opposite St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday to AbleFest from 12 noon on Sunday, the main event, the Big Parade begins at 2pm on Monday, St Patrick's Day. This will be followed by the much anticipated 'Plunge for Palliative' taking place at 4pm in the Festival Zone at the Beech Road Car Park.

In this week's magazine we have all the information you need to have the best weekend ever. From Parking Zone's to event maps and details of all things happening, Killarney Outlook has everything you need to enjoy the amazing festival that is set to take place over the next few days

All of the events would not happen without an amazing group of volunteers, supported by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. These people work behind the scenes, for long hours, making sure that no stone is left unturned in the run up to this festival, which is one of many in the town of Killarney.

Hats off to to them all!

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.

Aisling Crosbie



Spring daffodils in the garden of Michael Cronin, Lissivigeen

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KILLARNEY SET FOR THE BEST ST. PATRICK'S FESTIVAL EVER



A magical festival is in store for everyone in Killarney this weekend as the town goes green for this year's St. Patrick's Day Festival. Organisers have pulled out all the stops to ensure that it will be a festival to remember.

This year's theme - 'Echoes of Killarney Present' is part of the Echoes Trilogy following 2024's "Echoes of Killarney Past" which spotlighted some of Killarney's rich history. In contrast, this year's festival will showcase all that Killarney has to offer in the present day, from its stunning landscapes, dynamic culture, bustling streets, and the warm welcoming spirit of its community.

Some of this year's festival highlights will also include 'The Charity Duck Dash' fundraiser in aid of Down Syndrome Kerry, 'Plunge for Palliative' Dunk tank in aid of Kerry Hospice featuring a variety of local faces including Brendan Fuller, Niall 'Botty' O' Callaghan, John O' Donoghue, Roisin Moore, Jason Clifford, Martin Grady, Niall Kelliher, Gillian O' Donoghue, Louise Ni Mhuirheartaigh, Gavin White, Mary Lyne, DJ Gavin O' Leary, Grainne O' Sullivan, Paul Nagle and Maura Healy Rae our very own Town Mayor! And of course, the main event will be the dazzling Parade through Killarney town on St Patrick's Day followed by music and entertainment in the festival hub at Beech Road.

Three very familiar sporting heroes have been carefully chosen as this year's Grand Marshalls, including Ireland Paralympian Hero Jordan Lee, All-Ireland winning, Kerry Ladies football All-Star Louise Ni Mhuirheartaigh and this year's Kerry Senior Men's football Captain, Gavin White. With a wealth of sporting achievements at the highest level under each of their belts, this year's Grand Marshalls encompass all that it is to be Irish and proud!

St. Patrick's Festival Killarney is very excited to welcome AbleFest on Sunday March 16th.

Ablefest is more than just a festival—it's a movement that champions inclusion and celebrates diversity. It provides a platform for people with additional needs to shine, participate fully, and feel valued in a space designed with their needs in mind. This one-day festival celebrates inclusivity and brings attention to the importance of creating spaces where everyone can thrive. An array of engaging activities will be on offer include yoga, an interactive drumming workshop, arts

session, animal roadshow, dedicated sensory friendly zone and food stalls to name but a few. Families are invited from all over Ireland to join in this unique celebration, which promises to be a highlight of this year's festival with a headline performance by renowned country singer Jake Carter followed by a meet and greet opportunity!

Another exciting addition to this year's festival will be the first ever live streaming of both St. Patrick's Day and AbleFest, meaning accessibility for all. Friends and family from near and far who can't attend in person, are invited to tune in and join in the celebration of our patron Saint of Ireland and witness Killarney in all its vibrant, green glory.

The Killarney St. Patrick's Festival is organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce in partnership with Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland.

Further details on the festival and a full list of events are available on the festival's website.

Festival website www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie



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Also present at the 'greening' were Johnny McGuire, Chairman, Killarney Chamber, Festival members Ciara Austin and Jonathan Aber along with Killarney Gardai Sgt. Kieran McElligott, Garda Luke Burgeons, Garda Leanne Haussmann and Sgt Dermot O'Connell. Main festival events start this weekend on Saturday 15th with The Great Duck Dash at 12 noon opposite St. Mary's Cathedral followed on Sunday with AbleFest from 12 noon and the Big Parade on Monday, St Patrick's Day, with a special Festival Zone from 12 noon before and after the Parade which starts at 2pm followed by the 'Plunge for Palliative' at 4pm

More information on: www.stpatricksfestivalkillarney.ie

Photo: Don MacMonagle

SUCCESSFUL HUGH O'FLAHERTY CENTENARY COMMEMORATION TOUR OF ROME

A group of 60 Members and Friends of the Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Society have just returned from a most enjoyable and informative 5th tour of Rome. An action packed 3 days – missing only the Papal Audience which was cancelled due to the Pope's illness.

The key event on the schedule was a celebrated mass in the chapel of the old Propaganda Fide College, where Hugh O'Flaherty was ordained 100 years ago in 1925. This special commemorative mass was celebrated by Archbishop John Kennedy (Vatican Holy Office), Rectors from a number of Colleges in Rome and four priests from Kerry i.e., Canon Tom Looney, Fr Donal Looney, Fr John Ahern and Fr John Joe Spring.

Special guests included the Ambassadors from the United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands and Ireland. Included also were representatives from the O'Flaherty family and the family of Henrietta Chevalier, one of the brave women who provided safe houses for Hugh O'Flaherty's Escape Line.

Also in attendance was Princess Gesine Doria Pamphilj, granddaughter of one of the Monsignor's most important benefactors, Prince Filippo Andrea Doria Pamphilj. Those of you who have read the books and/or seen the movie *The Scarlet and the Black*, will recall that it was from Prince Andrea's Palace (Palazzo Doria on Via del Corso) that Hugh O'Flaherty evaded capture by the Gestapo when he escaped from



Official Group Photo in the Chapel of Propaganda Fide College

the coal cellar disguised as a coalman. Other locations visited by the tour group included the Pontifical College Urbano (Propaganda Fide) where Hugh was educated and later served as Assistant Rector, - the German College where he resided from 1938 until 1947, - St Peter's Basilica, - the Ardeatine Caves Massacre site, - the Alban Hills & Lake Albano near Castelgandolfo and, the Acquasanta Golf Club where we met with the Monsignor's caddy Roberto Bernardini (He subsequently became one of Italy's best Golf Professionals).

The Group also did a night time coach tour of the ancient sites of Rome and on another evening, a walking tour of key places of interest. In acknowledgement of their very much appreciated support, Muckross Weavers Wool Cashmere Skellig Scarfs were presented to Princess Gesine Pamphilj, to Ambassador Frances Collins and to Floriana Ferrari (Secretary College Urbano).

Finally, the Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, Frances Collins, hosted a wonderful reception for the group in the Irish Embassy to the Holy See at Via dei Corridori.



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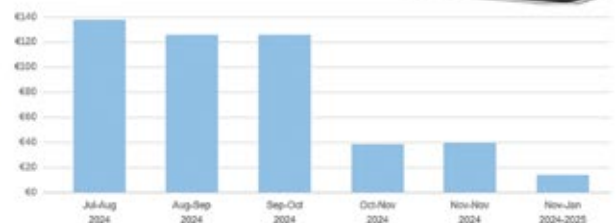
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RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY ANNOUNCES STUNNING PRIZES FOR Best Dressed competitions at April Fashion Showcase

It was a hugely stylish affair at Killarney Racecourse on Sunday afternoon as organisers of Recovery Haven Kerry's Look Good Feel Good Designer Fashion Showcase got together to officially launch their exciting Best Dressed Lady and Gent Competitions ahead of the much-anticipated April 3rd event at the Gleneagle INEC Arena.

Already billed as the fashion event of 2025 in Kerry - hosted by designer to the stars Don O'Neill - a highlight of the event will undoubtedly be the best dressed lady and gent competitions, with organisers pulling out all the stops to secure some amazing prizes for the overall winners.

The lucky best dressed lady on the night will receive a phenomenal €1,000 holiday voucher, courtesy of Abbeydorney-based TLI Group, while the board of Killarney Race Company are offering the the best dressed gent Dual Membership of the exclusive Killarney Racegoers Club for 2025. And organisers are taking no chances when it comes to selecting the winners, enlisting a celebrity judging panel to do the honours on the night.

"We are so delighted to have Tadhg and Derry Fleming join forces with the wonderful Helen Quealy Murphy (DailyDivaDiary) to judge the best dressed lady and gent competitions," said Recovery Haven's PR & Marketing Officer, Marisa Reidy. "Knowing the exceptional style that the men and women of Kerry bring to events like this, we don't envy the judges, but we know they will do a super job and are so grateful to all three for giving their time to be with us."

Marisa also paid tribute to TLI Group and

Killarney Race Company, who are sponsoring the amazing prizes on the night.

"We are always blown away by the generosity of the businesspeople of Kerry towards Recovery Haven, and yet again both TLI Group and Killarney Race Company have overwhelmed us with their generosity. These prizes are exceptional, and we are so truly grateful. We are really looking forward to seeing the style on the night, given the amazing prizes up for grabs."

In addition to the prestigious best dressed competitions, show producer Norma O'Donoghue has secured renowned designers such as Synan O'Mahony, Catriona Hanly, Marion Murphy Cooney, Claire Garvey, Cathy Troth and Tina Griffin among others to add the glitz and glamour of the night, while the show will also feature a number of top boutiques

including MacBees, Scarlett, Hannons, Pheonix V and Lily Mais.

This year, organisers have also opted to combine the fashion element of the show with a wellbeing/wellness theme, where Don O'Neill will host a very special fireside chat with some incredible guests, including top professional model Thalia Heffernan, three-time Olympian and health and fitness expert, Derval O'Rourke and leadership coach and former Network Ireland Kerry President, Linda O'Mahony Logan. Only a limited number of tickets for the event remain, so organisers are encouraging those interested in attending to get theirs fast, either in person from Recovery Haven Kerry or the INEC, or online at www.recoveryhavenkerry.com



Miranda Ahern, Dermot Crowley, Norma O'Donoghue of Norma O'Donoghue Model Agency, Cathal Walshe Recovery Haven and Caroline Foley launching the Best Dressed Lady and gentleman at the Recovery Haven Fashion Showcase in the INEC, Killarney at the Killarney Race Course. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Generous Gesture...

Staff of the Garden Restaurant, Muckross House, Killarney raised €9000 from the proceeds of their Christmas crib and raffle, in aid of Recovery Haven. At the presentation of their cheque were from left, Colin Baker, Restaurant Manager, Claudia O'Shea, Sharon Harrington, Kay Lynch and Siobhan MacSweeney from Recovery Haven, Rozanne Murray, Chef, and Shane Treacy, General Manager Muckross House and Garden Restaurant. Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House provides a caring and therapeutic services to those who have experienced cancer, their families and carers in a tranquil and relaxing environment.





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KILLARNEY DESIGNER DRESSES KERRY ROSE FOR NEW YORK VISIT

de Búrca Designs & Alterations, a Kerry based bespoke design and alteration business has designed some stunning outfits for Kerry Rose Emer Dineen for her upcoming trip to New York for St. Patrick's Day

"Last July I had the pleasure of having the current Kerry Rose, Emer Dineen visit my little studio, owner and founder of de Búrca Designs & Alterations, Deirdre Burke told Killarney Outlook.

"During the visit she saw a fabric she and her mother loved, so the brainstorming began to see what we could create. We decided to create a dress and coat for her appearance in St Patricks day parade in New York. The dress is made from a jacquard fabric in green and silver with an outline of roses. We kept the silhouette simple and elegant with straight skirt and v neckline. Cap sleeve with a twist in petal shapes.

The coat is 100% wool from the Kerry Woollen Mills in a deep green, lined in satin also green. We create a fitted bodice with puffed shoulder, asymmetrical opening and a full circle skirt. And a simple collar and silver button with a celtic design. The coat has a military feel while still being feminine, which is quite fitting for the occasion of St Patricks Day.

The head piece is designed and created by Fascinators by Frances owned by Mary Frances Brosnan from Killcummin.

She used the same fabric from the dress and coat to create her vision.

Deirdre Burke from Beaufort set up the business in late 2018. Deirdre studied Fashion design and tailoring in Mallow College of design & tailoring.

Primarily she makes bespoke fashion pieces for women and does alteration for women, men and children.

She specializing in wedding dress alteration, working with many bridal boutiques across the country. Brides from all over Munster travel to her, even some from Kilkenny, Glaway and Dublin to name but a few.

Based in Kilcummin, Fascinators by Frances began as Mary Frances' creative hobby, blossoming into a charming small business specializing in bespoke fascinators and headpieces, alongside a hat hire service. A delightful twist of fate brought Frances' creations into the spotlight when a chance



Kerry Rose, Emir Dineen pictured with Deirdre Burke, de Búrca Designs & Alterations, wearing the dress and coat that Deirdre designed and created for her.

meeting with Deirdre De Burca led to the opportunity to design the headpiece for the Kerry Rose, Emer Dineen. The design process was wonderfully effortless. Emer visited on a Sunday, and with a shared vision, they quickly finalized a piece that perfectly complemented Deirdre's dress and coat, while also reflecting Emer's own fashion sense and personal style. Recognizing the importance of selecting the perfect headpiece for the occasion, they ensured a truly harmonious look.

Emer Dineen Kerry Rose 2024 has said she is beyond excited to have a bespoke coat and dress made for me by the incredibly talented Deirdre Burke of de Búrca Designs & Alterations for this year's New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. To have pieces created from scratch, perfectly fitted to my measurements, using wool from the renowned Kerry Woollen Mills, is such a special experience. The Mills themselves are an iconic part of our county's heritage, and supporting local and Irish craftsmanship feels especially meaningful, particularly with Paddy's




Day being a celebration of everything Irish. This is a true reflection of the values of the Rose of Tralee Festival — honoring tradition, celebrating Irish culture, and supporting local businesses. I am so grateful to Deirdre for not only creating such beautiful pieces, but for her kindness and unwavering support throughout my year as Kerry Rose. I also want to give a special thanks to Mary Francis for making a beautiful headpiece to match the coat and dress — it's the perfect finishing touch! From the lead-up to the festival to this incredible gesture, Deirdre has been an integral part of my journey, and I couldn't be more thankful. The Rose of Tralee is a great organization to help promote and support local business. Applications are currently open to apply to be the next Kerry Rose, deadline is 30th March. Selection night is the 3rd May in the Heights Hotel Killarney. To apply to be the next Kerry Rose go to www.roseoftralee.ie

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney

A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE RAILWAY-BUS STATION SAGA

Hats off to Cllr John O'Donoghue who has moved a mountain - or at least may move a wall!

There has been a warm reception to his and this column's idea of a way from the train to the bus station through the Outlet building.

It will save the State five million euro in an overhead bridge, if it goes "through".

There was a reply to the motion moved by John to pursue the link.

Paul Sherry, General Manager of the Outlet Centre has told the council the property owner is "more than happy" to meet with Bus Eireann and Iarnród Eireann to see if a solution can be found.

All parties must now put their best negotiating skills forward. Let us hope Cllr John is included. It would be transformative for the town and might benefit the Outlet Centre too. I often wonder why our train stations don't make more of themselves. Anyone who has been to Malaga and Paris will see how train stations can also be shopping centres.

Another good idea - a notice board for Killarney - is being pursued by Cllr Marie Moloney. Her idea for an electronic information board at the Market Cross may get funding. The board would be updated weekly, Marie suggests. It is being warmly received by people I speak



with. What marks today's so-called modern age more than anything is not centralisation but fragmentation. The days of turning to the inside back page of the Kerryman to find out everything from what dances or shows were on to cinema and club meetings, are gone. We are left scrambling now between different "platforms". Roll on the notice boards

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

History has a habit of repeating itself. Like Russian Dolls. You pull one out and the next is exactly the same. Until someone does something brave. And paints a different picture. I am beginning to wonder if what is now taking place is really a case of Russian dolls. Each day I go up the steps of Tralee Courthouse, I see the monuments to the dead Kerry men, Protestant and Catholic who died in the Crimean War of the 1850s.

They are listed on the cannon brought back as trophies. The age of the Empire was about trophies.

Russia was getting too big for its boots and the opposing big powers the French, the English and the Ottomans declared war.

Some of the cartoon imagery is uncannily the same as now. Then it was the Russian bear being tied up in Punch; today it is a dam image with Russia threatening to overrun Europe on Facebook.

Are we seriously not questioning the war-outdated rhetoric? And why are we in Ireland being led by the nose by the same nations who led us into the Crimean and then two world wars?

We should be supporting Trump's peace



*Bertie Ahern for
President!*

efforts. Instead we are jumping up and down about "standing by Ukraine" and worrying about mineral rights in a far off land. Bunkum and palaver!

The overblown rhetoric is what drove thousands to their deaths in the previous Crimean war; and all we gained are useless 19th century cannons stuck up outside a 19th century courthouse that itself is no longer fit for purpose. Why are we not marching with the brave step we took in 1998 with the Good Friday agreement? It was remarkable and groundbreaking. We stepped into the 21st century clutching a different trophy. We need to remind ourselves of how awesome that step was. We are not some post-colonial or even post-communist nation stagnating in the past; nor are we any longer the pawn of Empires. Why are we sliding back into their ways? We need to mark that we are the peacemakers. And on that note: Bertie Ahern for President!

SMART CITY PLANS FOR KILLARNEY

Among plans to ease the city like traffic congestion in Killarney are two stand out ideas: a ban on summer road works, and a city style bike scheme.

It will be several years before a much anticipated bypass, already delayed by more than 20 years, will be constructed, - if it does get the funding at all.

New underused bike lanes undertaken on Rock Road last summer worsened the congestion and thankfully we will not be subjected to this in 2025.

"In many ways Killarney is a victim of its own success," Councillor John O'Donoghue told the meeting of Killarney Municipal District where he set down a motion asking for solutions for the chronic congestion, including a city style bike scheme.

July would be too late to be once again discussing the huge delays getting in and through the town, John said.

Planned inner relief roads within the town would bring up to 5,000 cars out of the town, the meeting was told.

However these inner link roads between New and High Streets and Park Road to the N22 would not be in place for this tourist season.

The N22 Farranfore to Killarney Road Project - it is overdue by more than 20 years is the ultimate solution to relieve traffic congestion.

Estimated in 2021 to cost €200 million, it is only advancing to design stage in 2025. And there is still no guarantee of finance.

John had previously put forward "a city style" park and ride scheme for Killarney involving free bikes. This would involve people parking on the outskirts of Killarney "and jumping on one of the bikes" to access the town.

Engineers told him "yes" they would now follow up on the scheme and are to contact existing bike operators.

Additional car parks and signage and a pilot bus scheme are also on the cards.

Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy-Rae put forward a number of kerb amendments and slip roads and these too will be examined, the engineers said - safety allowing.



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Mayor's praise for 'KERRY'S NEW POET LAUREATE'

The Mayor of Killarney has praised a local poet for his passion and dedication to his craft which really shine through in a new book of poems and photographs about Kerry that has just been published.

A former banker now concentrating on the written word, Paul Byrne described his new collection *For The Love of Kerry*, as a real labour of love given that he loves nature and his passions in life include the written word and capturing snapshots of the great outdoors.

The book was officially launched by Mayor Maura Healy-Rae at a reception in Killarney House and she was rich in her praise for the poet whose collection of poetry and images showcase Kerry at its very best.

"Paul has made the transition from banker to bard so seamlessly. He really wanted to capture the joys of Kerry and what surrounds us in nature to bring the spirit, soul and scenery of the county to our hearts and he has succeeded splendidly," she said.

The mayor described Paul Byrne as the new poet laureate of Kerry.

"He has managed to put our beloved county into words in a way that we can all cherish," she said.

Bishop of Kerry, Ray Browne, told the gathering at the launch that the book was a fabulous collection of photographs as well as poetry and he said Paul's words really bring the images to life.

"There is a saying that what a wonderful being the creator must be to unfold such beauty everywhere in creation. Paul's poems and photographs say that out loud," he said.

Bishop Browne said the book brings to mind the three qualities that are linked together in ancient philosophy – truth, goodness and beauty – and it opens the mind of the reader to those three qualities.

"Paul Byrne, the poet and photographer, continues a tradition that goes back centuries, back into the psalms and beyond," the bishop said.

Born in Collooney, Co Sligo in 1967, Paul's family moved to Listowel when he was just a year old and he was educated in Scoil Réalta na Maidine and St Michael's College.

After graduating from UCD, Paul's career in financial services kept him in Dublin but after 25 years involved in senior banking, and a decade in other sales roles, he moved to Killarney three years ago.

His said his new surroundings present the perfect opportunity to enjoy nature and to seek inspiration from Kerry's sheer beauty.

For The Love of Kerry features 36 original and beautifully crafted poems with some stunning accompanying images captured by Paul on his outdoor adventures and driven by his love of literature.

Much of his inspiration was found in Killarney National Park and Paul said what really drives



Poet Paul Byrne with Bridget O'Keeffe, Paul Sherry and Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy-Rae at the launch of his poetry collection "For the love of KERRY" at Killarney House. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Poet Paul Byrne with Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy-Rae, Bishop Ray Browne and Killarney House and Gardens NPWS staff Diana Fawsitt, Bernadette McMahon, Margaret O'Regan, Padruig O'Sullivan and Patsy Foley at the launch of his poetry collection "For the love of KERRY" at Killarney House. Photo: Eamonn Keogh

him is a sense of spirit, soul and scenery.

"I have always enjoyed writing and the magic of the written word. What I put down on paper is all about respect for the place we live in and the people we live alongside," he said.

• *For The Love of Kerry* retails for €15 and it is available at Eason, Killarney and Bricín on High Street and it will be hitting the shelves in other outlets around Kerry very shortly.



Poet Paul Byrne with Geraldine and John O'Mahony, O'Mahony Media, at the launch of his poetry collection "For the love of KERRY" at Killarney House. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Poet Paul Byrne with his daughter Caoimhe Byrne at the launch of his poetry collection "For the love of KERRY" at Killarney House. Photo: Eamonn Keogh

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It was quite fitting that Saturday 8th March, was International Women's Day, as Mary O'Donoghue, launched her first book, 'Fred Healy: The One-Eyed Gunner', along with the help of Mayor of Killarney, Maura Healy Rae. Many of Mary's family, friends, neighbours, dignitaries and representatives of St. Brendan's College gathered in Killarney Library for the special occasion.

This fascinating story is told by first time author, Mary O'Donoghue, Coolcurtoga, Clonkeen. After Mary was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer and having gone through surgery in 2022, she began her recovery at home with her husband Séan, and at the same time she took a keen interest in local genealogy, and a particular interest was sparked in Fred Healy, when he was mentioned on a Nationwide programme. His name could be seen etched on the wall of the Bridewell building in Kanturk Jail. This book tells the fascinating story of Fred Healy, from his youth in Islandmore, the first local railway line, his inspirational Aunt Abbey, to his days fighting in the front line during World War I with his brother Patrick and his revolutionary efforts as a republican in the fight for Irish freedom. As the old Irish saying goes, 'tarraingíonn scéal scéal éile' (one story leads to another) and this is very evident throughout this book. Thanks to Mary's dedication and perseverance, Fred Healy is no longer a forgotten hero.

Both Fred and Mary have fought different battles courageously and their stories have now been interwoven forever more in this valuable piece of historical literature.

Mary has designated Recovery Haven, Cancer Support Group as the beneficiary of all book sales. People will have another opportunity to purchase this book, at the local launch in the Kerryway, Glenflesk @ 8pm Saturday 15th March.



T.D. Michael Moynihan, T.D., Eamon Browne, Killarney Library, Author Mary O'Donoghue and Sean O'Donoghue. Back; T.D. Michael Cahill and Cllr Niall Kelliher. All photos: Seamus Healy



Author Mary O'Donoghue with Dr. Tim Horgan and Michael Moynihan T.D. at Saturdays Book Launch in Killarney Library.



Ann Leacy, Marian Hartnett and Bernadette Noonan attending the Book Launch on Saturday.



Eddie and Threasa Moynihan with granddaughter Aine MacSweeney.



Noreen and Padraig Cashman with Joan Mullane.



St. Brendans College teacher Niamh Sexton with pupils Patrick Mullane, James Ward and Christopher Flynn at last Saturdays Book Launch.



The Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District Cllr Maura Healy Rae with Peggy O'Donoghue and Eileen Healy Rae.



Roger O'Donoghue with Danny Healy Rae and Sean O'Donoghue at the Book launch last Saturday.

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From little acorns...

STAFF PLANT TREES TO MARK NATIONAL TREE WEEK

Staff from Killarney National Park have planted trees to mark National Tree week.

The 600 plants, mainly native sessile Oak, Alder, Willow are located at the Port Road entrance to Knockreer Estate. Front row from left, Siobhan McAllister, left and Tara Buckley from Killarney National Park Nature Education Centre.

This annual event, organized by the Tree Council of Ireland in partnership with Coillte, celebrates the importance of trees and forests in fostering a sustainable future. The theme for 2025 is "Planting Trees, Growing Together,"

Front row from left, Siobhan McAllister, left and Tara Buckley from Killarney National Park Nature Education Centre, back row from left, Danny O'Keeffe, Regional Manager NPWS, Michael Lynch, Knockreer House and Gardens, Brendan O'Neill, Knockreer House and Gardens, Brendan Lynch, Knockreer House and Gardens.



LIEBHERR INSPIRES FUTURE ENGINEERS DURING ENGINEERS WEEK 2025

Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd. was proud to once again support Engineers Ireland's STEPS Engineers Week, an initiative aimed at sparking interest in engineering among young minds. Now in its ninth year of participation, Liebherr welcomed 275 students from 11 schools across Cork and Kerry to its facility for an immersive engineering experience.

The event provided students with a dynamic introduction to engineering careers and the crucial role engineers play in designing and manufacturing Liebherr's industry-leading container cranes. Through an engaging presentation, students gained insights into engineering pathways and the technological advancements shaping the industry. A guided tour of Liebherr's world-class manufacturing facility followed, offering students an exclusive look at cutting-edge engineering in action. They observed the design and fabrication process behind Liebherr cranes, from initial concepts to final assembly. Demonstrations featured state-of-the-art machinery, including automatic welders, high-precision plasma cutting machines, robotic shot blasters, robotic drilling and boring systems, and an advanced

paint facility. These hands-on insights showcased the precision, innovation, and expertise that define Liebherr's engineering excellence

The experience extended into Liebherr's Research and Development centre, where students explored the future of crane technology. They witnessed advancements in automation, remote control, and alternative power sources for rubber tyre gantry cranes. Interactive demonstrations, such as a Creo design showcase, a HoloLens 3D crane simulation, and a mini crane network, provided a tangible look at the latest innovations in engineering. Students also had the rare opportunity to see cranes operate in different modes—autonomous, remote-controlled, and manual—offering a comprehensive understanding of modern crane functionality.



St. Bridget's Students pictured at Liebherr during Engineering week



Liebherr's participation in Engineers Week underscores its ongoing commitment to fostering the next generation of engineers. By providing real-world insights into the industry, the company hopes to inspire students to explore careers in engineering and innovation. With another successful Engineers Week complete, Liebherr looks forward to continuing its engagement in STEM education and inspiring future engineers for years to come.

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NEW BOOK *based on memoir of leading Kerry republican and revolutionary*

The dramatic life and times of a prominent Kerry IRA leader and lifelong republican are published in a new book by historian and author, Dr Owen O'Shea.

The memoirs of Dan Mulvihill, which he wrote shortly before he died, which remained unpublished for fifty years, chart his central role in many of the most important events in twentieth-century Ireland.

Mulvihill from Brackhill, Castlemaine, was an IRA volunteer who fought the Black and Tans, a loyal ally of Éamon de Valera – who he smuggled out of Dublin at the beginning of the Civil War – a fervent opponent of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, a member of Liam Lynch's staff in the anti-Treaty IRA, a prisoner and hunger striker, a spy and intelligence officer.

In later years, he adjudicated on the pension applications of IRA and Cumann na mBan veterans from all over Ireland and campaigned passionately for better rights and remuneration for those who took part in the fight for Irish freedom.

"Mulvihill's unpublished memoir, running to 20,000 words, first came to my attention when I was researching the Ballymacandry ambush of 1921 a few years ago. I discovered that he had tried but failed to publish the memoir before his death in 1985 and I am delighted to be able to bring his story to light.

"He was a pivotal figure in the revolution in Kerry but was also central to



Dan Mulvihill (back, centre) pictured at the handover of Spike Island in 1938. Taoiseach Éamon de Valera is pictured on left



Dan Mulvihill (back, centre) pictured at the handover of Spike Island in 1938. Taoiseach Éamon de Valera is pictured on left.



national events during the revolutionary period, alongside figures like Éamon de Valera, Michael Collins, Harry Boland, Liam Lynch, Emmet Dalton and Tom Barry," said Owen O'Shea.

During the truce which followed the War of Independence, Mulvihill was appointed Liaison Officer for County Kerry, entrusted with keeping the peace in cooperation with his sworn enemies in the RIC and the British Army. During the Second World War, he spied on those suspected of supporting the British and Nazi war efforts and reported to army leader, Florrie O'Donoghue, in Dublin as part of a secret espionage network. He later served on the powerful Board of Assessors with the Department of Defence which adjudicated on the pension applications of the veterans of wars in which they had been involved.

The book will be launched on Saturday 29 March at 8.00pm at the Muintir na Tire Hall in Milltown.

Guest speaker at the launch will be the former editor of the Irish Independent, Stephen Rae, a native of Castlemaine, who recorded an interview with Dan Mulvihill shortly before his death. Stephen Rae's grandfather, also Stephen, was a leading figure in the Kerry IRA during the War of Independence. The launch will feature a celebration of Mulvihill's life in stories, poetry, music and song.

"That Mulvihill was from my home parish and that he wanted to publish his story, makes the writing of this book such an honour," said Owen. "A self-styled maverick and committed revolutionary, he was a largely forgotten figure in Irish history until now. This is Mulvihill in his own words, unrepentant and revealing, from joining the Volunteers in his youth, to his trenchant views on the Troubles in Northern Ireland as he approached the end of his life," said Owen.

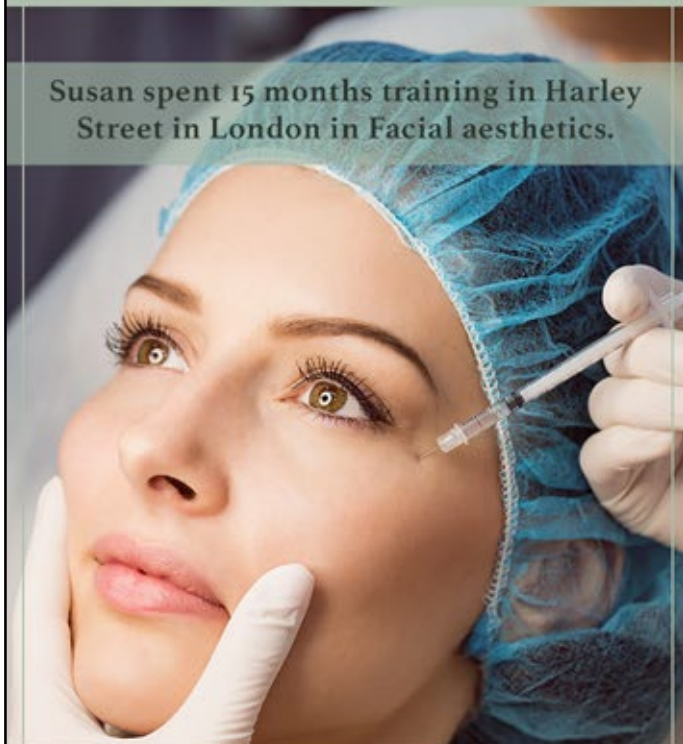
One Man's Ireland: Memoirs of Dan Mulvihill, Maverick Republican is published by Merrion Press and will be available in bookshops across Kerry from next week as well as online at owenoshea.ie and at the book launch on 29 March.

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Generous Staff at Daly's Super Valu

continue to keep Kerry Cancer Support Groups services on the Road

Daly's Supervalu staff in Killarney have once again shown their commitment to supporting local charities, raising an impressive €1700 for Kerry Cancer Support Group's Healthlink transport services during their annual Christmas Jumper Day. This festive event not only brightened the workplace but also contributed vital funds to a cause that directly benefits the local community.

For the past seven years, Daly's employees have organised various fundraising initiatives to support the Kerry Cancer Support Group, demonstrating their unwavering dedication to making a difference. Their latest effort will aid the daily operation of the Healthlink transport service, which provides essential transportation for patients traveling to Cork and Limerick for cancer treatment.

Breda Dyland, representing Kerry Cancer Support Group, expressed deep gratitude for the continued generosity of Daly's staff and all those who contributed to the event. "We are incredibly thankful for the ongoing support from Daly's. Their fundraising efforts over the years have made a real impact on local people who rely on our services. This donation will directly help in ensuring our Healthlink transport continues to operate, providing a crucial lifeline to those undergoing treatment." Daly's management and staff are proud to be part of a meaningful cause, reinforcing their commitment to community engagement and



Staff at Daly's Supervalu who presented €1700 to Breda Dyland, Kerry Cancer Support Group.

social responsibility. They extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and donated, making the event another resounding success.

Kerry Cancer Support Group was established in 2007 and has been transporting the people of Kerry, West Cork and West Limerick to hospitals in Cork and Limerick for their cancer related treatments since 2010. Their motto is that "No one should face their cancer journey alone"

and having transported over 75% of those diagnosed in the region since foundation they hope that they are living up to this. They also provide information and support to families experiencing cancer and to schools and groups in the region with their different campaigns. Their centre at Maine Street in Tralee is very welcoming and people are always encouraged to drop in to discuss anything relating to their journey. Call 066-7195560 for information.

Emer Returns as Kerry Writer in Residence



Kerry County Council Arts Office supported by the Arts Council is delighted to announce that Emer Fallon will return as Kerry Writer in Residence in 2025. The residency programme is delivered as part of a co-funded arts programme to promote access to, participation in, and standards of practice in creative writing. During the residency, the artist helps mentor peers in addition to creating opportunities for people to get actively involved in creative writing. Emer took part in her first residency in 2024, which was a

huge success. 'We welcome all ages and abilities. This residency provides the time, expertise and space for anyone to try creative writing', stated Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer.

Emer is a poet and fiction writer with a keen interest in climate and the environment and she explored these topics in her 2024 residency with her Writers on the bus project. This unique project highlighted the service provided by Local Link Kerry, while connecting new and established writers and providing them with a platform to share and showcase their work. The project culminated in 12 written pieces being chosen for display on Kerry's Local Link buses, and these creative works can be spotted out and about until late March.



Liadan Coleman, Sinead O'Leary from St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School, Killarney, Kerry exhibited at the 2025 Certified Irish Angus Schools Competition at Croke Park on Friday 7th of March. The competition, supported by ABP and Kepak, challenges students to rear five Irish Angus calves and learn about the care and attention required to produce quality beef for consumers. Five out of the forty-six exhibiting schools that best demonstrate an understanding of the project along with innovative ideas will be presented with Irish Angus calves at the National Ploughing Championships in September 2025.

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€850,000 ALLOCATED TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND PROJECTS ACROSS KERRY UNDER COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

Kerry County Council has announced details of the allocation of €850,000 in funding support for community groups and projects across the county under the Community Support Fund for 2025. A total of 259 groups and projects received funding in 2025.

Since 2020, over €40 million was leveraged from other national grant sources as a result of the strategic allocation of resources under the Community Support Fund.

The fund, which is in its eleventh year, has now supported 2,972 projects since 2015 to the value of €8m. As occurred in previous years, some of the Community Support Fund will be used this year to target strategic projects in the five municipal districts and to co-fund projects which are in receipt of grants from other sources.

Councillors in the five Municipal Districts met during the past week to decide on the allocations and unanimously welcomed the provision of support to the recipients. Councillors congratulated all the community groups and acknowledged the tremendous voluntary work that these groups do.

Community Support Fund 2025



- Killarney Municipal District meeting - 7th March, 2025 - Approved Allocations

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KASI, CLG. - Killarney Immigrant support Centre €1,000.00
Kerry Martial Arts events €1,000.00
Killarney Bridge Congress €1,200.00
Killarney Canine Club €1,000.00
Killarney Cardiac Response Unit €2,000.00

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KWOTE (Killarney Women's Organisation for Training & Empowerment) €500.00

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Clarín Wood Residents Association Rathmore €750.00
Spa Killarney GAA Club €506.50
Kerry Cancer Support Group Countywide €1,584.00
Nonfaction Countywide €129.00
Street Feast Kerry Countywide €324.00

And they're off....

Gleneagle Concert Band hold Race Night

The Gleneagle Concert Band will host a fundraising race night on Friday, March 21 at 7:30 pm at Gleneagle to raise funds for their concert tour to Spain in July 2025.

The Killarney-based community band, now in its 44th year, will perform joint concerts with the Midleton Concert Band in Seville and Gibraltar under the baton of band conductor Robert O'Brien. This will be the band's eighth foreign tour following visits to Holland, Germany and Sweden in the 1980s, Austria in 2002, Paris in 2007, Lisbon in 2013, and Monaco and Cannes in 2017.

Band Manager Ciaran Lynch said: "The band will perform an open-air concert in the centre of Seville. This will be a wonderful spectacle as close to 80 musicians will be performing on stage between our own band and the Midleton Concert Band. This tour will be an amazing musical and cultural experience for band members and we are extremely proud to represent Killarney and Kerry abroad."

Music Development Officer Vincent Condon said: "There are many costs involved when taking a band on a foreign concert tour. Members pay for their own flights and accommodation, but the band must fundraise to

book concert venues, hire percussion equipment, transport instruments and music stands, bus hire, insurance, etc. Parents and band members have been working tirelessly to fundraise for the trip and will visit businesses in Killarney throughout March to sell ads for our race night programme. We are appealing to local businesses to support Killarney's town band, and any assistance will be greatly appreciated. A half-page ad for the race night programme is €75, a full-page ad is €120, and to sponsor a race is €250."

Inquiries regarding the race night or parents who wish to enrol their child in lessons in the Gleneagle School of Music and/ or as a member of the Gleneagle Concert Band can contact the band at 087 2229513. Past members and adults with previous musical experience are also welcome to join.





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PARENTING THE TECH-SAVVY CHILD WITH DR. RICHARD HOGAN

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Parents are invited to the Killarney Plaza Hotel, on Thursday March 20th at 7pm for a very important talk on supporting their children in this new digital age. The renowned family psychologist and regular media contributor, Dr Richard Hogan, will provide a very insightful presentation on parenting the tech-savvy child. The event is organised by the Gaelscoil Faithleann Parents Council (Cairde na Scoile), and is open to all parents of primary and secondary school children.

Speaking about the event, Dr Hogan said, "I am really looking forward to meeting everyone in Killarney and I will discuss how to develop a harmonious home with that tech savvy child. It's the issue facing all parents and everything I look at is based on my own experience as a parent, and from my work in schools over 25 years. This event in Killarney will be very open and we can interact with each other and people can ask me any questions they wish.

According to Mary Carroll, Chairperson of the Gaelscoil Faithleann Parents Council, "We were looking for a guest speaker who would really inform parents on the issues affecting them today and we are delighted that we could organise Dr Richard Hogan to come to

Killarney. His work in the media is followed by many, and his advice is practical and relevant for parents today. He will provide practical tips for addressing the challenges of social media, gaming, and technology use in everyday family life. This event is open to all parents in all schools, and we welcome everyone to attend. Places are limited so make sure to book in advance on bit.ly/richardhogan to secure a seat."

Mary continued, "The number one issue for all parents at the moment, is how to manage screentime in this new digital age, and this is an opportunity to hear from an expert and ask any questions that you have. We will provide the facility to ask questions anonymously by having a question box, which Dr. Hogan will go through and answer during his presentation."

Mary added, "Dr. Hogan will share his expert advice on balancing screen time, promoting healthy digital habits, and fostering strong communication with tech-empowered children. Whether you're concerned about the impact of technology on your child's well-being or looking for strategies to integrate tech use into a healthy family routine, this event is for you."

Tickets are €10 and can be booked at bit.ly/richardhogan or pay cash at the door.



Event Details:

Date: Thursday, 20th March 2025

Time: 7pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

Location: Plaza Hotel, Killarney

Tickets: €10 at bit.ly/richardhogan or cash at the door

Celebrating Women in the Workplace with a Special International Women's Day Coffee Morning

Gleneagle has been recognised as a Best Workplace for Women 2025, an accolade that celebrates organisations that foster an inclusive, supportive, and empowering work environment for women.

This recognition follows Gleneagle's recent achievement of being named among Ireland's Top 20 Best Large Workplaces at the Great Place to Work Best Workplaces Awards 2025. To celebrate the achievement and International Women's Day, employees gathered for a special coffee morning to recognise the contributions of women in the workplace.

Eilis Loughrey, Director of People and Culture at Gleneagle, said: "At Gleneagle, we are passionate about creating an environment where women feel supported, valued, and empowered to succeed. Being named a Best Workplace for Women 2025 reinforces our commitment to fair opportunities, career progression, and work-life balance for all employees. Today's coffee morning was a fantastic way to celebrate our incredible team and the role of women in shaping our workplace culture."

The Best Workplaces for Women award recognises companies that go beyond providing a great workplace for all and take additional steps to ensure fair pay, recognition, leadership opportunities, and work-life balance for women. Organisations must meet key benchmarks, including female representation in leadership, strong employee trust levels among women, and inclusive workplace policies.



Gleneagle employees including Managing Director Patrick O'Donoghue pictured as Gleneagle Killarney celebrated Women in the Workplace with a Special International Women's Day Coffee Morning on Thursday. Gleneagle has been recognised as a Best Workplace for Women 2025, an accolade that celebrates organisations that foster an inclusive, supportive, and empowering work environment for women. Photo: Don MacMonagle

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FREE EVENT



13th March 7.00pm

An Evening of Artistic Performance with West End House School of Arts

Join us for our opening event of St. Patrick's Festival 2025 that includes, drama, comedy and music with light refreshments!

TICKETED EVENT



Tickets €5.00 | Doors 6.45pm | Great Southern Hotel Auditorium

15th March 12.00pm

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Ducks €5.00 | Start - Demesne Playground

16th March 12.00pm

ABLEFEST Killarney - MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL -

Beech Road car Park, Killarney

Ablefest is an inclusive music and arts festival for people with additional needs, their families and friends. Ablefest celebrates all abilities & encourages inclusivity across all ages. Acclaimed country singer **Jake Carter** will headline the event with many other local musicians and entertainers taking part. This exciting event will run from 12 noon to 4pm.

Adults: €25 | Child (U16): €10 | Carers: Free
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TICKETED EVENT



17th March 4.00pm

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Flesk Valley Indoor Rowing at the Killarney Racecourse

On Sunday last (March 9th) Flesk Valley Rowing Club in association with the Kerry Coastal Rowing Association hosted an indoor rowing competition at the Killarney Racecourse. In a venue more renowned for the dulcet sounds of traditional music and dance, the relentless cadence of rowing machines dominated on Sunday. Welcoming ten clubs from as far afield as Cahersiveen and Ballinacurra in County Cork, the event proved a great success, with competitive racing from Masters to u12 beginners. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the relay showdown between the appropriately named 'Legends' and the mixed under 18 crews of the participating clubs. On this occasion, perhaps not surprisingly, experience won out.

Speaking after the event, the Flesk Valley chairman, John Fleming (himself a medal winner on the day!) said that the club

was delighted with the success of the event and thanked the Kerry Coastal Rowing Association, the Irish Coastal Rowing Federation and participating clubs for their support. 'This is our first time running an event like this and there was a fantastic atmosphere in the venue all day. The racing was very competitive but there was also great camaraderie and fun amongst all the clubs which is every bit as important'.

John thanked the members of his own club who organised and ran the event, 'We have a very enthusiastic and proactive committee in the club, and we get great support from parents and rowers whenever we ask for it'.

John went on to thank Celtic Steps and the Killarney Racecourse for their encouragement and support in hosting this event, and he expressed optimism that it might become a fixture on the Kerry rowing calendar in the future.



Flesk Valley members celebrating Patrick Mullane's birthday at the KCRA Indoor Rowing event held at the Killarney Racecourse on Sunday 9th March. L-R: Cormac Flanagan, Doireann Kelly, Dara Flanagan, Patrick Mullane, Caoimhe Kelly, Saoirse Sweeney, Clíodhna Sweeney, Aine Ni Lionaird and Clodagh Flanagan.



Medal winners in the Senior Men's 1000 metres at the KCRA Indoor Rowing event held at the Killarney Racecourse on Sunday 9th March.

L-R: John Allman (Fossa), Jude Buckley (Ballinacurra) and Adam Counihan (Flesk Valley).



Girls U14 500 metres medal winners at the KCRA Indoor Rowing event held at the Killarney Racecourse on Sunday 9th March.

L-R: Roisin O'Donoghue (Workmen), Orlaith O'Sullivan and Orla Brosnan (both Flesk Valley)



Flesk Valley members enjoying the KCRA Indoor Rowing event held at the Killarney Racecourse on Sunday 9th March. L-R: Clodagh Flanagan, Holly Heffernan, Aine Ni Lionaird and Meabh Darcy.



Lining up for the start of the Masters Men 500m L-R: Timmy Moynihan (Workmen), Richard Leane (Flesk Valley), Declan Madden (Fossa), John Fleming (Flesk Valley), Kieran Coffey (Fossa), Paul Burke (Flesk Valley), Kieran Counihan (Flesk Valley), at the KCRA Indoor Rowing event held at the Killarney Racecourse on Sunday 9th March.



Girls U16 1000 meters medal winners: Blathnaid O'Connell (Flesk Valley), Kayla Wharton and Paula Prudnikovaite (both Workmen) at the KCRA Indoor Rowing event held at the Killarney Racecourse on Sunday 9th March.



U12 Girls medal winners: Orla Daly (Fossa), Zarah Tomlinson and Carolena Kelly (both Flesk Valley) at the KCRA Indoor Rowing event held at the Killarney Racecourse on Sunday 9th March.

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Killarney Women's Organisation for Training & Empowerment.

Our monthly meeting will be held on the 19th March at 7pm in the Parish Centre next to the Church of the Resurrection.

COFFEE MORNING

Glenflesk LGFA are bringing the community together for a coffee morning on Saturday 22nd of March in The Kerry Way. All proceeds donated to the Lenihan Family to help rebuild their home. All are welcome! Your support would be greatly appreciated.

STORIED KERRY TUREENCAHILL

is looking for photographs and memorabilia to support their project, "The History and Future of Tureencahill Community Centre." If you have any items that reflect your time at the school or your attendance at events in the centre, we would love to include them. Please share your digital or hard copies of your photographs etc with us by 31st March. For more information, or to arrange sharing your items, please contact: Margaret – 087 7428274 Kathleen – 087 0576107 .

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

Kingdom of Kerry Greenways Celebrates Two Years of Growth, Community Impact, and Sustainable Tourism

The Kingdom of Kerry Greenways proudly marks its two-year anniversary, celebrating the successful transformation of historic railway lines into a vibrant network of scenic routes that have attracted thousands of visitors to Tralee and North Kerry.

In addition to this milestone, it has been announced that the Kingdom of Kerry Greenways will receive €8.25 million in funding for further development this year. This is part of a national €67 million investment in greenways and Active Travel infrastructure through Transport Infrastructure Ireland in 2025.

Since opening, the Greenways have become a key destination for outdoor enthusiasts, nature lovers, and history buffs, contributing significantly to the local economy and community well-being. Local businesses, particularly bike hire services and hospitality outlets, have experienced substantial growth, helping to extend the tourism season and provide year-round opportunities for residents and visitors to explore the area.

The development of the Fenit Park Run along the Greenway has also grown into a notable local event, attracting even more visitors and fostering a sense of community. The Greenways have created a unique blend of recreation, hospitality, and cultural heritage, all while promoting sustainable tourism.



Celebrating two years of Kingdom of Kerry Greenways are Mayor of Tralee, Cllr Mikey Sheehy, Brian Haslett & Mark Irvine, The Gourmet Boys, from Belfast and Deputy Mayor of Listowel, Cllr Michael Leane.
Photo: Pauline Dennigan

KILLARNEY VALLEY CLASSIC AND VINTAGE LAUNCHES CLUB MERCHANDISE

The Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage (KVCV) club has launched a new range of club merchandise. To purchase any of the merchandise please contact Tim on 087 3381842.

- Baseball Hats: €15
- Beanie Hats: €15
- Polo Shirts: €50
- Gilets: €50
- Jackets: €60

New merchandise coming up on the pipeline!



Members Tim Clifford and Bernie Privett unveiled the items, alongside Humphrey the Mannequin

KERRY FAMILY HITS JACKPOT

A family syndicate of six from Kerry hit the jackpot, matching all Lotto numbers in the Wednesday, 19th February draw. The head of the syndicate purchased the winning Quick Pick ticket from Keane's SuperValu in Killorglin.



One family member recalled his experience: "I was listening to Radio Kerry and heard the Lotto was won in Kerry. I didn't think much of it at the time, but I knew my wife had bought her weekly ticket for the draw. When I got home, I asked her if she had checked the tickets yet – she hadn't. So, we got the numbers online and went through the prize breakdown."

Scanning through the numbers, "I think we've won €100,000", she exclaimed. He laughed and replied, "You've won a lot more than €100,000", realising they had secured the top prize of €2,274,988. The family called an immediate meeting to share the incredible news and celebrated through the weekend.

The syndicate plans to spend their winnings on a variety of things; a new kitchen, holiday, windows, home improvements and more. There's no doubt that they will continue to play too - "You still owe me €3" one member joked to another for their next purchase of tickets.

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Adrian Stehr, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Collection, Yvonne Higgins - Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland and Michael Brennan, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Collection.

THE EUROPE HOTEL & RESORT IS DELIGHTED TO PRESENT A CHEQUE OF €8,200 TO YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION IRELAND (Y.S.P.I.). THEIR CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER IN DECEMBER 2024 RAISED €4,100, WHICH THE COMPANY GENEROUSLY MATCHED WITH AN ADDITIONAL DONATION.

Since 2020, The Europe Hotel & Resort has raised and donated to various charities bringing total donations to €40,000.

'All of us at Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland are so grateful to The Europe Hotel & Resort for their wonderful support in collecting such an amazing amount of money and helping raise awareness for the work we do through the bear appeal. These are challenging times for all charities and the money raised will help us continue to provide our vital youth mental health awareness and suicide prevention services to schools, colleges, parents, teachers, students and youth organisations throughout the country.' - Tony Philpott – CEO of YSPI.

In December 2024, The Europe Hotel & Resort was delighted to welcome back Bertie Bear and his

cousin, Charlie Bear who always come to stay at the five-star hotel for the festive season! As well as the families getting together, the two cousins like to do something to help others and in December they chose to support YSPI as the hotel's annual Christmas charity.

YSPI is focused on delivering mental health awareness and suicide prevention programs to schools and colleges. Facilitators work directly with students to promote awareness, provide skills and advice, and offer support to teachers and staff as needed. They offer a wide range of online resources, including online training and publications on youth self-harm and suicide. Additionally, they operate a FreeText service, allowing individuals in crisis to text the information service free of charge. They also provide funding for immediate crisis counselling access for at-risk teenagers. Facilitators and volunteers organize outreach events and awareness campaigns nationwide for parents, community organizations, and voluntary groups.

Find out more at <https://yspi.ie/>

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Strictly Goes Country At the INEC

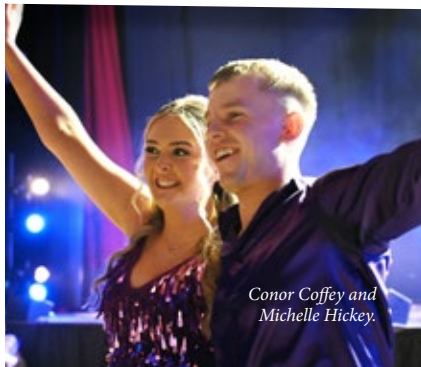
Strictly Goes Country At The Inec In Aid Of The Irish Cancer Society



Winners Kianan O'Doherty and Séanagh Cronin celebrate with the participants and committee members at Strictly Goes Country final in aid of the Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch in the INEC on Saturday night.
PHOTOS BY MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN.



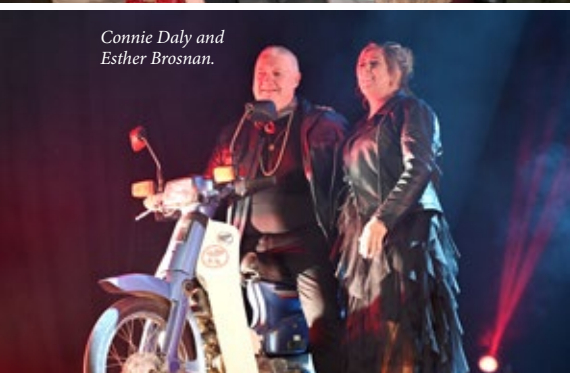
Winner Kianan O'Doherty celebrates with his parents Donal and Linda, Grandmother Noreen and sister Aoibhe Aoibhe.



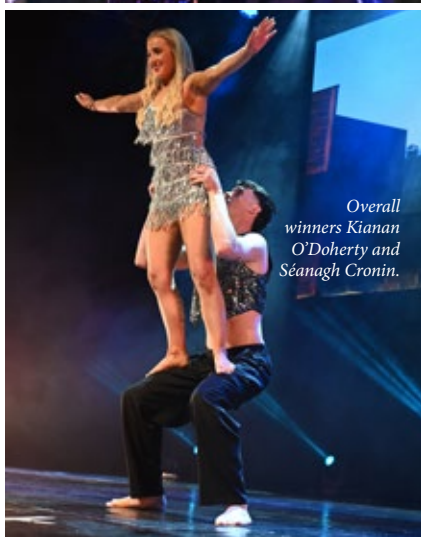
Conor Coffey and Michelle Hickey.



Competitor Frank Doran with his wife Geraldine.



Connie Daly and Esther Brosnan.



Overall winners Kianan O'Doherty and Séanagh Cronin.



Padraig O'Callaghan and Nicole Coffey.



P J Reidy and AnnaMarie O'Donoghue.



Adrian Kelliher and Joanna Hughes.



Padraig O'Callaghan and Nicole Coffey.

Strictly Goes Country At the INEC



The Culloty sisters Maria Cronin, Patricia Ryan, Geraldine Murphy, Carmel (back from left) Martina Cronin and Kathleen Cronin with Evelyn O'Halloran, Eva Cronin, Brenda Murphy and Brid Ryan supporters of Michelle Hickey



Judges Orna Cleary, David Rea, Aoife Twomey and Danny Leane in Strictly Goes Country final in aid of the Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch in the INEC on Saturday night.



Mary, Adrian and Amber Fleming.



Claudia Buckley and John O'Brien.



Margaret Daly, Aibeen McCarthy, Angela Daly, Chloe McCarthy (back from left) Claire Buckley, Katie and Lily Buckley and Christina McCarthy voting for Grandad Connie Daly.



Dale McCarthy and Norreta Slattery.



Killarney Branch Irish Cancer Society committee members Kathyne Breen, Eugene O'Sullivan Chairman, Kathleen O'Shea, Elenor O'Doherty, Nornia Talbot and Shaun McSweeney.



Dan and Anne Cahill Rathmore, Assumpta Somers Killarney (back left) Katherine Cronin Killarney and Eileen Cahill Rathmore.



Frank Doran and Teresa Mangan.



Supporters of Esther Brosnan and Connie Daly.



PJ Reidy and AnnaMarie O'Donoghue.



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Chorus 1 behind the scenes -

(Back Row - left to right): Andrea Castro Salgado, Andrea Hernandez Benito, Maria Velez Martin, Amalia Hernandez Benito

(Front Row L-R): Muireann Fenton, Fia Brosnan, Eimear Dennehy, Grace O'Keeffe



Belle (Ciara Hughes) with father Maurice (Fionnán O'Donoghue) on stage

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Shines in Spectacular Production of *'Belle'*

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra has once again proven its dedication to the arts with a dazzling production of 'Belle' which captivated audiences over two nights of packed performances and matinees for the local primary schools. Held in the school gym, the production showcased the incredible talent, hard work, and dedication of students, staff and the wider school community. From the moment the curtain rose, the audience was transported into the enchanted world of 'Belle', with stunning set designs, vibrant costumes, and outstanding musical numbers. Under the expert direction of music teacher Rebecca Stryker, the cast delivered performances full of energy, emotion, and professionalism beyond their years.

Principal Mairéad Lucey, praised the production, stating, "This show is a testament to the creativity and passion of our students and staff. It highlights not only their artistic abilities but also teamwork, commitment and their willingness to give more than just class time and she encouraged students to build on the confidence they have developed throughout the rehearsal process and final production. Mairéad also thanked the wider school community who 'rallied behind the musical and enabled our talented students to tread the boards'.

Behind the scenes, the dedication of the musical committee and production team, including the choreographer, set and costume designers, and technical crews, was instrumental in bringing the musical to life. Parents, students, and members of the community praised the production and were particularly impressed by the energy of the performers and the high-quality production values. Rebecca Stryker who directed the show, conveyed her sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this production such a remarkable success. "A sincere thanks to our incredible students and staff for their hard work, to our community for showing up in such large numbers and to our sponsors and school management for their support."



The Lead Cast with teachers

Front row from left - Alannah McIlroy, Caoimhe O Donovan, Lainey Harty, Ciara Hughes (Belle), Karolina Toporowska, Fionnán O Donoghue.

Back row from left - Rebecca Twomey (Choreographer), Aoife Murphy, Ava Twomey, Christine Moynihan, Elaina Brosnan, Denis Lenihan (Beast), Áine Fitzpatrick, Ezekiel Mobolaji, Ali Doyle, Tommy O Connor, Rebecca Stryker (Director).



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RATHMORE HOST IRELAND'S FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Rathmore GAA Club



Pictured at Rathmore St Patrick Day parade on Sunday last was Grand Marshall Danielle O'Leary and East Kerry Person of the Year Michael O'Mahony

With Mother Nature on their side, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Rathmore pulled out all the stops to hold Ireland's First St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Grand Marshal on the day was Danielle O'Leary, Kerry Ladies Footballer. The organisers would like to say thank you to everyone who helped out for parade.

Thank you to all those who were involved stewarding, serving refreshments, litter picking, Martin Buckley for sound, Paudie Cronin

for viewing stage and Diarmuid Mc Carthy for doing an amazing job as MC and to the amazing committee who organised such a brilliant day. Thank you to all the participants in the parade which couldn't have been held without you. Thank you to all our politicians and Fr Pat O'Donnell and of course our amazing Grand Marshall Danielle O'Leary who is a inspiration to us all.

Finally thank you to anyone else who helped out in any way and St Patrick himself who showed up himself today.



Pictured at Rathmore St Patrick Day parade on Sunday last last Mayor of Killarney MD Cllr Maura Healy Red, Michael O'Mahony Rathmore East Kerry Person of the Year



Donald Trump made an appearance



Danielle O'Leary was the Grand Marshal





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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

MULTI AREA STATION MASS

Multi Area Station Mass for Anabla Area on Wednesday 19th March @ 7.30pm in Anabla School. Townlands include Anabla, Inch, Tournanough, Lyretough, Raheen. Milleen, Maulyarkane and Knockmanaugh.

Clashnagarrane Area in the Parish Centre on Thursday 20th March @ 7.30pm. Townlands include Clashnagarrane, Rathanane, Knockancore, Clydine, Knockataggle, Glebe, Cockhill, Ballinamanagh and Inchicullane Mastergeeha/Glounonea Area in the club house on Monday 24th March @ 7.30pm; Coolick School Area in school on Thursday 3rd April @ 7.30pm.

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí will take place in Causeway this year from the 18th to the 25th May. Set, Ceili & Sean nòs dancing Sunday 18th May. Music, song, Scèalaíochta & Comhrà Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May. An inaugural Cuimsiù Competition, from Kerry CCÉ, for members with a disability or additional needs will also be held at this year's County Fleadh Cheoil. Entry forms for all competitions are available in The Rural Development Office. Entries to branch Secretary (Rural Development Office) no later than 12 Noon on Friday 21st March.

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí Programme

If any youth member of the branch wants to give a youth contribution for inclusion in the Fleadh programme in May, please contact the branch secretary Geraldine Pigott for details.

Kerry CCÉ

Kerry CCÉ will hold a church gate collection for Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd March. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

Our Seniors completed their East Kerry league with a final round loss to Gneeveguilla in a high scoring affair. A Philip O'Leary goal in the first half saw Kilcummin trail at the break by the bare minimum 1-9 to 1-8. O'Leary would add his second goal after the break, while Pdraig Moynihan also raised a green flag but Gneeveguilla held on to win 2-18 to 3-14.

COUNTY LEAGUE

The Credit Union County Football Leagues get underway next weekend with both our teams playing at home on Sunday 16th. Our Seniors will host Kerins O Rahilly's at 3pm while our B team will host Austin Stacks C at 12.30pm.

EAST KERRY ALL STARS

Following on from a successful run in the 2024 O'Donoghue Cup it was great to see so many Kilcummin players recognised as we picked up six East Kerry All Star Awards last Friday night at in the Gleneagle Hotel. Congratulations to Dara Stack, Dara O'Callaghan, Matt Keane, Kevin Gorman, Philip O'Leary and Sean O'Leary for their All Star wins and to

James Williams for being nominated. It's a great testament to the talent we have in the Club and the awards are all so well deserved. Thanks to everyone who attended on the night.

MINOR

There was heartbreak for our Minors on Saturday as they were eliminated from the Keane's SuperValu Minor Club Football Cup losing out to Beale in a penalty shootout. Kilcummin made a slow start to the game and trailed 1-7 to 0-4 at the break but played some brilliant football in the second half to get the game level at full time. In extra time they pushed on to a 3 point lead but the North Kerry side found an extra gear late on and with help from a 2 point score pushed the game to penalties. Despite their best efforts it was Beale that won out. Best of luck to Beale who now face Duagh in the county club final.

UNDER 14

Our Under 14's travelled to Healy Park on Sunday to take on Kerins O Rahilly's in their first ever match under the new FRC rules ahead of their county league opener in a few weeks. Many thanks to our hosts for what proved a very useful exercise for both teams.

KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

There was one winners of our lotto on Monday 10th March for the Jackpot of €2,250. Numbers drawn were 04,11,19,30. Congratulations to Margaret Blake. Our next draw will be on Monday 24th March for Jackpot of €2,500.

CONDOLENCES

To the McCarthy and Gallivan families on the passing of Maime McCarthy, the mother of Maura and the grandmother of both club underage players Conor and Jerry. May She Rest In Peace.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please contact Donal by emailing pro.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie or Text/WhatsApp 087-7023681 before 8pm on Sundays.

MASTERGEEHA F.C

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 7th March 2025 of the Jackpot €5,200. Numbers drawn were 03, 07, 10, 26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Marc McCarthy, Glounacopple; John O'Callaghan online; Sheila O'Leary, Inch, Kilcummin; Ann McCarthy, Annual ticket. The next draw will be on Friday 14th March for Jackpot of €5,400.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to the U11 mixed basketball team who played Fossa, Currow and Kenmare in the group stage and now qualifies for the County Semi-Final next weekend in Duagh. Thanks to their coaches and parents for their support.

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Senior men will be away to Spa, Sunday, 16th March in round 1, Co League, Division 1.

Senior men will be home to Ballylongford, Sunday, 16th March in round 1, Co League, Division 6. Times to be confirmed

RESULTS

Minor Men Club Championship semi-final: Beaufort 1.05 Fossa 1.08

Mid Kerry Senior League semi-final: Beaufort 1.19 Glenbeigh/Glencar 1.10

LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €5,000 will be on Sunday, 16th March in Beaufort Bar. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5.

They are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for supporting our lotto.

SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

Entries can be done in the month of March. Predict the score of 24 sporting events of 2025. Sheets are available from usual sellers, shops and public houses or any committee member. The quiz will be online from this week. One entry is €20. 3 for €50. Syndicate entries also welcome.



Joan and Kerry Barrett with Author Mary O Donoghue at the Book Launch.

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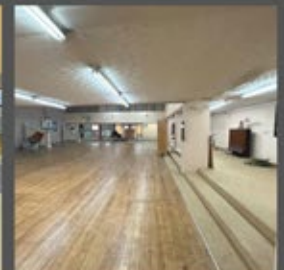
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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

MINOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Hard luck to the Minor team who lost out to An Ghaeltacht in the semi final on a scoreline of 2:13 to 2:08 last weekend. Best of luck to An Ghaeltacht in the final.

BOOK LAUNCH

Congratulations to Mary O'Donoghue, Clonkeen who launched her book last weekend in Killarney Library about Glenflesk IRA soldier Fred Healy. A local launch is scheduled in The Kerry Way this Saturday 15th of March at 8pm. All proceeds will benefit Recovery Haven Kerry.

COFFEE MORNING

Glenflesk LGFA are bringing the community together for a coffee morning on Saturday 22nd of March in The Kerry Way. All proceeds donated to the Lenihan Family to help rebuild their home. All are welcome! Your support would be greatly appreciated.

EAST KERRY ALL STARS

Congratulations to Dylan Roche who was selected on the East Kerry All Star team for the 2024 O'Donoghue Cup.

LOTTO

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 03/03/25. Jackpot €5,200. Numbers drawn: 2, 7, 13, 26. Consolation prizes of €50: Noreen Murphy (On Line), Sean Kelly (c/o Brendan Brosnan), Brendan Brosnan (Sellers Prize), Fionnuala Kelly, Shronedraugh. Next draw will take

place on 18/3/25. Jackpot €5,400. Thanks to all who support our Lotto, our sellers & Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating for sponsoring the tickets.

BASKETBALL

Well done to Dara O'Sullivan on being selected to play with the Kerry U14 basketball team this year.

KERRY HURLERS

Luke Crowley scored 4 points for the Kerry senior hurlers against Down last weekend in the final game of their Division 2 campaign. They were narrowly beaten 1-23 to 0-28.

SOCIAL DANCING

4 week dance class commencing 13th of March in Spa GAA Clubhouse. Waltzing, Line Dancing, Quickstep, Jiving, Foxtrots & Social Dancing. Great atmosphere and fun. No partner required. All welcome! For booking contact 087 7541631

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is now due and can be purchased on the Clubforce App. Membership can also be paid at O'Briens, Glenflesk and O'Donoghue's, Barraduff. Forms and envelopes in store.

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE FIXTURE

Spa versus Beaufort at 3pm in Spa Sunday 16th March

KEANES SUPERVALU MINOR FOOTBALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP C SHIELD FINAL FIXTURE

Spa versus Milltown / Castlemaine Saturday 22nd March at 3pm venue TBC

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Come join us to celebrate Meeting Point: Mission Road, Killarney Parade Position: TBC. Start Time: 14:00 - please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start time. Who is Invited: All underage players, parents and grandparents. What to Wear: Spa colours are essential. Please bring a flag if you have one also

UP AND ACTIVE EASTER CAMP

Runs from 14th of April to the 18th of April from 9am to 1pm. It is €70 per child and €60 per subsequent siblings. Contact 087 1496951 to book a place.

ACADEMY

Our Academy is back in action on Saturday mornings between 10-11 with new and returning faces attending, our Academy is open to boys and girls from 3+ years. We focus on developing fundamental movement skills in a fun, supportive environment. We offer free membership for U5s & U6s, making it even easier to get involved! At Spa GAA, we pride ourselves on being a friendly, inclusive club where every child feels welcome. All welcome!

2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is available on the Spa website via Clubforce or on foireann.ie Deirdre and Ger will also be in Spa every Monday night for the next few weeks from 7.30-8.30pm to assist with registration for the coming year Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411



Pictured are from left Aoibh Brosnan, Saoirse Riordan, Maya Butler, Dan Browne (Chef Lecturer MTU)

Castleisland Community College Fairtrade Bakeoff Competition

Fairtrade Fortnight is acknowledged in Castleisland Community College with its annual Fairtrade Bake Off Competition. The competition is open to all students in the school not just those who study Home Economics. A Fairtrade product had to be used thus creating awareness of ethical consumption. Dan Browne (Culinary Arts Lecturer at MTU Kerry Campus) and Maurice O'Brien (Chef lecturer) MTU judged the competition. The cakes were judged from a total of 6 categories, Theme, Fairtrade, Organoleptics (Taste, Texture, Flavour) Height & Layers, Garnishings and Presentation.

The winning cake was made by first year students Eve Brosnan, Saoirse Riordan and Maya Butler. They chose the theme of Wellbeing. The cake was a vanilla sponge with buttercream icing. It was garnished with trees made from chocolate and flowers made from icing sugar. The fairtrade ingredient used was maltesers. The students met at Maya's house where they baked and decorated the cake. The Bake Off was certainly a resounding success as evidenced by the outstanding talent of the delicious cakes produced, according to Ms Mc Grath (Acting Deputy Principal). 'Supporting Fairtrade is a way to demonstrate our support for small producers in the developing world. The competition also encourages creativity, team work and fun!', she said.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

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 €210 and the winner was Mike Dillane. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or> in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

EAST KERRY ALL STARS NIGHT

Congratulations to Dan Murphy, Rathmore, player of the year and Ciaran Collinsm Rathmore, young player of the year and other All star from Rathmore, Cian Dineen & Alan Dineen, Cathal Ryan, Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Brendan O'Keeffe (all Rathmore), Shane O'Sullivan, Gneeveguilla. Congratulations to Michael O'Mahony, Rathmore the East Kerry Person of Year Award who received his award at the East Kerry GAA All Stars night on Friday last.

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SYMPATHIES to the Cremin family, Philip, Fr. Sean (Kenya), David, Noreen & families on the death of their father & grandfather John Cremin, of Scrahan, Knocknagreg, his extended families & friends. Johns funeral took place on Thursday 6th March in Knocknagreg.

To the Keane family, Quarry Cross, Nora and Battie, Denis, Donie and Mike & families on the death of their brother Bill Keane, Killarney I/o Quarry Cross . Bills funeral took place in Killarney on the 5th of March

May John & Bill rest in peace

COLLECTION

The annual collection for the Emigrant Services will take place this weekend 15th 16th March. Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie

DAWN MASS

The Annual Dawn Mass at the Source of the Blackwater, Doctors Hill, Ballydesmond will take place at 6.30am on 27th March 2025

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GNEEVEGUILLA ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE will take place on Monday 17th March after 9.30am Mass. We want to spread colour through our lovely village. Preparations are already underway Walk proud with your club or join Gneeveguilla Tidy Village in your brightest clothing

STORIED KERRY TUREENCAHILL is looking for photographs and memorabilia to support their project, "The History and Future of Tureencahill Community Centre." If you have any items that reflect your time at the school or your attendance at events in the centre, we would love to include them. Please share your digital or hard copies of your photographs etc with us by 31st March. For more information, or to arrange sharing your items, please contact: Margaret – 087 7428274 Kathleen – 087 0576107 .

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RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL 301 CLUB RESULTS

1st: €500 winner Clare O'Keeffe. 2nd: Jay Murphy €100. 3rd: Brendan & Teresa Moynihan €100. 4th: Joanne Hughes €100. 5th: Val Moynihan €100. 6th: Cashman family

NOTES

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

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €7,800. Winning Numbers 7, 17, 22, 26. Not Won. €100 B Murphy, Meadowvale. €50 Noreen Nolan, Listry. €50 Orla Dennehy (online). €25 Fallon O'Sullivan. €25 Marie Donnelly, Listry. Jackpot next week : €7,950. Next Draw: March 16th

BEST OF LUCK to our senior team and management who are away to Na Gaeil Sunday 16th March at 3pm .



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By Dermot Cronin,
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It is extremely important that you take your time and have all the options explained to you in plain simple English and that you understand all your options clearly before you make your final decision. As well as the above there is much more to be discussed about your pension. You should discuss your retirement options with a financial advisor who has access to a number of different pension providers before making any decisions, he or she will help you with the above options and any other queries you may have.

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Leaving Cert runaway grades inflation to be reduced in 2025 as CAO points set to drop

It has been confirmed that post-marking adjustment of Leaving Cert exam scripts is to be gradually reduced and eventually restored to 2019 levels. When the Covid-19 virus invaded the country in 2020, adjustments were made in Leaving Cert exam marking to compensate for disruption to the academic year. The intervention has caused unsustainable Leaving Cert grades inflation for the past five years. The post-marking adjustment will artificially inflate results for this year's Leaving Certs by an average of 5.5%, compared to an average of 7.5%, which has been the case for the past five years. As a result, Leaving Cert exam results will be lower this year than they were for the past five years as the State Examinations Commission (SEC) begins to tackle grades inflation which saw tens of thousands of students receive bumper grades. The extent to which post-marking adjustment can inflate grades is evident in last year's Leaving Cert results. The 7.5% upwards adjustment last year resulted in 68% cent of grades increasing. As a result, last year's Leaving Cert candidates gained, on average, about 60 CAO points more than they would have done before the pandemic. By decreasing the post-marking adjustment to an average of 5.5%, the average gain by 2025 Leaving Certs should be about 43 CAO points. Leaving Cert students from the 2020 to 2024 Leaving Cert classes, with the bumper grades of the past five years, will obviously have a distinct points advantage over the 2025 Leaving Cert class when competing for college places. However, the vast majority of those should already have graduated or are en route through their college courses. Admittedly, a number of students who may have narrowly missed out on a greatly desired first preference

choice may feel confident enough to lodge a fresh CAO application this year. In addition, if the extra college places that have been promised are made available this year, it will help to level the playing field. The last Government has already committed to easing the pressure on points requirements by making more places available in some very competitive courses. Hopefully, the present Government will make those extra places, as well as many more in other disciplines, available to 2025 college applicants. This initiative to reduce Leaving Cert marks and grades to the organic level of 2019 is long overdue and welcomed by educationalists. While it was never going to happen last year with a general election on the horizon, its better late than never. It will eliminate the regrettable occurrences of applicants with maximum points failing to be offered their course preference because of that awful lottery system known as random selection. It will also help to reduce the dropout rate of first year students whose inflated grades overestimated their ability to survive in their courses of choice. Decreasing the post-marking adjustment in 2025 will bring the overall aggregate results to a point about midway between 2020 and 2021 levels. In simple terms, Leaving Cert results this year will be on average 5.5% above the 2019 results and on average 2% below last year's results. The objective then is to return to the 2019 marking system based on the candidate's own performance in the Leaving Cert exam. The timeline for phasing out the post-marking adjustment altogether won't be revealed until later in the year. It might be done in a single step in 2026 but its more than likely to be a more cautious two step approach.

CHECKLIST

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- The objective to return to the 2019 marking system of candidate's own performance

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Camogie Shield Champions for Pres Castleisland

On Monday 10th February, 26 first and second year students from Presentation Castleisland headed to Mercy Mounthawk to compete in the Allcare Pharmacy Kerry Camogie Blitz. This competitive blitz consisted of first and second year students from across the county along with students from Kanturk, Co. Cork. Presentation Castleisland entered two teams of 13, playing a seven a-side group stage competition all day. Following the group stage, both Pres teams qualified for the Shield Semi-Finals. This resulted in one team progressing to the Shield Final versus Causeway Comprehensive. Pres girls put in a dominating display, resulting in a comprehensive win, that included 5 goals. Captain Seana Walsh accepted the shield on behalf of the team. This is the first piece of competitive camogie silverware in the school's history. The team is managed and trained by Principal, Pierce Dargan and assisted by Anne Walsh. The future of the sport is in safe hands with this group of players and a bright and no doubt successful future lies ahead.



Captain Seana Walsh, accepts the Shield off Bridie Walsh from Allcare Pharmacy, Mounthawk



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HOW TO CREATE POSITIVE EMOTIONS EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE

Sometimes it can feel as if we are being overwhelmed by our emotions and that we don't have a choice in how we feel. However, there are a few beautiful and simple ways in which we can help ourselves to manage our emotions and feel more aligned and balanced. Here are my two top tips for emotional wellbeing.

You are not your emotions

Create a little space between what you are feeling and who you are...

For example, say, "Doubt is visiting me today" instead of "I'm doubtful" Or "fear is visiting me today"

Or, "I am aware of fearful thoughts"

Create a phone free zone

86% of people who have phones, wake up and check their phones within the first 30 minutes of their day. This causes a flood of information to enter the brain and potentially can activate a stress responses to what you hear or see.

For increased productivity, peace and positivity, don't check your phone or email for the first hour of the day. Instead, commit this time to setting your intentions for how you desire to feel and engaging in morning practices that make you feel good.

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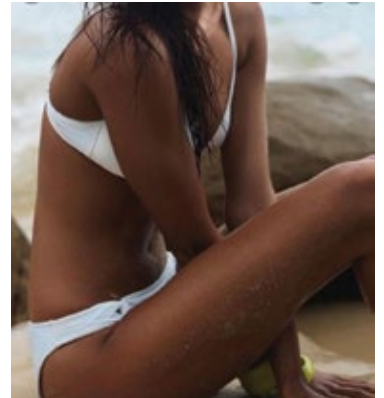
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A spray tan is a great way to achieve a natural-looking glow without UV damage.

Spray tans use dihydroxyacetone (DHA), a sugar-derived compound that reacts with the top layer of your skin to create a temporary bronze effect. The tan develops over a few hours and lasts about 5-10 days, depending on how well you prep and maintain it.

Exfoliate 24 hours before to remove dead skin cells. Shave or wax at least 24 hours in advance to avoid irritation. Avoid lotion, deodorant and makeup before your appointment as they can create barriers. Wear loose, dark clothing to prevent smudging immediately afterwards.

Fake tan is increasingly popular with more people realising the dangers



associated with lying in the sun. The feel-good effect from a spray tan or bronzing body lotion is immediate and very safe. Not just for occasions anymore, fake tan now has a place in everyday life and means less time spent on makeup in the mornings.


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PRE & POST WORKOUT NUTRITION ESSENTIALS

Whether you're an avid gym-goer or just starting your fitness journey, understanding the role of nutrition in your workout routine is essential for maximizing performance and achieving your health goals. The timing of your meals and snacks around workouts can significantly impact your energy levels, recovery, and overall results. In this blog post, we'll explore the importance of pre- and post-workout nutrition, providing you with the essential knowledge you need to fuel your fitness effectively.

Pre-Workout Nutrition

Pre-workout nutrition focuses on providing your body with the energy it needs to perform at its best. Generally, it's recommended to eat a meal rich in carbohydrates and moderate in protein about 2-3 hours before exercising. This allows your body enough time to digest the food and convert it into energy. If you're planning a workout closer to mealtime—say, within 30-60 minutes—consider a lighter snack that's easy to digest.

Best pre-workout foods:

Whole grains (oatmeal, whole grain bread)

Fruits (bananas, apples, berries)

Greek yogurt

Nuts and seeds (almonds, chia seeds)

Vegetables (carrots, bell peppers)

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SCRATCHED CORNEA

A scratched cornea is one of the most common types of eye injury

What is the cornea?
The cornea is the clear front part of the eye. This part of the eye is packed with nerves – it has many more nerve endings than your fingertips. This is why a scratched cornea can be very uncomfortable. However, this discomfort will only last a short time while the eye heals.

What should I do if I scratch my cornea?
A corneal abrasion is a common eye injury. If you are experiencing any eye pain or discomfort, or you suspect you have a corneal abrasion, you should always consult your optometrist for advice.

What causes a corneal abrasion?
A corneal abrasion normally happens after an accident or injury to the front of the eye. They are often caused by fingernails, or an accident in the home or while gardening. Sometimes, if a small piece of grit gets trapped in your eye, rubbing the eye or blinking may cause a corneal abrasion.

What are the symptoms of a corneal abrasion?
There are several symptoms associated with corneal abrasion, and you may only experience a few, but they can include:

- Pain, which may feel worse when you open or close your eye
- A feeling that there is something in your eye or irritation
- Your eyes watering far more than usual
- Redness
- Sensitivity to light
- Blurred vision or loss of vision


How long does it take to heal?
Corneal abrasions will normally heal completely within 48 hours. If the abrasion is in the centre of the cornea, your vision may be slightly blurred. It is also normal that your eye will be a little red and you may find bright lights uncomfortable until the abrasion has healed.

Treatment
You may be given lubricating drops (artificial tear drops, gel or ointment) to make your eye feel more comfortable and help to keep it moist. You may be given antibiotic drops or ointment to stop the abrasion becoming infected. These aren't always needed.

The following may also help:

- Over-the-counter painkillers such as paracetamol will help with the pain
- Avoid rubbing or touching your eye as this may make the abrasion worse or slow down the rate of healing
- Wearing sunglasses may help if you are sensitive to light

If your vision starts to become more blurred, or if the pain and redness increase, you should get advice from your optometrist. If they are not available, go to A&E.



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KERRY RESPITE CARE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Kerry Respite Care along with the support of the Minister for Children, Equality and Disability, Norma Foley T.D. has today launched an exciting strategic plan that is seen as a significant milestone for the charity organisation. The strategy which covers the next three years will allow the home care service to expand and enhance its services to people who wish to stay independently in their own home throughout Kerry. Those currently using the service range from children with special needs to people affected by illness, Dementia, Stroke, Cancer and other needs. Kerry Respite Care was established in 2002 under the old Social Economy Programme funded through Fás with the aim of providing subsidised quality support in the home to people living alone, people with disabilities and family carers of elderly relatives and children with special needs. Since its inception Kerry Respite Care has grown substantially and now employs a team of over ninety people who offer a non-medical service 24 hours a day, seven days a week including an emergency out of hours service. The registered charity is supported by Pobal through the Community Services Programme and donations which allows it to stay affordable for service users. Speaking at the strategy launch Minister for Children, Equality, Disability and Kerry TD Norma Foley stated: "I am pleased to be here to launch the new strategic plan for

Kerry Respite Care. As Minister for Children, Equality and Disability, I am very conscious of the importance of the home support that that organisations like Kerry Respite Care provide for people and their families. We have a growing population that will need more support to continue to be able to live independently at home.

I want to pay tribute to all the dedicated staff of Kerry Respite Care, including the healthcare assistants who are at the heart of the organisation.

This strategic plan will guide Kerry Respite Care in the years ahead."

On behalf of the board of directors for Kerry Respite Care, board member Marie Moloney said "We are delighted to welcome Minister Norma Foley who is here today to help us launch our new strategy. This strategy is based on the ideas and vision of those who use our services, our employees and our voluntary board. Our commitment to the people we support is central to what we do. Kerry Respite Care embraces the right of all persons regardless of type or extent of disability, age or illness to live in their own home in their chosen community. Their success is our success and supporting them is our reason for being."

At the launch attendees heard that the strategy for Kerry Respite Care shows the commitment of all involved to develop the organisation over the coming years. There is a focus on four key



areas of development including, Enhancing Service Quality, Expanding the Service Offering, Promoting the Kerry Respite Care Brand and Embracing Innovation.

Kerry Respite Care Manager Lorraine Gordon told invited guests: "Events such as this give us an opportunity to remind the community that we serve, how important our work is to those who rely on our services. The office team and our many Health Care Assistants are a dedicated, friendly and compassionate team who are at the heart of what we do. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank and acknowledge some of our wonderful service users that attended and to all those who spoke today."

Should you are someone you know needs the services of Kerry Respite Care you can contact them by calling 066 7102796 or visit kerryrespitecare.ie for more information.

VACANT PROPERTY GRANT

The increased uptake in Kerry of up to €50,000 in grant aid to refurbish vacant properties has been warmly welcomed by Fianna Fáil Councillor, Tommy Cahill of Rossbeigh. According to Kerry County Council, over €2m has been paid out under the grant in the county since its launch in 2022.

"It is obvious that there is a large number of both vacant and derelict properties throughout Kerry and this scheme is attractive to many owners. Some see that they can now afford to proceed with refurbishment and are doing so" stated Councillor Cahill.

"There is a maximum of €50,000 available for vacant properties and up to €70,000 for those deemed to be derelict. I would urge people to take advantage of this excellent grant scheme, where possible. This will have the double bonus of bringing additional habitable housing units into the market, relieving pressure on young couples/families and helping to reduce Housing lists" said the Fianna Fáil man.

"More housing is badly wanted and these vacant/derelict properties can be introduced much more quickly than new builds, to alleviate the pressure on everybody involved" added Councillor Tommy Cahill.

€26 million for improvement and refurbishment works on 369 community centres nationwide

In an announcement that has been warmly welcomed by Minister Michael and Deputy Danny Healy-Rae.

Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary, has announced funding of €26.1 million under the 2024 Community Centre Investment Fund, which will deliver enhancement and refurbishment works on 369 community centres nationwide. In excess of €109 million has already been approved under the fund.

The successful community centre projects announced today will receive capital grants of up to €100,000 under category 2 of the fund. This builds on the recent approval in November of over €7.8 million for small scale refurbishment works of up to

€25,000 on over 400 centres under category 1.

The funding has also been welcomed by Kerry Fianna Fáil TD Deputy Michael Cahill and Councillor Tommy Cahill.

"With over €1.5m allocated to Community Centres in Kerry, this is a very welcome investment in local community infrastructure and the benefits will be felt all over, in our towns and villages. Places like Tousist, Listry, Brosna, Glenflesk, Ballyheigue, Barraduff, Cahersiveen etc, can now invest in improving their Community Centres for the betterment of all" said Deputy Michael Cahill.

"Our Community Centres are at the heart of all our communities and deserve to be supported" stated Deputy Cahill.

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1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

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

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
Spillane's Headford
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
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1st Friday

9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
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3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

Knocknagoshel & Brosna

O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel
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Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna
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3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
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The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
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4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

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

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
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Last Monday

8:00 PM
8:30 PM
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Minister Michael Healy-Rae joined Imelda Hurley, Chief Executive of Coillte and Éanna Ní Lamhna, National Tree Council in Merrion Square, Dublin, to launch National Tree Week 2025 which runs from Sunday 9th to Sunday 16th March nationwide. An initiative of the National Tree Council of Ireland, proudly supported by Coillte, the state forestry company, National Tree Week is an annual week-long celebration to highlight the vital role Ireland's trees, forests, and woodlands play in building a greener, more sustainable future for all. Coillte will once again donate 150,000 native tree saplings to schools and community groups across the country, reinforcing its commitment to Ireland's natural landscape and the importance of trees as a renewable and sustainable resource. Picture Jason Clarke



Award Winning Chef Lilly Higgins with Kate O'Connell, Robyn Foley, Jan Keirns and Orlaith O'Sullivan from Nagle Rice NS Milltown at the launch of the 2025 SuperValu Let's Grow Programme. SuperValu and social enterprise GIY are bringing hands-on food education to schools across the county with over 1,500 primary school children in Kerry receiving Growboxes filled with seeds, compostable pots, and expert guides to help them grow their own food. Photo Darragh Kane.



Killarney hoteliers attend major travel fair in Berlin
Tourism Ireland creates platform for local tourism businesses – including O'Donoghue Ring Collection and The Brehon Hotel – to connect with international tour operators at Germany's leading travel trade fair. PIC SHOWS: Monika Belz, Fit Reisen Group; Niamh O'Neill, O'Donoghue Ring Collection; Kristina Gauges, Tourism Ireland, at ITB Berlin.



Rachel Dooley on the left who won the Killarney Outlook Competition tickets to Strictly Goes Country at the INEC pictured with her sister Susan Bartlett.




Padraig O'Callaghan flying the flag at the Strictly Goes Country final in aid of the Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch in the INEC on Saturday night. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Conor Coffey and Michelle Hickey participating in Strictly Goes Country final in aid of the Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch in the INEC on Saturday night. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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Fossa Rowing Club members Sara Curtin and Marian Madden who won at today's Indoor rowing festival hosted by Flesk Valley.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB NEWS

WELL DONE

A huge congratulations to all our rowers who took part in the Flesk Valley Indoor rowing event last Sunday at the Killarney Racecourse. A fantastic event and a great day was had by one and all with Fossa being represented with huge pride at all ages. A very successful day for the club. Participants on the day representing the club were Other participants: Cillian O'Donoghue, Evan Coffey Lee, Saoirse Coffey, Emily Warren, Kieran Coffey, Laura Whelton and medal winners were:

Masters Sara Curtin 1st (500m & 1000m), Marian Madden 2nd (500m & 1000m), Declan Madden 1st Kieran Coffey 5th

Open ladies: Cliona O'Connor (500m) 3rd

Men's Open: John Allman 1st, Micko McCarthy 4th

U14 boys (500m) Luke Hurley 1st, Noah Slattery 3rd, Tim Madden 4th

U12 girls (500m) Orla Daly 1st

Very well done one and all.

KILLARNEY JUDO - GALWAY OPEN

Last Saturday, 14 of our players travelled to Galway to compete in the 50th Galway Open. There were over 300 entries from across Ireland taking part in this prestigious event.

As fitting on International Women's Day, the

younger girls stole the show. Zara Tomlinson, Caoimhe Casey, Danielle Wash and Carolena Kelly all winning Gold.

Cuan Kelly and Michelle Walsh both fought valiantly winning Silver for their efforts. Roman Konovalenko also fought very well earning Bronze.

For some of our players, Rian, Aideen, Patrik, Ryan, Adam and Volodymyr while they fought bravely and won a few fights, they didn't medal this day. However, there are always more competitions to come.

Thank you as always to the parents and players who travelled to support. If anyone is interested in joining our club, please reach out on Facebook or Instagram

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 6TH MARCH

1st: Mary Shanahan & Mary Rose Felle

2nd: Ursula Daly & Ciaran Broadbery

3rd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley

Congratulations and well done.

Also we would like to congratulate Theresa McCarthy & John O Shea from Killarney Bridge Club who won in the "Simultaneous Pairs" recently. It is a great achievement by them.

Bridge continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. Our venue for the summer season.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Wishing all our members past and present, supporters, families and friends a very Happy St. Patrick's Day. Le Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh go léir!

NATIONAL TRIALS

After a number of false starts due to weather conditions, the first round of water trials for the national rowing squad of 2025 are finally set to get underway this weekend with the forecast giving greater hope compared to the cancelled fixtures gone before. The club has a number of members due to partake in this weekend's trials, best of luck to all the rowers and coaches.

EVENTS

Shandon HOR (rescheduled), Sat March 22nd, Cork Marina; Kilmacimon Coastal Scull HOR, Sat April 5th, Kilmacsimon; Skibbereen Grand League Regatta, Sat-Sun 12-13th; NRC, Farran.

MUCKROSS LOTTERY

The Muckross Lottery jackpot continues to climb with this Saturday's jackpot now standing at €10,450! Tickets can be purchased for €2 each or 3 for €5 at Hegarty's Family Service Station, Muckross Road. The Muckross Lottery can also be paid online with details on our social media pages. The minimum online play for a single week is 3 tickets for €5. A recurring ticket can also be purchased online for €2 per week for 10, 25, or 52 weeks. All support for the local lottery is greatly appreciated with lottery dividends supporting Muckross RC, Loughquittane National School and the Muckross Womens Social Group.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The National U20 & U23 Indoor Championships were held in Athlone last Sunday. The Team of Mollie O'Riordan, Megan O'Reilly, Sophie Duke, Tara O'Sullivan and Madie O'Riordan got a silver medal in the U20 4x400m relay, smashing the club record by 2 seconds crossing the line in 4.13.50! Jack O'Leary battled through 2 rounds of the U23 800m and executed a perfect tactical race to claim Bronze in a time of 1.55.18. The National Masters Indoor Championships were held in Athlone on Saturday. Jer O'Donoghue claimed Silver and Alan Delaney Bronze in the M40 60m sprint. Alan also claimed gold in the M40 High Jump with a jump of 1.75m. Tim Horgan claimed gold in the M45 High Jump with a jump of 1.70m and also gold for M45 Weight for Distance. Maureen O'Shea received Bronze for the W55 Shot Put and for the Weight for Distance. Derek Pyne jumped a PB of 5.12m to claim gold in the M45 Long Jump. The M40 4x400 Relay Champions were Jer O'Donoghue, Alan Delaney, Tomas Griffin and Derek Pyne.

The All Ireland Schools were held last weekend. Grace O'Meara came 20th and Maria Murnane 23rd in the Senior Girls 3500m (76 participants). Karl James O'Neill came 53rd and Kevin Looney 59th in the Senior Boys 6000m (89 participants). Kirsten Kenny came 54th in the Intermediate Girls 3500m (84 participants). Muireann Breen came 49th in the Junior Girls 2500m (94 participants). Thomas O'Sullivan came 55th in the Minor Boys 2500m (113 participants). Congrats and well done to everyone.



Killarney Judo Club: Danielle Walsh (Gold), Emily O'Donoghue De Vries (Silver) and Michelle Walsh (Silver)



Killarney Judo Club: Carolena Kelly (Gold) and Cuan Kelly (Silver)




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KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL

The season is into its final weeks with a lot of activity for all teams on the road at the weekend with trips to Dingle, Ballybunion, Duagh and Drogheda.

Our Academy teams were very busy, St Colman's were visitors to the Parish Hall for boys & girls games and on Sunday we travelled to Pobhailscoil Chorca Dhuibhne Dingle as Chorca Dhuibhne hosted Tralee Magic, Bobcats and Cougars.

U14 BOYS KERRY LEAGUE

Killarney Cougars 58 St Joseph's 30

The Cougars went to the top of the U14 League with a strong performance to defeat St Joseph's Duagh, the win also secured a place in the All Ireland Club Championships next month. The Cougars led from start to finish and a commanding first quarter setting Cougars on the way to victory. Good performances by James Rooney, Rory Moynihan, Dara O'Sullivan and Sean O'Sullivan.

U14 GIRLS KERRY PLATE FINAL

Killarney Cougars 39 St Paul's 40

The Cougars U13 girls were just pipped in overtime by St Paul's in a very exciting Final played in Duagh, after a slow start the Cougars began to dominate but missing good opportunities saw the game go to overtime. The Cougars led with seconds remaining but Paul's secured the win from the free throw line in the final seconds. Strong performances for the Cougars by Elisa Mosca, Aoife Coffey, Maria Avila and Avery Leamas.

U18 GIRLS KERRY LEAGUE



Killarney Cougars U14 Boys versus St Joseph's Duagh, the Cougars have qualified for the All Ireland Club Championships in April.

Killarney Cougars 66 St Mary's Castleisland 31

The Cougars overcame St Mary's in the Pres Gym after a closely contested first quarter the Cougars dominated the remainder of the game with a strong performance.

Leah O'Sullivan, Faye Lynch and Naoise O'Connor all impressed on this occasion. The Girls Plate Final v Bobcats is scheduled for March 22nd.

SENIOR NEWS

Basketball Ireland Dominos National League Div 1

Drogheda Wolves 130 Killarney Cougars 89

Top scorers

Cougars: Ben Todd 33, Iyan Hristov 20, Joshua Strongman 17.

Wolves: Christan Simmons 39, Daniel Ebose 26, Tiago Dos Santos Pereira 23, Francisco Antonio Cruz Dias 15.

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WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB NEWS

Workman's Rowing Club were delighted to partake in the Flesk Valley Rowing Club indoor Rowing competition on Sunday at the Racecourse. Our junior members acquitted themselves very well and were very competitive with a number placing in the medals. The rowers were assisted and mentored by coaches MJ Burns and Ciara Browne. The junior rowers were particularly appreciative of the support provided by Ciara and the encouragement she gave to ensure all gave their best. There was also a special appearance from some Workmen's legends on the day who demonstrated to our young members how to lead the way.

Training continues as usual for all members.



Legacy elite cheerleading & gymnastics participated in Inspire cheerleading championships competing against teams from Ireland and the UK. The club came home with two first place titles, a second and a third and won the grand champion title, scoring the highest score in the level 3-5 division. The team are currently preparing for the St. Patrick's parade and Jamfest Europe in the UK.



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BARRADUFF TRACTOR RUN IS A GREAT SUCCESS

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The 7th Barraduff Tractor Run took place on Sunday March 9th and was a resounding success.

Tractor, Cars and Motorbikes all joined in the fundraiser in aid of the Kerry Cork Cancer Link bus and Recovery Haven Kerry, two very important Charities for any one who has to undertake a Cancer journey.

"As a Cancer survivor myself I fully appreciate and know the importance of these charities, organiser Marie O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook. "I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me every year organise this event everyone is so kind, no question asked and without c them we couldn't do it", Marie added.

Most important we want to thank everyone who takes part in the Run, everyone who donates and everyone who comes to see all the Tractors and Cars.

"It was a lovely community social day where people have a cuppa and a chat, we were blessed with the weather, it was like a day borrowed from the summer", Marie said.



Gavin Foley, Dylan Counihan, Sean O'Brien, Jack Clifford, Fionnan Sweeney, Keith O'Shea



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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.

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

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



A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

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



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.



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SCOTTS LAKERS VS MOY TOLKA ROVERS REPORT

Dominos Mens Basketball League
Saturday March 8th
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

**Scotts Lakers 93
Moy Tolka Rovers 91**

Report by Enda Walshe

Scotts Lakers qualified for the playoffs of the Dominos Men's Basketball League by virtue of a win over Tolka Rovers which looked like a banker for a long time. But they had to withstand a dramatic final quarter surge from the Dublin side who very nearly upset the party. Coach Manuel Suarez would have had nightmares had his side lost its grip on this game but in the end they held out to record a 93-91 win, after holding a 76-59 third quarter advantage.

All that aside the manner of the win would have pleased the Lakers Coach as it was a solid all round team performance. It featured nine first three pointers including a hat trick from Mark Sheehan and Darnell Snyers and a buzzer beating one from Oisin Spring in the first quarter. The same player struck again early in the second quarter while Jack O Sullivan signalled a return to form with thirteen points and nine rebounds. Eoin Carroll, nursing a slight injury still poured in eleven points, four of them crucially in the final quarter while Mikah Blackwell had his usual spread of eighteen points, eight rebounds and three steals.

It was a cliffhanging finish but one of the men with his hands to the pump was Abdul Oladipupo. He is delighted to have made the playoffs. "They came back really strong, they are a quality side but we saw it out and for that I'm really proud. It's a great feeling to be in the playoffs because it's where we wanted to be and we've two games left now to keep pushing. Londoner Oladipupo is loving life in Killarney. I'm well adjusted now to living in Killarney, the town is lovely and the people are so nice here." Rory Howe hit the opening salvo for Tolka Rovers who had former Laker Emilian Grudov in their ranks, but Rui Saravia and Darnell Snyers got the Lakers off the mark. Jack O Sullivan hit a three from the corner which Stephen Commins immediately replied to for the Metropolitans. Commins made it a double but that spurred the Lakers into action with Snyers and Jamie O Sullivan particularly lively. Blackwell and Grudov exchanged points before Snyers struck again from outside, an effort immediately replicated by Grudov. Mark Sheehan with a three and Carroll inside made it 24-22 with Mike Wallace heating up for Rovers. Oisin Spring ensured the Lakers cushion was a little healthier at quarters end with a last second effort.

The pace of the game picked up in the second quarter with Carroll striking early. Snyers was at his sniping best and with the lead pushed out to 33-23 Tolka Rovers called a time out. Spring hit a three from the corner and then followed



it up with a neat lay up from an incisive Saravia pass. At 38-23 Wallace and Rory Howe sprung into action helping to half the deficit, the shift in momentum forcing a Lakers sit down. Solid defence married to the hot hand of Mark Sheehan made it 48-36 with a little under two minutes to go in the half. Commins and Blackwell swapped baskets and made it 50-40 in the Lakers favour at half time.

Snyers and Blackwell came out of the locker rooms faster than most to extend the gap to 55-40. Elijah Faapito was trying hard for his side to get them into the game but two quick breaks saw Blackwell help to maintain the Laker advantage. Snyers and Wallace went score for score but the Lakers tails were up, highlighted by a strong finish to the quarter with Carroll and Jack O Sullivan putting the Lakers in charge and almost out of sight at 76-59.

If anyone thought this game was going to peter out they were wrong and they never told Messers Commins and Wallace. They hit eight points in three minutes with Snyers replying and initially it looked like the Lakers would hold them at bay thanks to Carroll and Oladipupo baskets. But the gap was down to eight, 82-74 when Commins hit from outside. Blackwell, with an incredible effort, and Oladipupo seemed to arrest the slide but Commins and Wallace were now rampant and incredibly it was a one point game, 89-88, with 1-29 to go. Both sides missed chances to take control and it took a crucial tip in from O Sullivan to give the Lakers some breathing space. From the next play Snyers robbed Wallace to make it a five point game but it still didn't feel secure, a point emphasised by another Commins three. But time was on the Lakers side and the remaining seconds brought no further threat, and the final buzzer came with the sound of relief and the scoreboard reading 93-91.

Darnell Snyers, who top scored for the Lakers with 28 points, feels his side deserve their playoff spot. "I think we've worked very hard all season and it feels good to have claimed our spot." He enjoyed his battle with Tolkas American Mike Wallace. "I enjoyed tonight because I've had an indifferent couple of weeks with my form. It was nice to see those threes go in and Wallace is an excellent player and was very hard to defend against. We have a good

team spirit, we are positive going into these playoffs and I truly believe we can beat some of these teams that we are going to play."

Snyers had that 28, Mikah Blackwell shot 18, Jack O Sullivan 13, Eoin Carroll 11, Mark Sheehan 9, Oisin Spring 8, Abdul Oladipupo 4, Rui Saravia 2, Jamie O Sullivan, Darragh O Callaghan.

Mike Wallace and Stephen Commins were Tolkas star turns with 28 and 26 points respectively, Elijah Faapito had 11, Rory Howe and Emilian Grudov 7 each.

The Lakers have a double engagement this weekend. They entertain the Limerick Sport Eagles in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday night and face a trip to Tipp on St Patrick's Day to play the local Talons. With third place a guarantee it looks like an away quarter final date with Ulster University is in the offing. Titans, who currently occupy second spot in the Conference, seem to be in the box seat for that position but you must play to the final buzzer and see what it all brings. Tip off for the Eagles game is at 7.30pm.

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS SETU WATERFORD WILDCATS REPORT

Womens Superleague Basketball
Saturday March 8th
Mercy College, Waterford

**SETU Waterford Wildcats 65
Utility Trust St Pauls 50**

Report by Enda Walshe

A defeat for Utility Trust St Pauls but after results elsewhere this game could almost be looked at as a free shot. Even a win at the home of the regular season champions wouldn't have prevented the necessity to beat Fr Matthews on the last day and so after seventeen match weekends the final play off will be a shoot out between James Flemings current side and his former side, whom he coached to great success in the very recent past.

A playoff spot would have been on the bucket list at the start of the season but around Christmas time it looked like a forlorn hope. However a strong January and February has put them in the mix and a home game against the Cork side is sure to whet the appetite of every Killarney basketball fan. Ironically a win for either side will set up an away date with SETU Waterford Wildcats in the playoffs and certainly from St Paul's point of view they have shown they have the tools to chisel out some success. But all that will be irrelevant unless they clear the Fr Matthews hurdle.

Eventhough the scoreline may not reflect it this was a game that St Pauls played very well at stages, particularly in the second quarter, but a slow start to the third allied to a purple patch from the Wildcats opened up an advantage that would be difficult to bridge. The South Easterners are unbeaten at home all season and are not in the habit of tossing away match winning positions.

Chelsea Cain got her side's opening points, a three point play but Alex Wittinger and Lorraine Scanlon got their side up and running. Helena Rohan made use of her starting berth and with Katie Hickey finding her range outside the Wildcats opened up a 14-6 lead. Callie Cavanaugh, starting alongside Wittinger, struck back and then Wittinger landed some of her signature shots. Denise Dunlea, Leah McMahon and Lynn Jones all saw first quarter action rotating with Rheanne O'Shea but it was the Wildcats who finished the stronger, 20-12 clear.

The second quarter saw St Pauls play some of their best basketball all season. Strong defence allied to slick offence was their mantra and Scanlon, Cavanaugh and Wittinger were so dominant it prompted a Waterford timeout. The Hickey sisters were doing their utmost but with Siofra O Shea bringing her energy to the table the visitors finished the quarter on the up. Cain had put the Wildcats 29-22 up but when Mathilde Diop waltzed in, she opened the



Leah McMahon



Lorraine Scanlon

floodgates for Wittinger and Siofra O Shea who duly put their side 32-31 ahead at the change of ends.

It was almost as though half time had broken the rhythm St Pauls had generated as they struggled to retain their ascendancy. Aisha McCalla, well shackled up to this point, broke free in the early stages to spearhead her side's charge. That helped to send them on a 11-0 scoring run with Cavanaugh eventually stopping the rot. But McCalla and Katie Hickey drove on again and it was now a thirteen point game, 47-34. St Pauls gathered themselves with Wittinger prominent and Diop narrowed the gap to seven, 49-42. The next couple of minutes would see St Paul's miss a couple of chances to close the gap further, with their defence helping to execute some stops.

It was still within their grasp to get back into the contest and Diop cancelled out an early Rohan basket. But the duo of Cain and McCalla soon went to work again and despite the efforts of Leah McMahon and Lorraine Scanlon they made a match winning move.

The gap was opened out to sixteen, 60-44 and unfortunately the horse had bolted for St Pauls. Still the O Sheas, Rheanne and Siofra battled on and alongside Cavanaugh they moved St Pauls total to the half century. The Wildcats closed out the game and will now enter the play off as the number one seed. With Fr Matthews subsequently losing their Cork Derby joust with Brunell it sets up next Saturday's showdown for the final playoff place, with St Pauls having home advantage.

Alex Wittinger was the games top scorer with 22, Lorraine Scanlon and Callie Cavanaugh had 8 each, Mathilde Diop 6, Siofra O Shea 4, Rheanne O'Shea 2, Leah McMahon, Denise Dunlea, Lynn Jones.

For the Wildcats Katie Hickey had 20, Chelsea Cain shot 17, Aisha McCalla 15 and Helena Rohan 6.

Womens Superleague Basketball, Saturday March 15th 4pm Presentation Gym
Utility Trust St Pauls vs Fr Matthews

THE OVAL OFFICE AMBUSH

By Nicky Barry

There was Trump in his best suit, neat and elegant,
Sitting with Zelensky, the Ukraine President,
And he treated him abysmally, in a boorish fashion
Of big boy schoolyard bullying, devoid of compassion.

Bullies like pandemics, will always be with us,
But no one expects thuggery, in the Oval Office.
Trump felt so affronted, that this guy wore no suit,
That he and Vance in unison, both put in the boot.
Trump was like Don Corleone, bemoaning disrespect,
From a Mafia minion, with a big shot like himself.
This was a callous ambush, out of the blue like Beal na Blath,
When an Irish hero, was gunned down off his guard.
For days Trump had been humoured, by Starmer and Macron,
With diplomatic niceties, ego stroking with aplomb.
But Zelensky had not got those skills, as a beleaguered victim,

Who had been invaded, by Trump's ole buddy Putin.
Here was a brave heart hero, feted all around the world,
For his guts and courage, in the face of Russian guns.
He did not deserve this slight, but he kept his dignity,
And hopefully will carry on, his struggle to be free.



KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A LEAGUE RESULT

Killarney Athletic A.F.C. 5 - 1 Tralee Dynamos

Brian O' Shea x1 Josh Bowler x1 Oisín O' Sullivan x1 Luke Doolan x1 Michael O'Donoghue x1

An excellent performance for our Senior A Team against Tralee Dynamos today in Ferndale.

U14 GIRLS CUP

Killarney Athletic V MEK

Round 2 Kerry Cup our U14 girls bowed out of the Kerry Cup that they won last year to MEK today. MEK were the better team on the day. Best of luck to MEK in the next round

U15B RESULT

Mastergeehe 1- 1 Killarney Athletic

Aodhagán Ó Súilleabháin x1

We visited our near neighbours Mastergeehe for a tough game played in terrible conditions. The Blues took the lead on 15 minutes when Aodhagán pounced on a loose ball in the box and finished superbly. Matthew Myles cleared off his line and Darragh Lucey made a great save to keep us ahead but Geeha were awarded a hotly contested penalty just before half time which was duly converted. Second half was completely dominated by our young Blues who just could not find the elusive winner and survived a late scare themselves with Mastergeehe hitting the post at the death. Our boys couldn't be faulted for effort with Matthew Myles, Sam O'Sea and goal scorer Aodhagán Ó Súilleabháin best on the day.

U13 A BOYS RESULT

Killarney Athletic A 1 - 1 Dingle Bay Rovers A Rory Moynihan x1

The lads had a very tough game today at home. It was a top of the premier league clash against a very strong Dingle team who were in the last 16 of Ireland. The boys started the game very well in the first half and controlled the game with some beautiful football. They passed the ball around well and set up a few good scoring chances but could not find the net. They gave up a very unlucky goal on the break to Dingle's top player who finished to put them up 1-0 at half. The second half started slowly for our lads who were pressed in their own half for the first 15 minutes. Athletic turned the game around late in the second half with a lot of good passing football and constant pressure. Rory Moynihan's long range shot deceived their keeper to tie the

game 1-1. The goal was well deserved overall as Athletic performed well all game. They all contributed to the hard fought draw in the end. Again lots of bloody knees in the change room after the match. The boys should all be extremely proud of themselves after a tough hard fought match but they just refuse to lose. It is a waiting game now to see other teams results to see if they claim the Premier league title this year for Kerry. Well done lads you should all be very proud of yourselves. Man of the match was Caelan Prendergast in centre midfield who had a very strong performance.

U13 SHIELD

Killarney Athletic B 1 - 4 Inter Kenmare A

Eric Reed x1

Athletic faced a tough challenge in the first round of the John Joe Naughton Shield against a strong Kenmare A side. Athletic created a couple of clear cut chances in the first half but failed to convert. Kenmare, to their credit, took their chances very well and went in 4-0 at half time. The lads showed great spirit in the second half, scoring early on through Eric Reed. They put Kenmare under great pressure after that and came close on a number of occasions to scoring a second but it wasn't their day in end. Thanks to Kenmare for the sporting game.

U14 GIRLS SHIELD..

Dingle 3 - 1 Killarney Athletic

Athletic travelled to Dingle for the first round of the Shield. The teams were eventually matched and both teams had their chances but went in at half time level 0-0. The start of the second half was a purple patch for Dingle where they scored 2 quick goals to go 2-0. Athletic soon settled and after some good pressure pulled one back through Ameilie Andre. Athletic kept on pushing for the equaliser but with a couple of minutes left, Dingle broke from a kick out and grabbed the 3rd to finish 3-1. Thanks to Dingle for good game. Athletic scorer Ameilie Andre x1

U12 GIRLS LEAGUE

Kenmare A v Killarney Athletic Blues

A tough game for Athletic, played under lights on Friday evening in Kenmare. Kenmare were very strong for our girls and it was 2-0 at half time. Athletic put in some great defending but came under more pressure in the second half and just couldn't keep Kenmare out. 6-0 to Kenmare. Captain for the game. Caitlin Hickey.

U12 GIRLS LEAGUE



Ballyhar Dynamos FC Killian O Sullivan, a member of the victorious Kerry emerging talent u14 squad who defeated Lisburn/ Castlereagh in the All Ireland final on Saturday last.

Iveragh FC v Killarney Athletic Whites

We made the long trip to Caherciveen on Saturday morning. Conditions were tough on the day and Iveragh went into half time 1 up. There was great defending from Athletic throughout the game, with constant pressure of Iveragh. Athletic just couldn't keep Iveragh out in the second half and full time score of 3-0. Captain for the game. Aoife Delaney.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club u9 & u10 Boys had friendly games against QPR and MEK FC while the u10 Girls travelled to Killorglin FC for mini games over the weekend. Thanks to the coaches & parents of all teams for facilitating these games.

The U12 B squad were in Division 2 North League action welcoming Listowel Celtic C to Murt Scott Park. The visitors took the points in a 0-5 win however Adam Czimor, Fionn Curtin, Shane Collins, Leo Fox, Harry Flaherty, Patrick Brosnan & Matthew Hickey played well.

Both u13 squads were in John Joe Naughton Cup action with the B squad advancing to the next round having a good away win over St Brendans Park D thanks to goals from Jack



Killarney Athletic U13

Killarney Athletic B 1 Inter Kenmare A 4



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13 A squad who advanced to the next round of the John Joe Naughton Cup after their home victory over Killorglin FC B.



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Cooper, Rian Comerford, Bryan Evans & Tadhg Fitzgerald with Elliot Lyne & Demot Nealon also prominent throughout the game.

The A squad defeated Killorglin FC B at home with Daragh Mcloughlin, Josh Nelligan, Ruairi Casey & Ruben O Leary Griffin on the scoresheet and also advance to the next round of the cup. The U15 B squad were away to Castleisland FC B in league action where in a tight game the home team took the points on a 2-1 win with Daniel Ryan scoring the Ballyhar goal. Alex Kelly, Odhran Leslie, Cian Lynch & Charlie Curran were to the fore for Ballyhar on the day.

The Youths in a mid week fixture lost out 0-7 to one of the top youth teams in the country in Killarney Athletic in the KDL Jimmy Falvey Youth Cup. The Killarney team were well on top with Charles Doherty, Tony Daly, Eoin Walshe, Ross Lally & Evan Cox playing well for Ballyhar on the night.

The seniors in Division 1 action hosted top of the table Fenit Samphires on Sunday last where Fenit came out 0-5 winners. Luke Ring had an early chance taken off the line but it was Fenit's second goal right on the stroke of half time that made the second half an uphill struggle. Best on the day were Patrick O Connor, Maurice O Donoghue, Micheal Fitzgerald, John Power, Michael O Sullivan, Rob Kelly & Padraig O Connor.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to club u14 & u15 player Killian O Sullivan (& the Kerry squad and management) on winning an All Ireland medal as a key member of the emerging talent Kerry U14 squad who defeated Lisburn/Castlereagh in the SFAI subway all ireland trophy final after a 3-0 win at the university of Limerick complex on Saturday last. Well done Killian.

Commiserations to the Kerry u14s girls who lost out to Galway in their All Ireland final also staged in limerick on saturday last.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the O'Connor Family, Ballyhar on their recent family Bereavement. May Donal rest in peace.

MEK UNITED

U14 GIRLS INTO KERRY CUP SEMI

Killarney Athletic 0 - MEK Galaxy 4

Great display of skill shown by all the players

U14 Boys Champions



today. The game was very close for the first half, Athletic put some great pressure on our defence!! but the girls stood strong, and then it was the MEK girls who found the net before half time.

The second half was when the girls really started to show their skill and fight, with some amazing passing from the backline to the front it was our girls who found the net 3 more times. Thanks to Athletic for hosting us and providing a tough game as always, never much between the teams.

Scorers: Alannah Daly, Isabelle O Connor, Tara O Connell

POTM Alannah Daly & Elise Brunner

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

SFAI U14 GIRLS CUP

Hard luck to Kerry who lost out to Galway in the National cup final at the weekend. Galway ran out winners but Kerry played some amazing football. Very well done to our MEK girls Isabelle O'Connor, Ava Harty, Allannah Daly, Megan Quigg, Grace Barry and Grace Ryan who represented the club and county with huge pride. We are very proud of you all girls.

RESULTS

U15 boys: Tralee 7 - 1 MEK

U12 Girls: Killorglin 1 - 1 MEK

U13 Boys: MEK 4 - 0 Killarney Athletic

ALL IRELAND FINALS

U14 BOYS CROWNED SFAI INTER LEAGUE

ALL IRELAND

U14 Boys Trophy Champions

A historic day for the Kerry U14 Boys team,

as they delivered a strong performance to lift the All Ireland Inter League Trophy, with a 3-0 win over Lisburn/Castlereagh. Second half goals from Max Moynihan and Eddie Carmody ensured the result.

Kian Cronin put Kerry ahead just before the break, and Danny Diggins' charges kicked on from there with a composed outing in the second period. The Ulster side did have their chances, but goalkeeper Leni Rujevcan, along with his back four of Noah Brosnan, Rory Condon, Daniel Diggins and Gerry Moroney stood tall to preserve the clean sheet.

The first big chance arrived from a long kick down field from Rujevcan, captain Joe Joy took possession down the right wing and into the area, cutting a pass across for Killian O'Sullivan and his shot from close range was saved well by the Lisburn keeper.

Joy came close to breaking the deadlock, but just could not steer the ball into the net. Just before the break Kerry grabbed the opener. Condon finding Shea Horan on the left wing, his quick feet evading a host of Lisburn players as he raced for the area, a defender did clear the danger but only to Killian O'Sullivan.

O'Sullivan slipped a ball to Joy on the right hand side of the six yard area, a little fake shot from Joy sent the Lisburn defender the wrong way, and he passed across the goalmouth for Cronin to tap home from close range.

With that goal Kerry had their tails up, chances followed early in the second half, Moynihan rolling a shot off his left foot into the keepers hands, before Joy powered down the right wing and again cut a pass across the area for



MEK winning U14 girls



Killarney Athletic B Girls

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Cronin, but the Lisburn keeper again made a crucial save.

At the other end it was a crucial save by Rujevcan that kept the game at 1-0. Lisburn again played their number 9 through on goal, but out at the edge of his area, the Killarney Athletic net minder saved the effort to again thwart the Ulster side finding the net.

Joy again almost came close to a goal minutes later, Noah Brosnan's throw on the right wing, finding his skipper inside the area, beating two Lisburn players by flicking the ball over their heads, he had the keeper to beat, only for a last gasp intervention from a Lisburn defender knocked the ball away.

The ball remained in the area, with Horan flashing left and wide of the goal. The second goal would arrive after those hard efforts. Moynihan turned over possession, before dashing down the left wing, and going on a mazy run towards the area, he held off a Lisburn defender before a skilful dummy bypassed another, before striking a shot into the bottom right corner, a thing of beauty to double the lead.

Gathering a long ball forward from Rian Foley, he raced clear down the right wing. Cutting in on the by-line, he looked for an option and with a short left footed pass, the Listowel Celtic man found Eddie Carmody, and the Dynamos sharpshooter fired into the bottom left corner from just outside the six yard box that ensured the result.

14 GIRLS SUFFER FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON IN SFAI INTER LEAGUE ALL IRELAND U14 GIRLS CUP FINAL

A first defeat of the season for the Kerry U14 Girls arrived on Saturday, as they were defeated by 5-0 by a very strong Galway side in UL. The Girls third All Ireland Final in as many years, started off with Galway grabbing an early 2-0 lead.

GIRLS EVE O'CALLAGHAN CUP SEMI FINALISTS CONFIRMED

We are down to four teams in the U14 Eve O'Callaghan Cup, after a high scoring Sunday of quarter final action, MEK Galaxy will face Inter Kenmare, while St Brendan's Park meet Killorglin.

St. Brendan's Park got the better of neighbours Tralee Dynamos, running out 5-0 winners. Arina Sucari was the star of the show with a hat-trick, while Eabha Maguire and Alannah Crossan added to the tally.

MEK secured a 4-0 win over Killarney Athletic, thanks to goals from Alannah Daly (2), Isabelle O'Connor, and Tara O'Connell.

Killorglin edged a thrilling 5-3 battle against Camp, with Niamh Murphy and Anna Mangan both scoring twice, while Mia Robertson also found the net in a high-scoring affair. Inter Kenmare also booked their spot in the semi-finals with a strong 5-1 victory over LB Rovers.

BOYS JOHN JOE NAUGHTON SHIELD/TROPHY OPENING ROUND GETS UNDERWAY

The opening round of the U13 Boys John Joe Naughton Shield/Trophy provided plenty of action, goals, and drama.

Killarney Celtic C edged past Mastergeeha B in

Killarney Celtic Women's squad vs Carrigaline Utd



extra time, with Josh Buckley and Jake Scannell securing a 2-1 win. Matthew O'Riordan had put Mastergeeha on the scoresheet.

LB Rovers were clinical in front of goal against Iveragh B with a 7-1 victory, featuring goals from Elyes Tarkhani, Aidan Spillane, Cillian Flahive, Jake Bennett, Jack Browne, Jack Kissane, and Will Lynch.

Inter Kenmare B claimed a thrilling 4-3 win over Camp B, with Aaron Sullivan Casey (2), Timmy O'Sullivan, and Kevin O'Sullivan finding the net.

Listowel Celtic C secured a 2-1 win over Fenit B, courtesy of Dara O'Cinnéide and Ciaran O'Connor, while Milltown advanced with a 3-1 win over Listowel Celtic B, thanks to Jack Clifford's brace and a goal from Muirís Quirke.

LB Rovers B secured a 5-1 win over Killarney Celtic D, with MJ Collins netting a hat trick, accompanied by goals from Harry Bennett and Jayce Wren Nagle

In other results, Tralee Dynamos A ran out convincing 8-2 winners over Castleisland B, while Inter Kenmare A defeated Killarney Athletic B 4-1. Ballyhar A recorded a dominant 6-0 victory over Killorglin B, and Mastergeeha A cruised past Killorglin C 4-0. Park C and Tralee Dynamos B battled to a 1-1 draw after extra time, with Park emerging victorious 3-0 on penalties. Park B advanced by walkover against Ballyheigue.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,8,14,20. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €25. Next jackpot €15,000 on Tuesday March 18th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

KILLARNEY CELTIC EXTENDS ITS SINCEREST CONDOLENCES to former club officer Anne Marie Fleming and family following the passing of Klaus.

U16 TUCKER KELLY CUP Killarney Celtic 3-2 Mastergeeha

Samuel Scroope 2, Luca Mosca

Celtic overcame Mastergeeha in a well contested

opening round of the Tucker Kelly Cup. Celtic hit the front through Samuel Scroope and doubled their lead after Luca Mosca netted from the penalty spot. Mastergeeha pulled 1 back before half time. Mastergeeha pressed hard in the 2nd half, creating chances which eventually led to the equaliser. Celtic came back at the end of the half with Luca Mosca working the goalkeeper from some dangerous free kicks. In extra time Celtic came more into the game and had more parity in the play. With the game heading for penalties, Mastergeeha won a corner which was eventually cleared. Celtic broke fast and Samuel Scroope finished to the net to put Celtic into the next round.

U15 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic B 4-0 Mastergeeha B

Hammad Atiq 2, Simon Sirotiak, Ben O Sullivan Celtic B bounced back to winning ways with a fine win over Mastergeeha in a game played in mid week. A good all round performance was aided by some well taken goals.

U13 SHIELD/TROPHY

Killarney Celtic Hoops 2-1 Mastergeeha B AET

Josh Buckley, Jake Scannell

Celtic Hoops came out the right end of this cup tie after extra time.

LB Rovers 4-1 Killarney Celtic Stripes

Ryan Casey

FAI WOMEN'S AMATEUR CUP

Carrigaline Utd 1-4 Killarney Celtic

Holly Forrest 2, Norma Mahony, Hannah Casey

Killarney Celtic foray into the national amateur cup started with victory in Cork. Celtic led 1-0 at the short whistle after Abbie Finnan and Amber MacIndoe set up Hannah Casey to net. In the 2nd half Holly Forrest scored twice and Norma Mahony finished off a fine performance with a powerful shot to the net. Celtic move on to the next round of the Cup while Carrigaline will continue in the Trophy competition.

U13 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0-1 Mastergeeha

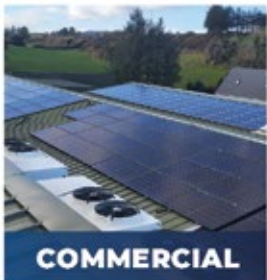
In a fine contest between the top 2 teams in the division, a last minute winner gave the spoils to Mastergeeha.

CONGRATS to Sean Horan U16 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

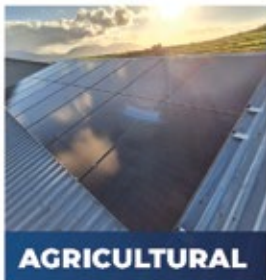
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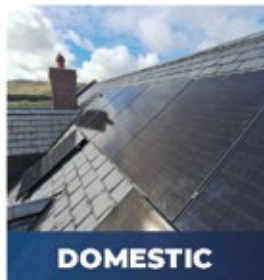
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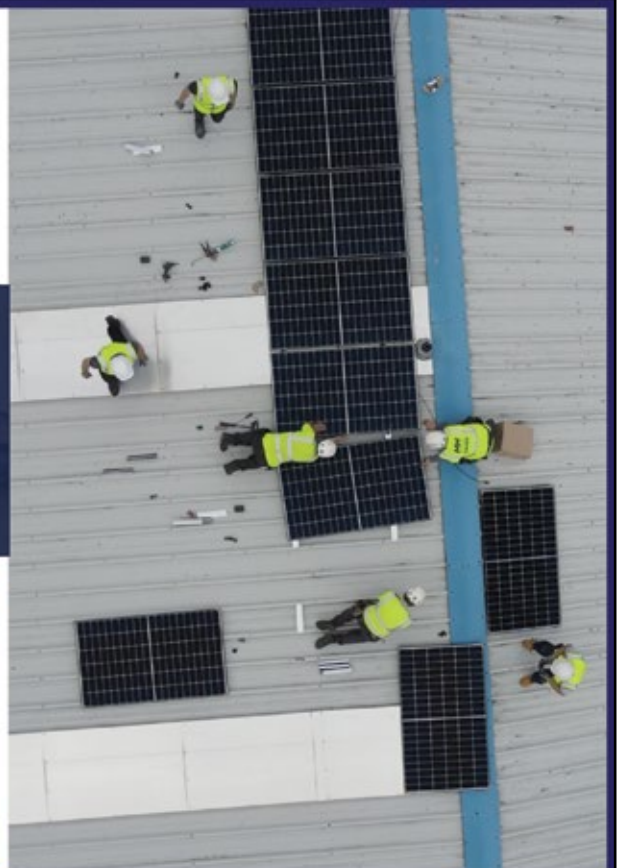
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COMPETITION RESULTS

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Winner: Tracy Eakin & Lisa Cullen, 44 points
2nd: Sharon Ormonde & Kate O'Leary, 42 points
3rd: Meg Dalton & Elizabeth O'Farrell, 42 points
NEXT COMPETITION will be 15th & 16th March 2025 Ladies Singles Stableford on Mahony's Point Course kindly sponsored by Visage

ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

RESULTS

On March 1st and 2nd we held a Club Sponsored stableford competition

The winners were :-

1st: David Murphy (19) 39
2nd: Niall O'Brien (11) 36
3rd: Aidan O'Connor (9) 35
4th: Derek McAllister (19) 34

On Thursday March 6th our Seniors held a 10 hole stableford competition.

The winners were :-

1st: Dan O'Sullivan 22pts
2nd: Denis Casey 19pts
3rd: Ned Buckley 18 pts
4th: Jim Delaney 18 pts
5th: Maurice Coffey 17 pts

On March 16th we will hold a fourball better ball competition.

On March 22nd & 23rd we will hold the second round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a stableford competition.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LADIES SCRAMBLE VERY KINDLY SPONSORED BY TORC TRAVEL LTD

A big thank you to Áine O'Donoghue of TORC TRAVEL who sponsored Saturday's scramble for International Women's Day. There was a great turnout and fantastic scores. Well done everyone and congratulations to the prize winners.

Winners: Susan Shorten, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Doreen Brosnan and Kate O'Leary.

2nd: Mary McGuire, Ailish Mulcahy and Mary



Winners of the scramble kindly sponsored by Torc Travel pictured Susan Shorten, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Doreen Brosnan, Aine O'Donoghue Torc Travel & Lady Captain Elaine Casey missing from photo Kate O'Leary.



A stunning scene at Castlerosse Golf Club captured by Julie Wareham

McCarrick

3rd: Miriam Hickey. Kaye Cremin, Susan Good and Bridie Brosnan

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 25th March 2025 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Please book a tee time through the BRS.

Monday 17th March 2025: Mixed Scramble

LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings June 4th to July 9th. Please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Three Player Team Two Scores Count each hole- First Nett: Gearóid Cronin, John Looney & Dan Kiely 77 1/3, Gross: Ger Casey, Sean Ashe & Niall O'Loughlin 95 and Second Nett: Ger Casey, Bobby Kelly & John Murphy 80 1/3. As next Monday is St Patrick's Day please note that there will be draws on both Sunday and Monday of next week at the



2nd place in the scramble kindly sponsored by Torc Travel pictured Mary McGuire, Ailish Mulcahy Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Aine O'Donoghue Torc Travel and Mary McCarrick

usual times of 9am and 10.45am.

MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership for 2025 is due now as of March 1st. Prices the same as last year namely- Single Adult- €150, OAP- €100, Juvenile- €80 Family- €300. Club Registrar Bobby Kelly will be available over the coming weeks after the Sunday morning Fourballs for anyone wishing to sign up for the year.

CLOSING DATES

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GOODBYE EUROSPORT



It was probably unique to my generation. Go back to the early years of the 20th century, and you would have hard-core Kerry supporters waiting outside the telegraph office in Denny St. to find out the result of a game in Croke Park on the same day that it was played – exotic stuff. Prior to the sixties, you 'watched' sport on the radio, communal gatherings that were dependent on the famous wet and dry batteries. Micheál Ó hEithir was far more famous than any of the players that he commented on, and I personally believe that he and Seán Óg Ó Ceallacháin did more

to popularise gaelic games than anybody else, even allowing for the fervid national sentiment and cloying insularity of De Valera's brand of nationalism. Rugby, soccer, and a slow-growing phenomenon called 'basketball' (it really only began to take off in the fifties) were viewed through a certain 'traditional' prism. Cricket, sadly, has never fully recovered.

It's a strange phenomenon, and one that I have come across too often to be mere coincidence, but people from those generations can remember incidents in games from Ó hEithir's commentary better than later generations who were actually able to either attend the games or watch them on television – and I'm talking about prior to the all-pervading distraction of social media. Games were first broadcast on RTE in 1962 and it soon became standard fare for the big occasions. But televised sport on a weekly basis? Arrah, would you ever talk sense for once?

Except that bit by bit, that's exactly what happened. RTE was never a big player on the international stage but the likes of Jimmy Magee and Fred Cogley kept us hanging in there. We got to see the likes of Muhammad Ali, the all-conquering Welsh rugby team, Mary Purcell, the great Kerry and Dublin teams, Shergar (my sympathies to the family and friends of the late Aga Khan, Shergar's owner, but when I was younger, I couldn't distinguish him from the Ayatollah Khomeini, but please understand that I was young enough to think that the film 'Rocky' was a documentary). I'm not suggesting that RTE got everything right. On the famous day that Munster beat the All Blacks in Thomond, RTE's outside units were preoccupied with the launch of RTE 2 in Cork. All that remains now is Cogley's radio commentary and roughly 17 minutes of grainy black and white footage. Most of the highlights were taped over – I believe that it has added lustre to the legend. The human imagination is far more powerful than mere reality.

I'm pretty sure I was part of the first Irish generation to have both the transport facilities and television coverage to be able to watch sport regularly. Televised sport really came into its own in the seventies – arguably, so did the all-encompassing nature of celebrity culture (albeit without the eternal pervasiveness of social media). But even then your choice was much like the dinners your mother made you – the only choice was eat/watch it....or don't.

It was the nineties before the idea of pay per view took hold. The more popular English soccer clubs got together and effectively formed a breakaway league, a 'Premier League' where they would keep most of the revenue generated instead of paying to

the FA. They were partly right. The FA didn't get much of that money. It was a guy named Rupert Murdoch who absolutely cleaned up, and if the Premiership club chairmen got quietly and cleverly shafted along the way.... well, biter bit, one might say.

You see, this was not Rupert Murdoch's first rodeo. I actually had no idea who owned or invested in one of the first of these dedicated sports channels, back in 1989. That was the year that Eurosport began. Of course, by the time that BskyB started buying the rights to this 'Premiership'. Remember the whole furore over the European Super League? Now it's the 'Unify League', having been formally relaunched last December. Without a whisper of protest. Yeah, as the old saying goes, there is nothing new under heaven. There is also a certain amount of real hypocrisy when Sky commentators argue that it's elitist. Yes, kiddies, that's why ye got paid....

You rarely watched Eurosport during the day. I didn't, anyway. You'd get a bit of golf (not the moneyspinner it subsequently became, although that itself appears to be in sharp decline at the moment), cycling (it was surprisingly expert coverage for those of us who only knew the sport because of Seán Kelly and Stephen Roche), European basketball (the NBA was a whole glamorous world away, I couldn't afford the posters, let alone the sneakers. And yeah, when there are that many questions about the ethics of your production line, they are 'sneakers'. Also, good luck to all marketing gurus, but Wilt would have destroyed Michael and Kobe wouldn't ever have been stepping into Kareem either, but I digress....

Eurosport was not glamorous. Eurosport was not even for watching in daylight, to be honest. For an entire generation in the early nineties, Eurosport was for when you stumbled in at night, carrying your dinner (snackbox with everything, and mushy peas are not a part of 'everything', we will leave that kind of culinary experiment for our friends across the water. And don't even start me on Yorkshire puddings, you'd be better off with a decent slice of bread). You always meant to just watch it for ten minutes while you were eating. Except that three hours later, you were still staring in fascination at a flickering TV screen and you had developed a serious apathy for the Norwegian curling team. I genuinely speak for my entire generation here. Many of you will deny it.....no, you'll be telling the kids. At your age I was putting in a twelve hour shift down the coalmine.....

In many ways, Eurosport was truly awful. But it was just good enough, with that little touch of eccentricity, passion, and absolute randomness, to be truly brilliant at the same time.

It has been bought out by TNT (Warner Brothers, basically). Which means prices linked to populism and clickbait for social media and braying studio laughs and..... everything that Eurosport was originally intended to be, and failed gloriously at being. I'll miss it – not least because there is no world where I am paying a subscription to watch any of that.

RUGBY

Six Nations: Ireland France



I genuinely had a bad feeling about this one, and that's not being clever in hindsight. I'm no rugby analyst, far from it, but how did people not see problems looming. First off, France are a very good team. England were absolutely haunted to beat them by a single point, and that England team isn't as bad as some Irish pundits would have you believe. We have been on the crest of a wave in recent years (going for a third title in a row and a second Grand Slam to go with it, Van Morrison sang a song about days like that), and of course I have loved it, we all have. That wave might not be broken yet, but it is past its height as well. Leinster are Ireland's flagship in recent times, and frankly I think we are too dependent on them (I don't particularly believe all the nonsense spouted about D4 bias; Munster's results over the past while isn't on any perceived bias) but Leinster aren't pulling up roots these days either. Club rugby is at its strongest in France; how was that not an omen?

France were unlucky to lose to England, but by the same token, we were lucky enough to beat them after a very laboured first half. It was panel depth, not strength or skill, that actually saw us pull away late on. And then we struggled against a woebegone Wales. I'm not doubting the Dragons, they did put up a great battle and the valleys were singing for the first time in a long sequence of games (and I certainly wouldn't begrudge them) but that's Ireland struggling twice. Once might be unlucky, but twice means that you have grit in your gears. When a France side that includes Dupont – remember that pullback on Mack Hansen? How on earth do you deal with that? – are in your way, I wouldn't even be whispering about a Grand Slam just yet. Lastly, the team selection. And there's a lot of leeway for a maligned Simon Easterby there, because look at who we were missing. Mack Hansen, Garry Ringrose, James Ryan, Ronan Kelliher, Tadhg Furlong.....I also don't like

this idea of a farewell for Peter O'Mahony, Cian Healy, and Conor Murray either. Brilliant players, absolutely brilliant, genuinely among the best representatives of our entire nation in my lifetime. But nobody retires at their peak. Remember Brian O'Driscoll's farewell tour? In my opinion, that of a bit ridiculous well before the end. Announcing retirements before a crunch game or competition..... no. It'll sell tickets, but it's just heaping pressure on yourself. Meanwhile, France have Ntamack and Penaud back. Somebody crunch those numbers.

And then, shortly before the game, we lost James Lowe. That's an absolute disaster. I won't necessarily say that Lowe has been our best performer – it's an impossible question given the variety and disparity of pivotal roles within a rugby team, one of the things I love about the sport, but Lowe certainly brings a flair and an imagination that adds a huge dimension to our game (to be fair, Hansen and Keenan have that little sprinkle of stardust about them too). I want that width; despite how impressed I have been with our forwards, and I truly have, I don't want to try win a pivotal game against France, of all teams, like that. Without Lowe, I'm not sure we have any choice.

And Ireland, because they basically go out on the pitch every time with intentions of proving me personally wrong (they have never said so out loud, but I am sure of it), were absolutely brilliant in the first quarter.

A great take by Nash and Ireland go hunting. No joy, but Ireland on the front foot. France are coughing up penalties, a nice kick by Prendergast had Ireland ten metres out. Great effort by Dan Sheehan – himself and Beirne are magnificent – but just short. Penalty for Ireland, though. Personally I've always been a fan of putting simple points on the board. I learned that Alistair Campbell felt the same way when England won the World Cup – when you are in agreement with Alistair Campbell, it's time to have another look at that philosophy.

Ireland are a lot braver than me (even more than you might have imagined; if I am on a rugby pitch, I'm the guy wearing camouflage) and they go for it. Caelan Doris, another to have a great start, gets over the line but is held up. Referee Angus Gardner has another look but it wasn't really in question. Ireland are impressing here, but France aren't exactly buckling either.

Penalty for Ireland and Sam Prendergast indicates that he is going to have a go. Decent effort, but it curls off slightly and comes back off the left hand post. Decent effort by Prendergast, a bit unlucky. We have had some of the best kickers in the world in recent times. Prendergast deserves a bit of time to get there. Would Jack Crowley have nailed that? Because I genuinely do not believe that this game came down to fairly marginal calls like that one or Osbourne on the wing.

Another penalty to Ireland and a good kick by Prendergast to set us up close to the line. Only then there's an intercept by Penaud and

Dupont is off. That's an awful try to concede completely against the run of play. Except that, thankfully, it's ruled out for a knock-on (in fact, the TV camera clearly catches two knock-ons; I hadn't noticed either at first look). A let-off, no doubt about it, and the big contingent of French fans are buoyant.

A nice chip and chase by Louis Bielle Biarrey – that's the kind of cleverness that I was talking about earlier on. Calvin Nash does well but that's as blatant an infraction from Joe McCarthy as you will ever see. I'm sorry to say it, I imagine that he has had a bad few days for a lad that wears his heart on his sleeve, but you are never getting away with grabbing a guy's jersey to pull him back at this level. Truthfully, that would be spotted at virtually any level. Yellow and a ten minute break; even the most die-hard of Irish supporters aren't going to argue that one.

And now France have a one man advantage, and that's huge at the top level. Dupont fires over a great pass to Bierre Biarrey and he has plenty of space to dot it down. After all of Ireland's great pressure, they are five points and a man down after 24 minutes. Thomas Ramos missed the conversion, but there's a lot more cloud than silver lining.

France are much more in it now but Ireland are impressively holding out. Some good rugby on both sides.

Dupont injured. I'm not celebrating that, nobody is going to celebrate something like that. It might suit us on any given day, and this could be an historic day, but you never want to see any player, especially one of the greatest to play the game, being carried off. Will this help us? Yes, of course. Will the 7-1 split on the French bench cost them in the circumstances? I'm not sure – that's not me being doubtful; I literally don't know. Rugby is more attritional and harder on bodies in recent times. Look, nobody is suggesting that previous generations of players were soft – Willie John, Big Moss, Gaillimh? Off with you – but sports science has evolved and continues to evolve. 7-1 sounds like a lot to me but the top professionals on the planet are happy to go with it these days. Dupont certainly wasn't taken out of it maliciously, but was there a degree of recklessness? I think we would argue the point if it happened to an Irish player.

Off the ball tackle on Tadhg Beirne – jaysus, the poor French lad is throwing snowballs at an avalanche if he is trying that on Beirne! Up steps Prendergast and that's a great kick. He isn't having the best of games, but that will settle both him and Ireland.

Except that just two minutes later Andrew Porter is pinged – that one was definitely harsh enough, I don't see how much Andrew Porter could actually do about it. Regardless, Thomas Ramos is happy to take the points and it's 8-3 to France.

Nice piece of work by Osborne to tackle Penaud and Caelan Doris almost gets it. Almost....Doris is really showing leadership here. Ireland get an advantage and Prendergast opts for the kicking tee. That's fifty metres. As far as I am concerned, the



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house ain't accepting any bets on this one.... except that he strikes it beautifully and puts it over. See, that's what he can do. Yes, I think he could be faster with is all-round game, but there aren't too many kickers putting that over. Did we give Sexton such a hard time in his first year breaking through? Or O'Gara? Or Campbell? No, of course not, but we are way past the Digital Age. This is the Age of Social Media. I'm opinionated myself, but at least I am smart enough to realise that it shouldn't matter to anybody. Despite what the false monstrosity that is reality television has taught you, uneducated opinions do not come into play when there is an actual scoreboard. This one reads 8-6 in favour of France. That's not too bad at all. No Dupont (and unfortunately it looks and sounds like a bad one). After Ireland's initial spell of dominance, France have played far more of the ball and looked more menacing. Two points down? Big whoop, as the young ones would say (if they were characters in a 1980s sitcom). Even with the players we are missing, we still have good players to come in and we have improved in the second half all through this championship.

Sure enough, Ireland look impressive on the restart. Nice kick by Gibson Park and France uncharacteristically mess up the clearance. Peter O'Mahony sets up the maul and Dan Sheehan spots just enough of a gap. Sheehan has a poacher's mind in a berserker's body; that's why the likes of himself, Beirne, Furlong etc. require so much focus from the opposition. Give him a fraction of space and you are already too late to stop him. Try, and Ireland in front. Lovely conversion by Prendergast -that was far from a 'gimme' and Ireland are in front by five. That's some turnaround.

For a brief few seconds, I was actually in dreamland. Five points clear and France forced to chase. Keep the pressure on, keep picking them off in the air and set up mauls... they should be creaking now.

Yep, all of that literally lasted seconds.

Because France just swept down the field and Paul Boudenhent goes over. Referee Angus Gardner makes a load of friends among the Irish supporters by giving Calvin Nash a yellow while ignoring the fact that Peter O'Mahony was tackled late. I'd say leave it out lads. There's no argument about Nash, those are called all day in modern rugby. O'Mahony is a tighter call, definitely, but do you really want him taking another look at Tadhg Beirne's collision with Dupont? The gander gets the same sauce as the goose. Ramos with the conversion. France two ahead again and Ireland a man down again. Plenty of time left, but France seem to be in control of the narrative as 'Les Marseillais' rings out again. That makes for a great scene in 'Casablanca', but Lansdowne Road is a different kind of movie.

France in control now. They find Bielle Biarrey and it's another clever grubber kick. A fantastic burst of incredible pace, and Ireland are left flailing at his proverbial coat-tails. Over he goes and Ramos adds the conversion. This is not looking good at all. Ireland are running their bench now but there is a feeling of desperation about it. Ramos with a penalty. Nine points between them. Calvin Nash returns to the field but Ireland have an awful lot to do if they are going to turn this around.

It won't be happening. France are just coming in waves and Oscar Jegou finishes off a move that looked like an inevitable try from a long way out. Ramos slots over once again. 32-13. This isn't just a defeat, this is a clear hammering. As if to emphasize the point, Ramos knocks over another penalty. Ireland are in disarray.

Good work as Tadhg Beirne plucks a line-out and feeds Conor Murray. It would at least write a fitting end to his international career if he could get it down, however scant the consolation – but France, famous sentimentalists, are not that sentimental on a day like this.

Oh lads, Ramos gets far too much space and

off-loads to Penaud for a simple try before adding the conversion himself. Even on a day like this one, that was just too easy. Final minute, and Cian Healy finally scores an Irish try. Our most capped player ever, and on almost any other occasion, the Irish supporters would give him the send-off that he and that score deserve....but this is not that day.

This doesn't feel like that World Cup quarter-final. Comparable in terms of occasion maybe (I believe that the Six Nations is our bread and butter, i.e. our most important barometer, the World Cup is cake, and Autumn Tests...ho hum) but that felt like a 50/50 game that just slid out of our grasp. This.....this feels like a genuine downswing. I hope that I am wrong.

HURLING

KERRY 1-23 DOWN 0-28

Some days – most days, to be fair – it's about the result. And the blunt truth is that Kerry are struggling at the moment. Player turnover is just too high, no team can produce results on a consistent basis in these circumstances. But some days really are about the performance, and the fact that Kerry lost his one was probably the least significant thing about his match. Because Kerry really did step up to the plate, and that is what matters. Normally I'd be cynical about a statement like that, dressing up reality to appease fans, but that's not the case here. I'd have liked us to win, but any talk about maintaining an outside chance of a League Final and promotion....are you deranged? We would be absolutely mullered in Division One; it would set us back years. I would be throwing games rather than have us go up in hse circumstances; that's the plain truth, and anybody who thinks otherwise is wearing blinkers or asking Stevie Wonder for directions. No, I desperately wanted to see Kerry stand up and be cunted, we haven't

really been doing that recently, and we stepped up to arguably the best team in the division and gave them a great rattle. Yes, we lost, but that's missing the point. Pádraig Boyle, and we really are a different team with the big target-man on board, opened the scoring. Pearse Óg McCrickard – he always plays well against us – replied and om McGrattan nudged Down in front before Podge replied from a free. Tim Prenter and McGrattan with two frees scored for Down but Podge nailed two frees himself. Tom Doyle, who hunted and harried all game long, split the posts but McGrattan replied. Podge and Luke Crowley put Kerry a point in front before Podge and McGrattan exchanged dead balls. Marc Fisher with a massive score from inside his own half, fair enough. You can't do anything about those, sometimes a player is just that good. Level again and it was point for point all the way, good hurling to watch. Tough but clean, and jaysus, but neither side are missing anything. Great catch by Podge to set up Luke Crowley for a point – it's a subject of much debate, but I'd prefer Luke on the field for the Kerry hurlers rather than sitting on a bench with the footballers. Darren Delaney denies Down a goal with a brilliant save – big moment -but Darren Delaney takes the point. Level again. Podge Boyle and Luke Crowley nudge Kerry into a 0-15 to 0-13 lead at half-time, maybe a tiny bit flattering on the balance of play, but Kerry have been superb here. There's a refreshing confidence about both teams. Can Kerry maintain it?

Yup. McCrickard and McGrattan notch the first three points of the second half but Podge settles the ship with a free. McCrickard and Luke swap scores. We lost Seamie Foran to a second yellow. No arguments, McGrattan had his number all day long. It happens.

Rory Mahony forced a brilliant save out of the Down keeper. Two minutes later it was Kerry captain Oisín Maunsell's turn. He had a quiet day by his own high standards, but when the chance arose, he took it beautifully, and this time Stephen Keith had no chance. 1-17 to 0-17. Too early to say that any shock was on the cards, but Kerry are genuinely hunting this one and it is great to see.

Down scored the next two points. Paudie O'Connor pointed for Kerry but Finn Turpin cancelled it out straightaway. Pearse Óg McCrickard brought the sides level. PodgeBoyle pointed, Down replied. Podge slotted another free – I don't think he missed a single scoring chance all game. McGrattan replied and McCrickard nudged Down in front. Paul Sheehan off the bench starts doing damage – I was surprised to see him starting on the bench, he was always Down's best player against us, but I assume that he was carrying a knock - picked off his first score.

Kerry weren't done. Podge slotted two frees. I'd take a draw. I'd be thrilled with a draw.

Paul Sheehan and Donal Hughes with two points. Podge cut the gap back to one. Just seconds left.

Not enough. Sheehan stretches Down's lead

to two points and that's that.

I'm not disappointed. Not even a little bit. Kerry came out of that game an awful lot stronger than when they stepped into it. Teamwork, confidence, hunger...we need more of it, but it was great to see that bit of fire in their bellies. That was the Kerry that I remember, and we haven't seen it in a while. Kerry: Darren Delaney, Kyle O'Connor, Flor McCarthy, Séamie Foran, Darragh Shanahan, Kevin Goulding, Seán McGrath, Paudie O'Connor (0-2), Dáithí Griffin, Tom Doyle (0-1), Oisín Maunsell (1-0), Luke Crowley (0-4), Luke Rochford (0-2), Pádraig Boyle (0-14, 9f), Darragh Conway Subs: Ronan Walsh (for Seán McGrath, half-time), Rory Mahony (for Dáithí Griffin, 46 mins), Brandon Barrett (for Oisín Maunsell, 49 mins), Seán Brosnan (for Luke Rochford, 51 mins), Niall Mulcahy (for Luke Crowley, 69 mins)

Down: Stephen Keith, Matt Conlan, Tom Murray, John McManus, Marc Fisher (0-1), Liam Savage (0-1), Caolan Taggart, Dónal Hughes (0-1), Phelim Savage, Eoghan Sands (0-2), Chris Egan, Tom McGrattan (0-11, 7f, 1 '65), Tim Prenter (0-2), Ronan Beatty (0-1), Pearse Óg McCrickard (0-5) Subs: Gerard Hughes (for Tom Murray, 43 mins), Paul Sheehan 0-3 (for Chris Egan, 43 mins), Finn Turpin 0-1 (for Phelim Savage, 52 mins), Barry Trainor (for Liam Savage, 63 mins), Niall McFarland (for Marc Fisher, 65 mins):

Referee: Nicky O'Toole (Waterford)

SUPERB SECOND-HALF COMEBACK SECURES VICTORY FOR KERRY CAMOGIE NATIONAL LEAGUE

This was going to be a huge test for Kerry, and especially for the new management

KERRY 0-15 CARLOW 2-8

team of Aidan Boyle and Pete Young. Having lost their opening game away to Offaly and beaten Meath at home in their opening two games, realistically Kerry needed to take these points on the road or realistically they would be losing too much ground on the league leaders in what is already turning out to be a very tight Division 2A.

Things certainly looked bleak enough at half-time as Kerry trailed by a formidable eight points, but the home side had played with a very strong prevailing wind in Netwatch Cullen Park and that was bound to be a

factor.

A dangerous Sarah Sheehan opened the scoring for the home side but Patrice Diggin promptly sent over a free for an immediate rejoinder. It was nip and tuck for the opening ten minutes with both sides on target to make it 0-2 apiece. Carlow nudged a point ahead but in the circumstances Kerry would have been quite contented to soak up Carlow's attacks. However, a great first-time strike by Anna Murphy saw Carlow raise a green flag and Kerry lost the influential Niamh Leen, a real blow. Kerry trimmed the gap back to a goal but an alert Caoimhe Coady pounced for goal number two. A dangerous long ball by Aoife Behan was well parried by Carlow keeper Catherine Kavanagh. Caoimhe Spillane did pick off an important point for Kerry – vital, as it would turn out - but it was Carlow who added the last two points of the half through Eleanor Treacy to take a commanding and deserved 2-5 to 0-3 lead into the break.

Even with the wind, Kerry needed to get something on the scoreboard fairly fast to start reeling it in. Patrice Diggin opened the second half scoring before Amy O'Sullivan, one of Kerry's best performers so far this year, obliged with a fantastic sideline cut straight over the bar (worth two points in camogie, and that kind of superb skill deserves it). 2-5 to 0-7. Still a formidable lead, but looking a lot more manageable. Especially with a sharpshooter like Patrice Diggin on your side, and she rapidly clipped over two points. It was Carlow who looked under pressure now. Eleanor Treacy, outstanding all through, fired over two well-converted frees and it looked like the home side had weathered the storm. Not quite; Kerry had the bit between their teeth now. Patrice Diggin slotted over another brace of frees and an incredible point from distance in between to keep their hopes alive.

Kerry were running their bench now at the end of a really hard-fought game. One of those who came on to strengthen Kerry's hand was Emma Conway. Her Uncle Shane has scored many a vital point for the Kerry hurlers. "Briseann an dúchas trí shúile an chait" a deireann an seanfhocal. 'The apple doesn't fall far from the tree' would be the English equivalent. Emma only had time for one look at the posts.

For talent like this, one look was plenty, and a fantastic score meant that Kerry took the points on offer with them on the road home. A great game, and arguably an even better result from the visitors' perspective.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy; Roisin Quinn, Niamh Leen, Aoife Behan, Caoimhe Spillane (0-1), Ruth O'Connor, Amy O'Sullivan (0-2, sl), Patrice Diggin (0-11, 9fs), Amy McCarthy Ann Marie Leen, Kate Lynch, Ellen O'Donoghue. Subs Áine O'Connor (for Niamh Leen, 16), Shannon Collins (for Ellen O'Donoghue, 41), Niamh Quinn (for Amy McCarthy, 50), Emma Conway 0-1 (for Ann Marie Leen (59), Kathryn Ryan (for Niamh Quinn (61).



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The Best of East Kerry honoured at awards night

On Friday last March 7th, the best of last year's East Kerry Championship were honoured at the Gleneagle Hotel Killarney in the 2024 East Kerry All Star night, sponsored by the Kerryman, Gleneagle Hotel and Aquila club. The players selected on the first 15 were **William Casey (Rathmore) Dara Stack (Kilcummin), Dan Murphy (Rathmore), Cian Dineen (Rathmore) Sean O'Leary (Kilcummin), Dara O'Callaghan (Kilcummin), Alan Dineen (Rathmore) Kevin Gorman (Kilcummin), Cathal Ryan (Rathmore)**

Matt Keane (Kilcummin), Ciaran Collins (Rathmore), Philip O'Leary (Kilcummin) Alex Hennigan (Dr Crokes), Shane Ryan (Rathmore), Dylan Roche (Glenflesk) The other nominated players were **Eoin Moynihan Glenflesk, Dan O'Brien Glenflesk, Brendan O'Keefe Rathmore, James Williams Kilcummin, Daragh Lyne Kilarney Legion, Paul Murphy Rathmore, Tommy Bowler Glenflesk, Paul O'Connor Kenmare and Shane O'Sullivan Gneeveguilla.**

The senior player of the year was Dan Murphy of Rathmore, while young player of the year was his club mate Ciaran Collins. The award for intermediate player of the year, was confirmed as Ronan Buckley of Listry. Also on the night, 2 people who have given outstanding service to East Kerry GAA were honoured. The Hall of fame inducted was former East Kerry Chairman Dermot Griffin. The person of the year, is former East Kerry PRO Michael O Mahony. Congratulations to all award winners on a superb night.



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Dan Murphy receives Senior footballer of the year award from Paul Brennan, The Kerryman and Garry O'Halloran East Kerry chairman.



Dave Mc Carthy accepts the Intermediate footballer of the year award on behalf of Ronan Buckley from Paul Brennan, The Kerryman and Garry O'Halloran East Kerry chairman.



Ciaran Collins receives the Young footballer of the year award his award from Paul Brennan, The Kerryman and Garry O'Halloran East Kerry chairman.



Dermot O'Connor and Alan Finn.



Garry O'Halloran, Dermot and Brid Ann Griffin and Ann Holland.



Dermot Griffin receives the hall of fame award from East Kerry Chairman Garry O'Halloran.



Dermot and Brid Ann Griffin with children Michael, Breda and Diarmuid.



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SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE FIXTURES

Our Senior B team get their County League campaign underway this Friday night in Direen. Milltown /Castlemaine are their first opponents and the game throws in at 7.30pm under the lights.

SATURDAY MORNING ACADEMY

The Academy will make its return on Saturday March 15th, suitable for boys and girls from age 4 to 10 it will run from 10.30am. With a new Academy committee at the helm there are some fresh and innovating ideas coming on board so it promises to be an exciting year. We are also offering Hurling and Camogie as a new initiative with throw in there at 11.30am running through to 12.15pm. There will be free registration for U6s and with Garda vetted experienced coaches your children could not be in better hands.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others group will be returning from their winter break in the coming weeks. Deemed as social football with a twist or two it is the ideal outlet for any ladies interested in some exercise and more importantly fun. The group are going from strength to strength but as always are open to new members joining. It starts on Thursday March 20th from 8-9pm with the emphasis on three "F"s... Fitness, friends and fun.

GAELIC FOR GIRLS

Killarney Legion are delighted to be the only club in Kerry helping to run a fantastic new initiative. It is aimed at young girls who have either never tried Gaelic Football before or want to give it another go. Run in conjunction with the Ladies Gaelic Football Association and with Kerry star Siofra O Shea as its ambassador, it commences on Saturday 15th March in our club grounds in Direen and is open to everyone. The cost of the programme is just 12 Euro for 8 weeks and that includes a Gaelic 4 Girls t-shirt. The course will

run for eight weeks from 10-11am each Saturday morning and for more info or to register you are urged to contact either Margaret at 087 2476755 or Laura at 087 2031804. Alternatively you can contact by email at Killarneylegionacademy@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to all our members who celebrated their Confirmation Day yesterday. The bank accounts will be boosted after the day, no doubt.

LOTTO

Results Monday March 3rd. Numbers were 9, 11, 16, 23. Bonus 22. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Shania Costello 2. Joe Whelan 3. Marie Doolan

EAST KERRY NEWS

EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

Gneeveguilla : 2-18 Kilcummin: 3-14

Finals to be played at a date to be confirmed.

County Minor Club Championship

Best of luck to the East Kerry Clubs involved in County Championship Finals next weekend

EAST KERRY ALL STAR NIGHT

A superb night at the Gleneagle Hotel on Friday last, to honour the best performances in last year's East Kerry championship. Congratulations to all the award winners on the night.

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 09/03/2025 for a jackpot of €8,850 were 1, 9, 22, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Niall Gilroy, Nora Kelliher, Carmel Griffin, Leah Griffin, Aoife McGrath. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

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SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Our senior team kick off their Division 2 County League campaign at home to Keel on Sunday 16th March while our B team are away to Gneeveguilla in Division 5 also on Sunday, times to be confirmed.

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NOTES

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025

Is féile indirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í seachtain na Gaeilge atá ar an gceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn gach bliain.

Maireann an ceiliúradh ar feadh seacht lá déag – ón gcéad lá de mhí an Mhárta go dtí lá fhéile Pádraig. Bíonn gach lá lán le gníomhaíochtaí chun grá don ghailge a scaipeadh agus chun cultúr na hÉireann a chur chun cinn. Anseo i Meánscoil Bríd Naofa, deanaimid iarracht Seachtain na Gaeilge a úsáid mar tréimhse chun an ghaeilge agus an cultúr a chur chun cinn i bpobal na scoile. In ionad ranganna gaeilge breise, eagraimid go leor gníomhaíochtaí spráúla gaelach ionas go mbainfidh daltaí na scoile taitneamh as an ghaeilge lasmuigh den seomra ranga!

An tseachtain seo chaite, bhí seachtain lán le gníomhaíochtaí do gach bhliain chun 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' a cheiliúradh á bhuíocas le na múinteoirí gaeilge agus 'An Coiste Gaeilge'. Thosaigh an ceiliúradh ar an 3ú Márta le 'Céilí mór' do na daltaí sa chéad bhliain – D'fhoghlaim siad

Tá traidisiún na teanga láidir i Meánscoil Bríd Naofa

rince seit, ballaí Luimnigh agus an Dreoilín. Ar an Deardaoin (6ú) Bhí 'Ceardlann Ióga' as gaeilge sa giomnásium. Deis iontach éalú ó bhrú na

scoile. Chomh maith leis sin - bhí lá den scoth ag An Chéad bhliain i gComórtas an Poc fada. Bhí mise mar dhuine d'ochtair daltaí na hidirbhliana a chabhraigh leis an imeacht seo. Bhí gach duine ar mhuin na muice ag baint triail as an iománaíocht agus ag baint úsáide an cúpla focal as gaeilge freisin. Bhí comortas siamsúil ann idir na daltaí agus na múinteoirí agus ba é aidhm an comórtas ná na sliotar a bhualadh an fhad is faide! Ag am lón - Bhí 'Ceolchoirm SnaG' sa ceantain le damhsa gaelach (rinne gaelach agus seit), amhránaíocht agus ceol traidisiúnta le feiceáil agus le cloiteáil. Is taispeántas bliantúil é anois agus bíonn gach duine ag tuúth go mór leis. Thug na daltaí a ghlac páirt taispeántas fíorálainn agus gan dabht bhí gach duine an-toghta agus bródúil astu. De hAoine (7ú) Rinne daltaí na hArdteiste 'Gaeilge Ghasta' Deis iontach an ghaeilge a cleachtadh lasmuigh den rang gaeilge I slí nádúrta agus d'fhoghlaim siad níos mó faoina chéile.

An tseachtain seo, bhí 'Cluiche móra Biong'

do dhaltá sa tríú bhliain. Bhain siad an taitneamh as agus bhí deis acu uibheacha Cásca a bhuaigh. Bhí lá spráúil ag daltaí na hIdirbhliana ar an Luan freisin – Thug Pobail scoil Chorca Dhaoine cuairt ar Cill Airne agus bhí lá gaeltachta againn ar scoil. Caith an dhá ghrúpa an lá le chéile ag glacadh páirte i gcéilí mór agus ag déanamh tóraíocht taisce timpeall an Baile mór. Ach ná bí buartha, mar níl an féile críochnaithe inár scoil go fóill! Tá cluichí ranga, comórtas ealaíne agus go leor imeachtaí spráúla fós ar siúl. Ar an Deardaoin, beidh ceathrar dalta ón gCoiste Gaeilge ag dul go dtí Ceann Ceathrú TikTok i mBaile Átha Cliath le Ms. Collins le haghaidh 'Lá na Teicneolaíochta'. Eagraíodh an imeacht seo chun tionchar na gaeilge ar líne a spreagadh. Níl dabht ar bith go dtuigimid tábhacht ár dteanga náisiúnta anseo i Meánscoil Bríd Naofa. Míle buíochas do Na Múinteoirí Gaeilge as na himeachtaí a eagrú ó na daltaí ar fad!



Anna Roche, TY Student at St. Brigid's



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Road Closure Date	Road Closure Times	Streets Closed
Saturday, 5 th April 2025	From 11.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Main Street
Sunday, 6 th April 2025	From 11.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.	(From Killarney Plaza Junction to Plunkett Street Junction).

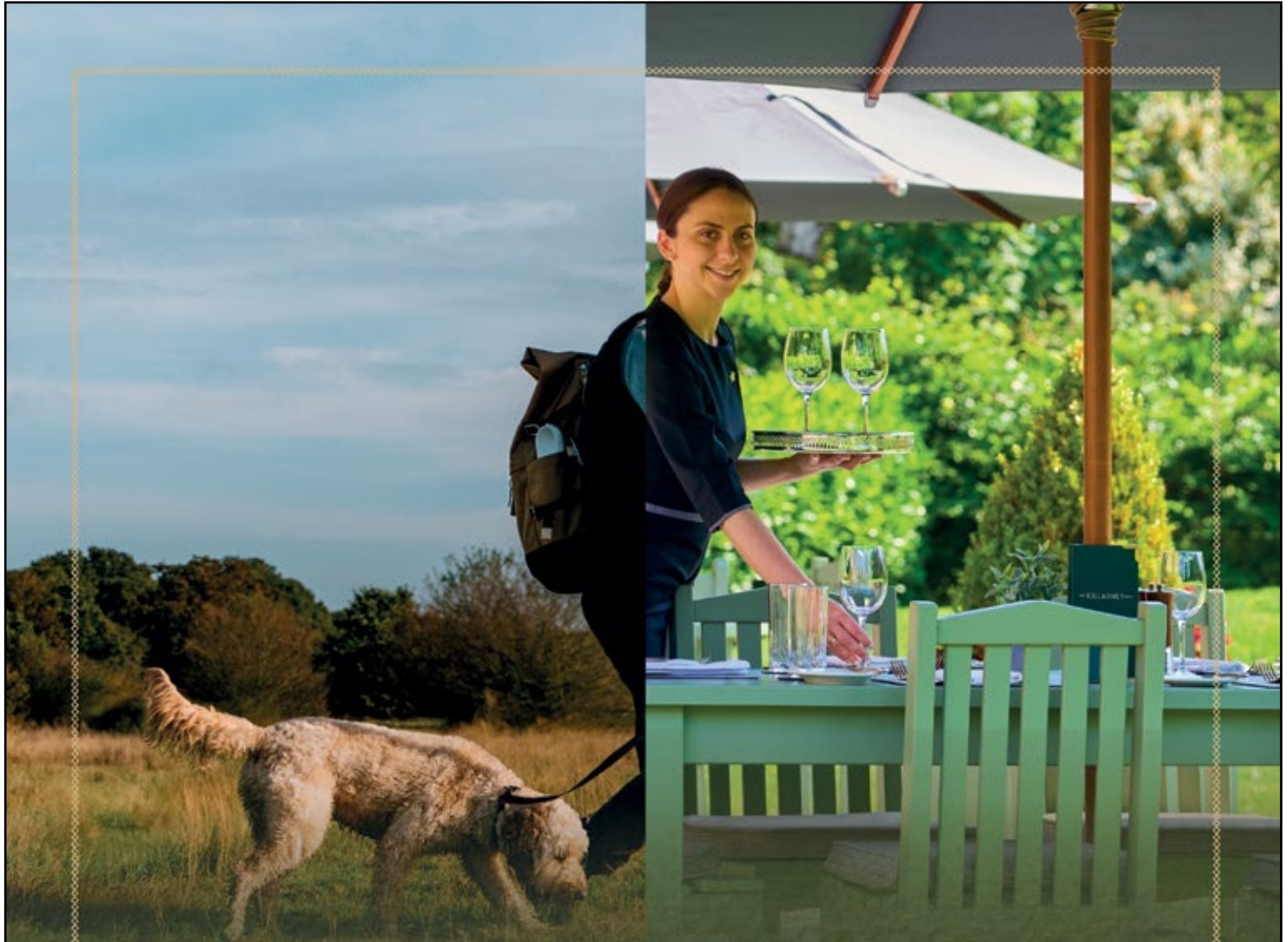
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Any person having an objection to the above proposal should lodge same, in writing, marked **Road Closure**, with the Administrative Officer, Roads and Transportation Department, County Buildings, Tralee, County Kerry or by e-mail to roads@kerrycoco.ie not later than **4.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th March 2025.**

Liam Quinlan
Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs

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Breda Cronin Breen (left) with her two children Mona and Micheal of Breen Driver Training presenting a set of football jerseys and togs to the Fossa Primary School team (front from left) Dearbhla Kiely, Mia McCormack, Jiulie O'Gorman, Ellie Cronin, Emily Kavanagh, Áine Scanlan (back from left) Mike teacher trainer Frank Russell, Rian O'Reilly, Darragh O'Toole, Finian Swarbrick, Séan Doyle, George Nomikos, Eoin Murphy and Fiona Hallissey Deputy Principal at Fossa Primary School, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Andrew Wharton of Kerry Ground Works Company and his son William presenting a set of Basketball tops and togs to the Fossa Primary School Basketball teams (front from left) Noah Keogh, Ciara Vaughan, Jane Byrne, Eve O'Halloran, Kate Brosnan (back from left) teacher Bridget Murphy, Sophie Looney, Doireann O'Connor, Tristan Cryan, David Kennelly and Aaron O'Sullivan at Fossa Primary School, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John Long Chairman Chapter 23 Credit Union (seated third from left) presenting the Chapter 23 Schools Senior Quiz winning cup to Liam Ó Conchubháir Príomhorde Gaelscoil Mhic Easmainn with winning team members Anna Spring, Adam Ó Cuill, Róisín Ní Dhubhghaill and Elliott Hudson with (second row from left) Scoil Realt na Maidine Listowel Seán Kelly, Culainn Doyle, Scott McDonnell, Usnah De Ro'iste, Naoise De Ro'iste 2nd, St Oliver's Primary School Killarney Mark Doolan, Dáire Murphy, Fionn Twomey and Eric Reed 3rd with (back from left) teacher Siobhán Mahony Scoil Realte na Maidine Listowel, Jim Kenny Chapter 23 CU, Kate O'Dowd Chapter 23 CU, Tom Lawlor Chapter 23 CU, Siobhan Dennehy Chapter 23 CU, teacher Maria Ryan St Oliver's Primary School Killarney and John O'Regan Chapter 23 CU at the Chapter 23 Primary Schools Quiz finals in Ballyroe Hotel, Tralee on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John Long Chairman Chapter 23 Credit Union (seated third from left) presenting the Chapter 23 Schools Junior Quiz winning cup to Maria Ryan St Oliver's Primary School Killarney with winning team members Phillip Dian, Amelia Angland, Liam Molokomme and Aaron O'Sullivan with (second row from left) Holy Family Primary School team Conor McCarthy, Diarmuid Horan, Kayla White and Eabha Buckley 2nd and Lissivigeen National School team Robyn Kennedy, Saorlaith Farry, Donnchadh Sheehan O'Sullivan and Fionn Herlihy 3rd with (back from left) Karena McCarthy Killarney CU, John O'Regan Clanmaurice CU, Mary O'Shea and Abina O'Sullivan Rathmore and District CU, Tom Lawlor Tralee CU, teacher Peg O'Mahony Lissivigeren NS and Paul Horan Principal Holy Family Primary School Rathmore at the Chapter 23 Primary Schools Quiz finals in Ballyroe Hotel, Tralee on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Catherine Joy and Tim Kissane with members of Fossa Two-Mike Comhaltas Set Dancing group at the launch of the Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas Fundraising Ceili in aid of Kerry Cancer Support Group at the Fossa Community Centre on Sunday 23rd 3-6pm. Music by Johnny Reidy Ceili Band. Admission €10. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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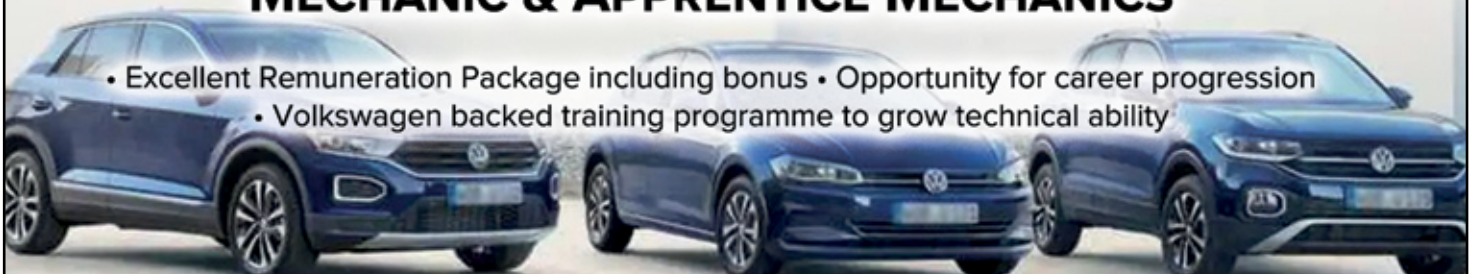
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A Word of Victory

"I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfil His purpose for me"
(Psalm 57:2 NLT)

Welcome back dear student, sometimes when things are difficult you might think... 'oh, what's the point!'. Another phrase... 'there's no point!' means, you might as well give up: this is something you will not master or get through. Not in God's vocabulary! (Matthew 19:26; Philippians 4:13). THE point is, God has put you on this earth for such a time as this. THE point is, God has a plan for your life, but the kingdom of darkness will throw everything to try to defeat you. THE point is, God will fulfil His purpose if you lean upon Him and call upon the Name of Jesus (Romans 10:11-13; Proverbs 3:5-6). The Lord Jesus is the point - the 'Way, the Truth and the Life' and in order to be made right with God we must get to know Jesus, His Word, and His ways, to enter into God's Salvation - forgiveness, relationship, protection, provision, and blessing (John 14:6). The Word tells of Queen Esther, and her cousin Mordecai who raised her. They were Jewish captives in Persia. Esther, a young girl, was taken into the King of Persia's palace as he was looking for a new Queen. She ended up winning his favour and was chosen, and all seemed great. But a wicked man called Haman hated Mordecai, not realising that he was related to the new Queen. Haman decided to not only kill Mordecai but all his tribe the Jews, as well. He devised a scheme, tricking King Xerxes into making an order to have all the Jews in Persia exterminated on a certain day in March. But Mordecai and Esther and all the Israelites cried out to God in prayer and fasting. Then Esther did a very brave thing. She entered the throne room, coming before the king without permission - to beg for the lives of herself and all the Jews. She was very fearful - because going into the king's presence uninvited could get you killed. But Mordecai made a comment that changed her mind. He told her 'Esther perhaps this is why God has made you Queen - for such a time as this, to save your people?' (Esther 4:14-16). The book of Esther is well worth a study friend, it's a classic good vs evil study to fill you with hope; especially needed in today's crazy world I believe. God did use Esther to save her people, and the king ordered the wicked Haman be hung on the gallows that he had constructed to kill Mordecai on. Today is the festival of Purim, when Jews all over the world celebrate this victory from destruction and annihilation. God fulfilled the purpose for which Esther was born. Her life didn't have a good start, but God elevated this humble girl to a great role and turned around the destiny of two nations to bring redemption. God will always defend His people Israel.

Friend, you may have endured hard times; you may not have fitted in, or felt loved or courageous before, but if you believe in the Lord Jesus, you now belong to God's family (Ephesians 2:14-18). You are a child of the covenant-keeping God! He will fight to defend you, and He never changes (James 1:17-18). The New Covenant was sealed with the death and resurrection of Jesus - the Lamb of God who took away all our sin. This free gift of right-standing with God was exchanged for our sins, paid for with the Blood of Jesus (Hebrews chapter 10). The result is the power of sin, death and curse is broken, and freedom is delivered to those who believe. Destruction is not your portion, blessing is!

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LÁ LE PADRAIG- ST PATRICK'S DAY MONDAY MARCH 17TH is the Solemnity of our national saint, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at the same time as weekends

SUNDAY 16th 6.15pm Vigil in St Mary's Cathedral
MONDAY 17th 10.30am, 12 noon in St Mary's Cathedral
MONDAY 17th 9.30am in Muckross Church
MONDAY 17th 11am in the Church of the Resurrection
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THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF SEAMUS WELDON



BARLEYMOUNT, KILLARNEY,
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WHO PASSED AWAY
16/03/2024.

As we lovingly remember Seamus on his first anniversary, Padraig together with his family would like to express our gratitude and sincere thanks to all our friends, family and kind neighbours who helped and sympathised with us during that difficult time. Thanks to the staff at the Palliative of care, to Fr. Geaney, the sacristan, vocalist and organist and O'Shea's undertakers, As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere thanks and gratitude.

*A smile for all and a heart of gold,
the very best this world could hold.*

Never selfish, always kind.

Those are the memories you left behind.

1st Anniversary Mass will be held in
Prince of Peace Church, Fossa,
Saturday 15th March 7.30pm.

ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONAL MULCAHY



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WHO DIED ON
ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 2012
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*No length of time can take away
Thoughts of you, from day to day
Though absent, you are always near
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*

Sadly missed by all the family.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK KINGSTON



MILL ROAD, KILLARNEY/
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WHO PASSED AWAY ON
20TH MARCH 2024.

We wish to thank all those who attended the removal, requiem Mass and burial, those who watched online, sent Mass cards, flowers, travelled long distances and expressed condolences online.

Thanks to Fr. Sean Jones, St., Marys Cathedral who celebrated the Mass.

A special thanks to all the staff in Palliative Care, Kerry General Hospital for the care and kindness they provided to us.

*We think of the things you used to say,
and all the things you would do.*

*At some point, every single day,
our thoughts will turn to you.*

*No matter how life changes,
no matter what we do*

*A special place within our hearts is
always kept for you.*

Always and forever in our hearts and in our daily lives, we miss you, Dad.

Lovingly remembered by your son and daughters, Katherine, Garry, Maura and Marguerite. Your sisters, sons and daughter in law, grandchildren, great grandchild and extended family.

1st Anniversary Mass for Jack on
Sunday, 16th March at 12pm in
St. Marys Cathedral, Killarney.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GER HEALY



KNOCKANCORE, KILCUMMIN
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
14TH MARCH 2024.

*We thought of you today, but that's nothing new,
we thought about you yesterday and the days before that too.*

*We think of you in silence, we often speak your name, all we have are memories and your pictures in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake, from which we'll never part, God has you in his arms,
we have you in our hearts.*

Loved and missed by Mary,
Stephen, Jackie and Ted.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GER HEALY



KNOCKANCORE, KILCUMMIN
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
14TH MARCH 2024.

*No one knew this morning
What sadness the day would bring.
When a heart of gold stopped
beating and could not do a thing.
Without your kind and gentle smile
And sweet familiar face,
A treasured life is missing,
And our world let a sadder place.*

Loved and never forgotten always
in my heart, Budge.

ST ROCH PRAYER

Prayer to Avert Contagious Maladies.
O' Most Merciful God who through an angel promised St Roch whoever would invoke his name should be preserved From pestilence & contagious diseases. Grant that through his intercession we may be preserved from all dangers both of Soul & body. Through Christ Our Lord Amen St Roch Pray for Us. Feast 16 August.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GER HEALY



KNOCKANCORE, KILCUMMIN
KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
14TH MARCH 2024.

On Ger's anniversary we his family, his wife Helen, 4 children Jenny, Laura, TJ and Ryan wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone who sympathised and supported us through the past year. For those who telephoned, visited us, sent messages of condolences, Mass cards and flowers we are eternally grateful.

Thanks to our fantastic neighbours and friends for their support and help, to everyone who brought food and refreshments to our home during this difficult time, we are forever thankful.

To the doctors, nurses and staff of the emergency department and ICU in University Hospital Kerry and the ICU in CUH for looking after Dad in his final days. A big thank you to Fr Padraig Kennelly for his prayers and support to us and Ger in his final few hours and a beautiful funeral Mass, also a special thanks to Fr John Ahern, Thady O'Connor and Siobhan who helped with Ger's Mass.

To Helen Kerins and Denis Crowley for the beautiful music and hymns at Gers Mass and to Ger Healy the singing Jarvey for the lovely music and songs at Gers final resting place. Thanks to Mary and Mike O'Shea and all the staff at O'Shea's funeral home for their kindness and professionalism shown to us throughout Gers funeral.

A special thank you to Kilcummin LGFA and GAA, Mastergeeha FC, umpires, referees, St Brendan's college and Kilcummin NS, for their amazing guard of honour on both days for Ger and also to everyone who came to walk with us on Gers final journey.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

1st Anniversary Mass for Ger will take place on Saturday, 15th March at 7.30pm in our lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin.

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