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The team at Allure Hair Salon have double celebrations as they re-open this week as they are also celebrating 10 years in business. Photographed left to right is Jean Counihan, Sandra Evans, Susan McDonogh and Karen Foley. PICTURE: SALLY MACMONAGLE.



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KEANE PRAISES KERRY MOUNTAIN RESCUE See Page 4



FROM THE EDITOR

Monday May 10th was hailed as a day of freedom. - the day that saw the opening of businesses and freedom for the people of Ireland to travel anywhere and to meet family and friends outdoors and indoors if vaccinated.

Religious Services resumed and over 12,000 businesses reopened for the first time this year.

Aisling Crosbie.

In this week's Killarney Outlook, we met with those who reopened this week much to their delight and that of their customers. Next Monday sees the full return of retail along with hope for the months ahead.

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A beautiful sunset at Ross Castle this week. PICTURE: JOHN LYNCH

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NEWS

KEANE PRAISES **KERRY MOUNTAIN RESCUE**

The aftermath of the Cork game was tough on all the Kerry panel, of course, they feel that sting more than any of us. But it was particularly tough for Peter Keane, who suffered a shoulder injury after a fall on Carrantouhill that necessitated surgery. Peter paid tribute to the rescue services and hospital care that was there when he needed it.

"A friend of mine sent me a message on the Monday, probably wondering where my head was at. He's a farmer and he'd a few ewes above in the mountain that he was going up to bring home. So he wanted to know would I come away with him. There was one condition, we wouldn't talk football. So I said we would and



away we went. The forecast was to get poor later on, but it got bad earlier than anticipated. And I had a very innocuous fall, it was just a slip, and I put my hand back to save myself and unfortunately I dislocated my shoulder in doing the same thing. I was in trouble from that point on, so we had to call somebody in. "

> "I suppose I was very, very fortunate with Kerry Mountain Rescue that they came, and

KERRY MOUNTAIN it was unbelievable – it was **RESCUETEAM** embarrassing, to be honest

embarrassing, to be honest with you. People give out to me

when I say it was embarrassing, because this is what's there. But it was unbelievable to think that these people come out in all types of weather and you've somebody bringing half a stretcher, and another person bringing the other half, somebody bringing a sledge and somebody bringing stakes.

"For them to bring me down ... it was amazing, that's maybe the best way I could describe it, the way people could come out. Kerry Mountain Rescue has no funding, no Government funding, but they'll go out in any conditions to bring any person home. I just thought that was amazing."

"When I landed down from the mountain I was eventually whittled into the hospital in Tralee and I got great service there under the care of the people inside and I want to pay tribute to them. We are very lucky here in Kerry, we have the University Hospital and we also have the Bon Secours hospital and they are two great facilities that we have in a county like Kerry."

Lit Up to Save Lives... DEFIBRILLATOR BOX SHINES BRIGHTLY



Leo O'Connor, Heart of Ireland, Mayor of Killarney Cllr. Brendan Cronin and Killarney Cardiac Response Unit volunteer Ann Rohan pictured at the recently lit up defibrillator phone box on Main Street.

Killarney Cardiac Response Unit in conjunction with Killarney Heartsafe continue to raise awareness of the 16 public access AEDs available in Killarney.

This week, volunteers Leo O'Connor and Ann Rohan met Mayor of Killarney Cllr. Brendan Cronin at the Heart of Ireland phone box which houses a defibrillator on Main Street in Killarney. This phone box, along with the phone boxes in Fossa and Woodlawn are now lit up thanks to Councillor allocations from Cllr Brendan Cronin and former Councillor John Joe Culloty.

These life saving defibrillators are available 24/7 for use by the public in an emergency and are strategically located in areas of high footfall or areas on the outer perimeters of the town.

Part of the public access AED scheme involves Heart Of Ireland, Old style phone boxes which again are a fundamental part of the community by housing these life saving devices.

"The recent lighting up of the Heart Of Ireland phone boxes further enhance these areas and we would like to thank the community for supporting this project with a special thank you to Cllr. Brendan Cronin and John Joe Culloty for assisting and providing funding towards lighting 2 of the locations, main street and Woodlawn", Kevin O'Leary, Scheme Coordinator of the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit told Killarney Outlook.

For more information visit www.killarneycru.ie "



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The Falveys pictured at Ross Castle on Saturday morning Walking for Nathan from Darkness into Light on Saturday morning L-R Mairead, Eloisha, Donal & Tiarna.

They walked, swam, cycled and ran... FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT



Pictured in Killarney National Park, house mates L-R Niamh Clifford, Leanna O'Brien, Stephen Roche, Clare O'Meara & Noreen McDonnell, shining a light for Nathan's Walk, Darkness into Light on Saturday morning.

s the sun began to rise on Saturday last May 8th, hundreds of people all over Killarney began their darkness into light fundraising walk. For many it was a trip down to the Racecourse in their own bubble to honour young Nathan Carroll who lost his life to suicide.

Nathan's family organise this event every year in his memory and all funds raised to towards Pieta House which is based in Tralee.

Many chose to do their own walk or run at a different time but still donating to the cause. PRO for Nathan's Walk Cathal Walshe told Killarney Outlook that the O' Carroll family would like to thank everybody who turned out in support of Nathan's Walk Darkness into Light for Pieta House. "Despite the inclement weather there was a large turnout of supporters for this event now in its 11th year. Thanks to all who have donated to date which this walk unique as the only walk named in someone's honour", Cathal said. "The event up to this year has raised €500,000 for Pieta", he added. Cathal also thanked everyone who gave complimentary teas and coffees to the walkers.









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There was widespread delight this week when parishioners from Killarney Parish were able to return to Mass. Masses for the weekdays and weekends resumed this week and take place in St Mary's Cathedral 10.30am & 6.15pm and in the Church of the Resurrection 9.30am Sun 16th 8am, 10.30am & 12noon St Mary's Cathedral 9.30am Muckross 11am Church of the Resurrection.

In a statement in last week's Newsletter, the move has been welcomed.

"It is fantastic that we can gather for Mass - you have been waiting a long time since last being around the altar of the Lord to receive the nourishment of Holy Communion, the Body of Christ. What a blessing it will be!! But it will continue to be different for a while and we need the help of everyone to make it happen", a spokesperson for the diocese s

The Sunday Obligation to attend Mass has been waived for the moment, and so if you can, we ask you to join us for Mass during the week so as to leave the weekend Masses for those who are only available to come then. We will be adhering to distancing guidelines, and so this will reduce the capacity of the Churches significantly for each Mass. We ask people to come early as we will need to guide you to the designated places, and it will be first come, first served. It may mean that people may come but be unable to enter due to distancing guidelines, so we ask for your understanding on this.

Communion Time: the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers will be using hand sanitiser before distributing Communion, they will be wearing a face mask, ushers will help guide people to keep distance when approaching, you will be asked to receive Holy Communion in your hands.

Offertory Collection: The basket will not be passed around, instead there will be collection boxes at the doors for your contribution and

DELIGHT AS PARISHIONERS RETURN TO MASS



Pictured at the Church of the Resurrection on Park Road on Tuesday were Billy and Dolores Daly with Fidelma and Seamie O'Connor.

support of the parish. Personal responsibility: we ask the help of everyone in reopening:

* Face Masks MUST be worn regardless of having had the vaccination. These are the guidelines advised.

* hand sanitiser at the doors

* hand and cough hygiene etiquette

* keep the distancing on the way into Church, in the pews, at Communion time, and on leaving

* to follow the direction of ushers who are there to help. Together we will make it work: Much of the above will take a little getting used to, but it is all possible—after all, our focus is the chance to return together for Mass, and we will all do whatever it takes to get us around the Lord's Altar to receive the Bread of Life. Again if you can help with ushering or cleaning please contact the parish office.

SPA THANKS CLLR MICHAEL GLEESON FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

In Spa, a mixture of regret and gratitude met the recent announcement of Michael Gleeson's retirement from representative political life. In his football career, Mick represented Spa with pride in the green and gold of Kerry, winning 2 All-Ireland senior football medals. He was equally proud of his successes with Spa, including winning 7 O'Donoghue Cup medals. He continued to represent us well during almost 40 years of outstanding public service.

The Spa G.A.A. crest highlights the natural beauty of our area - hills, rivers, lakes, fertile valleys and woods. Maintaining these in pristine condition was a high priority for him. He wished that we would have a healthy and varied environment to enjoy and to pass on to future generations.

His efforts have led to huge improvements to our town and district. Judicious use of his

councillor's allocation and his advancing of local improvement schemes mean that many of our roads are more comfortable and safer. Of particular significance to Spa G.A.A. are the improved access road to our pitch, the erection of public lighting at the entrance and the new surface on the road from Spa Bridge to our field. Many other roads from Gortdromakerrie to Kilbrean bear the imprint of his work.

He took particular pride in getting the roundabout at Lissivigeen named in honour of our Spa-Muckross Olympian Gillian O' Sullivan. Cycle lanes and walkways will help to keep us all healthier and happier.

Táimíd thar a bheith buíoch duit a Mhichíl agus do Caitlín as ucht bhúr dea obair. Tá luach bhur gcuid saothair tuillte agat. Bain taitneamh as.





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N22 FARRANFORE TO KILLARNEY PROJECT



Farranfore Village.



CONSULTATION BEGINS ON NEW ROUTE

Today, Friday May 14th sees the beginning of a period of public consultation on the development of improved transport linkages and a new route corridor to enhance connectivity between Farranfore and Killarney. Kerry County Council is working in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the Department of Transport to develop the N22 project and is inviting the public to engage in a process of consultation over the coming months.

The aim of this period of consultation is to examine and identify improved transport linkages between Farranfore and Killarney including identifying the broad parameters of the area within which a new road-based link could be developed. As part of the process, a Southern Link Road between the N22 and the N71 Muckross Road in Killarney is also

being developed and forms part of the public consultation.

An online public consultation period will run for six weeks from 14th May to 25th June 2021. Members of the public and interested parties can view the shortlisted Route Corridor Options on the project website https://n22.kerrycoco. ie/ from Friday, 14th May. Alternatively, submissions can also be sent in by Freepost or email to the addresses outlined on the website. The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Patrick Connor-Scarteen welcomed the launch of the public consultation: "This is a hugely important project for the entire county and has tremendous potential to enhance regional connectivity between Tralee and Killarney and the north and south of the county as well as improving safety for everyone. I urge everyone to engage with the public consultation process and have your say."

Following the consultation on the Route Options Corridors, an Emerging Preferred Route Corridor for the scheme will be identified which will be displayed at a future public consultation. Once a likely route corridor emerges a Northern Link Road in Killarney town and an N23 Link at Farranfore will also be progressed.

Kerry County Council has appointed Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd. as Technical Advisors to progress the planning and design phases for the scheme.

During the consultation people can also book an appointment within the online virtual room and request a call back to speak with a member of the project team by phone or video call. An information leaflet and brochure have been produced to inform the public about the process and how they can engage with the project team.

OLD KENMARE ROAD REPAIRS TO START ON MONDAY



The Old Kenmare Road is set for road repairs and improvements works which are due to commence on Monday next and will involve a \in 382,000 investment. The Old Kenmare road (locally known as the Tanks Road) from the junction of the N71 to the upper car park at Torc, will be closed to all vehicular, cycling and pedestrian access from Monday 17th May to Monday 12th July to facilitate the repairs.

The project forms part of the Killarney Municipal District Schedule of Works Programme for 2021 and is funded via an Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) to the value of €250,000 and a Local Improvement Scheme investment to the value of €132,000.

Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Brendan Cronin said the investment was a fantastic boost for locals and visitors and would ensure that a route which had deteriorated in recent years would now be brought up to standard. 'Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, Kerry County Council was not in a position to carry out the works earlier in the year but work is now proceeding to ensure as much work as possible can be completed ahead of the tourist season. The Old Kenmare Road is such an important and iconic route for local walkers and for those who visit Killarney and I look forward to the completion of this work at the earliest opportunity,' said Cllr Cronin. Kerry County Council in conjunction with Killarney National Park request the public not to park at the junction of the Old Kenmare road and the N71 as this will impede construction traffic entering and exiting the site. For those wishing to access the boardwalk on Torc Mountain they can do so by parking at the car parks at Springfield or at Torc Waterfall, and then use the existing trail network to access the Old Kenmare Road.

N22 Farranfore|Killarney

// PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Kerry County Council is working in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport to develop the N22 Farranfore to Killarney Project. The project involves the examination of feasible transport solutions including public transport and road-based solutions to improve connectivity between Farranfore and Killarney.

An online public consultation experience has been developed where you can make a submission online via the feedback form or alternatively, by Freepost or email to the addresses outlined below.

The public consultation will run for six weeks from 14th May to the 25th June 2021 and can be accessed through the project website at: https://n22.kerrycoco.ie/

Kerry County Council are seeking feedback about the Study Area, where the proposed upgrades to the N22 will take place, the shortlisted Route Corridor Options, public transport, and active travel.

During the consultation the public have the option to request a call back to speak with a member of the project team by completing a booking form in the online consultation experience. This service will be open for the first four weeks of the public consultation period, 14th May to the 11th of June 2021.

Kerry County Council understands that not everyone has access to online information. For those who wish to speak to a member of the project team directly, request a copy of the feedback form or brochure, they can do so by calling 066 7183583.

-// HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION ·

Submissions can be made using the feedback form in the online public consultation experience within the project website: https://n22.kerrycoco.ie

Submissions can also be made by:

Post: The N22 Farranfore to Killarney Project, Kerry National Roads Office, Kerry County Council, The Island Centre, Castleisland, Freepost FKY 7494, County Kerry, V92 TOCP

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Call: 066 7183583

Please make submissions in relation to the Route Corridor Options by:

Friday June 25th, 2021



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NEWS

SHARI TO CUT HER HAIR FOR PALLIATIVE CARE



After witnessing first hand the amazing treatment of patients in the Palliative Care Unit in Tralee, Shari Murphy has vowed to cut her hair in an effort to raise money.

"This is a cause very close to my heart as my Mom passed away in January this year and the Palliative Care Unit took such amazing care of her and all the family", Shari told Killarney Outlook.

"Heartbreakingly, they are also caring for my Dad, Dan McGough at the moment as he enters the final stages of his battle", Shari said.

The staff in the outpatient Suaimhneas Centre, the inpatient palliative ward and the community support team were amazing as they allowed Shari's Mom Mary to stay at home as long as possible.

"My brothers Danny and Alan and all the family are particularly thankful to Dr. Mags Clifford, palliative care consultant, who has been a big part of our lives for the best part of a year. First with Mom, but then unexpectedly with Dad. She treated Mom with such care and compassion, and continues to do the same for Dad. Always mindful of the devastating time we continue to go through as a family, the whole palliative team have been amazing beyond words", Shari said. Having spent a number of weeks in the Tralee unit Dan was transferred to

a palliative bed in St. Joseph's Care Home in Killorglin in March where he remained until 2 weeks ago when he hit a bump in the road. "He is back in the inpatient unit in Tralee for the moment and it's as if he was never away. We are always greeted with a smile and a kind word on visiting and ensuring the family are doing ok is all part of the palliative service", Shari said. "By the grace of God, Mom and Dad ended up in rooms side by side for Mom's last 10 days, and I think this was a first for the palliative care unit. After nearly 50 years of marriage they were almost inseparable, two sides of the one coin, where one went the other went", Shari said.

"While on the surface the tragedy of the situation was obvious, it was comforting that they were close by to each other and the staff did all they could to make sure they got to spend some precious moments together", she added."This really is such a special place - we all hope we'll never need it but, God forbid, if that day ever



comes we are so

lucky to have such a facility on our doorstep so it should be getting the recognition and support it deserves, especially after a difficult year for charities that depend on public donations.

All shares and donations deeply appreciated no matter how big or small and all the money raised in Kerry stays in Kerry", Shari added.

Along with raising funds, Shari intends donating 14 inches of her hari to the Rapunzel Foundation. The Rapunzel Foundation is a charity organization that works to improve the lives of those living with hair loss either as a result of medical tconditions such as alopecia or medical treatments such as chemotherapy. I was shocked to learn that it takes between 20 and 25 ponytails to make one single wig so I am thrilled and proud to be a part of helping this worthy cause".

You can donate to Shari's fundraiser on Just Giving..... Shari is Chopping the Hair for Palliative Care

6 After nearly 50 years of marriage they were almost inseparable, two sides of the one coin, where one went the other went.

Time to Strive for Five for Chernobyl

There has always been strong links between Killarney and Belarus and along with the Friends of the Children of Chernobyl who continue to fundraise for children who have been affected by the Chernobyl Disaster over 35 years ago, many young people from Killarney have volunteered in Belarus through the Burren Chernobyl Project.

Unfortunately the group's fundraising opportunities have been severely affected by Covid in the past 15 months and the group have launched e a new fundraising idea and are looking for help.

"We have had to defer all volunteer trips and CARE Camps for another year. The loss of these camps last year was felt by all involved but in an insurmountable way for the children and young adults of Gorodishche and Cherven. That is why we are launching our new fundraising idea "Strive for Five" that will connect our volunteers and supporters in Ireland with our friends in Belarus", a spokesperson for the project said.



Strive for Five is a challenge that we hope will benefit us all in improving our mental and physical health. Whether it's a run, walk, cycle, swim, skip, hop or a jump.. we encourage and invite you to exercise for 5 minutes a day for the

next 5 weeks. Who knows, 5 could lead to 15 or 30 minutes, it's up to you! One of the best parts of this challenge is that the children and young people in Gorodishche and Cherven are going to take part too! With their individual group quarantines lifting and the weather improving, it's the perfect opportunity to get out and get moving. Because of the current climate, we are in great need of funds to carry out several projects across Belarus this year. With the absence of our volunteers we hope that money raised will help towards projects in Cherven and Gorodishche that will bring a smile to all of our special friends this summer. On the link below for our iDonate page. All donations of €10 or more will give you entry into a draw for a very special prize to be announced very soon. Don't forget to share your 5 minutes by tagging The Burren Project in your photos/videos and using the #strivefor5BCP https://www.idonate.ie/.../11404258_burrenchernobyl...



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LARA GIVES BACK TO CRUMLIN BY WALKING A MARATHON



Charlie Mae received the most amazing care and attention in Crumlin Children's Hospital.

birthday fundraiser to raise money for Play A Therapist services at Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin has almost doubled on original expectations. Lara O'Brien, a mum of five from Killarney decided to walk a marathon on her birthday with her husband Shane MacSweeney and friends in the hope of raising €5,000.

Lara and Shane are mum and dad to Charlie Mae who was born with Down Syndrome and is a patient at Crumlin.

"On my birthday last year, I drove to Crumlin with Charlie as she was scheduled to have her open heart surgery", Lara told Killarney Outlook.

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Noelle O'Brien, Shane MacSweeney, Lara O'Brien, Louise McIndoe and Carla O'Neill PHOTO: EMIR COFFEY

"It was one of many hard days to come, but one of the greatest things I learnt on that long journey and our two months in Crumlin was that to see a child smile or laugh is actually the most important thing in the world", Lara added. "In Crumlin, they have the most amazing people called play therapists who help a child or baby to smile and laugh and make them forget about where they are. They really are angels on earth", Lara said.

Exactly one year since they drove to Crumlin, Lara and Shane walked a marathon around Killarney last Sunday, May 9th.

"I am specifically looking for sponsorship for

those amazing play therapists as they are solely dependant on donations to keep going".

At the time of going to print, Lara has raised almost €9,000 between online and cash donations

"We are beyond blessed that Charlie received the most amazing care and attention and is now simply perfect", Lara added.

"I'm blown away to be honest with people's generosity and support. It's phenomenal and there will be a lot of smiling children in Crumlin which is the main thing", Lara said.

People can still donate for another week so and reaching the €10,000 mark would be a dream come true for Lara, Shane and their family.

DRIVER THEORY TESTS AND DRIVER TEST BACK LOG RAISED IN THE DÁIL Driver Theory Test



Deputy Danny Healy Rae, TD raised the length delays currently being experienced in Dáil Eireann this week.

I raised the matter of the long delays with i of age, get their provisional license and drive waiting times for Driver Theory tests which are at a standstill and Driver tests with the Tánaiste bringing his attention to the fact that there are almost 3,000 learner drivers waiting for a driving test in Kerry and apart from lorries and buses who can do the Theory Test on line why can't the Theory test be set up online for all vehicles ? The government are supposedly been working with the RSA to get the theory test online for over a year now - I ask why it is taking more than a year to get this off the ground?

Traditionally farmers sons and daughters could do their theory test when they became 16 years a tractor to help out on the farm or get a job locally for the summer - this is not possible now. Now, young drivers cannot do the theory test, cannot get their provisional license, and can't get on the road. It is essential for everybody to have a licence in rural Ireland. I am asking you Tánaiste to ask the testers to work on Saturdays and Sundays to deal with the back log and to ensure that the Theory Test can be applied for online for all learner drivers to get on the road."



NEWS

Chamber Welcomes Commitment To Enhance National Park

Government confirmation that a number of capital projects are to be advanced to aid the recovery of Killarney National Park from the devastating wild fires has been warmly welcomed by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.

Minister of State for Heritage, Malcolm Noonan, TD, has confirmed in Dáil Éireann that his department will work to enhance the activity programme in the park this year and that a "significant number" of capital projects will be progressed to enhance the visitor experience. Minister Noonan was responding to a parliamentary question from Kerry TD and Deputy Government Chief Whip, Brendan Griffin, who asked what plans were being made to help the park to recover.

Welcoming the capital projects announcement, Killarney Chamber said it was very encouraging also that Minister Noonan confirmed that many of the 60 new conservation rangers to be recruited will be deployed in the Killarney and the southern region. They will deal with a range of functions, including wildlife crime.

Minister Noonan also praised the role played by the Killarney Meitheal group which he described as "a hugely valued volunteer corps". Meitheal coordinator, retired park ranger Peter O'Toole, has confirmed that that the group is ready and willing to resume its work on the eradication of the invasive rhododendron, in conjunction with the NPWS, once Covid-19 restrictions allow.

Minister Noonan expressed his gratitude to the NPWS and Fire Service staff whose swift response saved the vaunted ancient woodlands and other important habitats from the recent wild fires.



The aftermath of the devastating fire in Killarney National Park, at the Eagles Nest, along the Long Range River. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President, Niall Kelleher, said it is very reassuring that the Minister of State and his officials hold Killarney National Park is such great esteem and that it remains very high on their list of priorities for further development and enhancement.

"On behalf of everybody in Killarney, I thank Minister Noonan for his very proactive approach and I thank Deputy Brendan Griffin for ensuring the park remains well up there on the political agenda," the Chamber President added.

Minister Noonan said staff of the National Parks

and Wildlife Service are conducting work to assess the initial impacts of the fire and they are currently mapping the entire boundary of the blaze and using satellite data.

Conservation rangers are now undertaking internal mapping of the area that was damaged and conducting preliminary assessments of the impacts and severity of the fire on various habitats and vegetation types. NPWS officials are also preparing specifications for a comprehensive, in-depth assessment of the long-term effects of the fire and where restoration efforts can be concentrated.

"Irish Water is like the boy who cried wolf" -CIIr. Marie Moloney



Cllr. Marie Moloney has expressed her dismay and disappointment at the decision by Irish Water not to include certain areas of Kilcummin in the proposed scheme.

"Today's announcement by Irish Water has left me absolutely dismayed and disappointed. We were advised at today's virtual meeting that 3 important legs of the scheme have been withdrawn. The new proposed scheme does not include the Knockataggle, or the Rathanane Roads nor indeed the GAA Club House, which were included in the original proposals", Cllr. Moloney said.

"A public information night took place nearly 2 years ago outlining the areas where the sewer scheme was to be provided and today we were told they didn't have enough applications to warrant the scheme being provided for some of the areas on the outskirts of the village. Yet at the information night they didn't tell the people that they had to make prior application before the scheme was actually confirmed. "I know a lot of people on these roads are going to be disappointed and angry as they were intending to join the scheme when it was being installed. Now they won't have an opportunity to do so. We were also advised that it would cost in the region of \in 150,000.00 for every 100m which will push this scheme outside of the reach of a lot of people", she added

"Along with that, we were told that the scheme would not proceed to construction until the end of 2022 after tendering and negotiations have taken place at a highly elevated price of over 9m Euro.

Unfortunately, it is hard to accept the word of Irish Water Officials that this much need scheme will proceed to construction on the dates they have given us as we have had so many dates previously and nothing happened. Irish Water is like the boy who cried wolf", Cllr. Moloney said. TO ADVERTISE CALL: DES 087 6593427 | E: des@outlookmags.com



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After much speculation on what #ThePlan would be, Restauranteur Paul Treyvaud, along with hotelier and Councillor Niall Botty O'Callaghan, launched their plan to reopen all hospitality on June 2nd.

#ThePlan is very simple, everyone is asked to print off a letter and send it to their local TD, in an effort to create an equal playing field in the tourism industry.

Over 1,000 people tuned in to Facebook on Wednesday night with almost all of them commenting on #ThePlan.

"Sometimes the most effective ways to succeed are the simple ways – there is no point in me opening and getting arrested – that will get us nowhere", Paul Treyvaud said.

"We are calling on the people of the country to stand with us, to trust us, and to run our businesses the way we know how", Paul added. "It is simple - if we are not allowed open at the same time as the hotels - we will be decimated", Niall O'Callaghan said.

"We won't be breaking COVID rules, we offer a safe environment for everyone to enjoy and if we only have a 4-6 week season - we will not survive", he added.

"We need to earn enough to get to next March when we can press the re-set button and get on with our lives after two horrendous years", he added.

CALLING FOR OLD FASHIONED PEOPLE POWER **#THEPLAN** URGES EVERYONE TO UNITE

"We are looking for victory and it is very simple - everyone in hospitality opens at exactly the same time indoors at 50 - 60% capacity and in a very safe way", Paul said.

"We are dying on our feet – those weeks are huge to us – in term of a summer season – those weeks are how we survive the winter", Niall added.

Key points of the letter which can be downloaded from Paul Treyvaud's social media or can be picked up in his restaurant on High Street are: *Key points in the letter included:*

* Allowing hotels to operate and facilitate indoor dining and drinking well before Restaurants and Bars will result in the Hotel sector gaining a very unfair advantage to recruitment of an already decimated workforce

With no start date for Restaurant/Bars & Cafes etc. to reopen, yet an immanent announcement for Irish people to be able to travel abroad, the domestic tourist season will be decimated. Irish people will not book domestic holidays if they don't know whether they can eat or drink indoors and will simply go abroad.

* The past sixteen months, Restaurants have been open for about four whilst most bars have not opened at all. All cash reserves are simply gone now for most small business owners. Having a non-runner of a season ahead this year will result in colossal closures.

* We opened last year adhering to all government guidelines and traded safely. This season we will do the same with the added bonus of the majority of our vulnerable and elderly population vaccinated already

* Last year we all witnessed Bars being packed both inside and out, yet a bar right beside them could not open due to the inability of serving chicken nuggets. I am no scientist but diluting a crowd between multiple controlled premises clearly makes more sense

* I am not for one single second suggesting all bars, restaurants and cafes etc, should open for a free for all and pack our premises but I am saying operating at a reduced capacity to something like 50-60% indoors for the month of June and all owners taking responsibility, with the public to do the same, we will show that contrary to this Governments belief, we can in fact be trusted. We will save an entire industry. We will prevent a major catastrophic economic disaster and we will, more importantly, save the livelihoods of tens of thousands of hardworking individuals and their families

* Most Guesthouses & B&B's etc have no dining facilities at all for lunch or dinner. The Governments current reopening plan will result in major crowds/demands yet nowhere for them to eat or drink. This will result in two major issues. They will either cancel their planned holiday in Ireland or just eat/drink in an uncontrolled environment. The opening of all controlled Restaurant, Cafes & Bars indoors ends this problem.

The video was recorded by Killarney publican John C. O'Shea.

Clean up yields cash find for Kilgobnet students

A student at Kilgobnet National School hit the jackpot when a \in 20 note surfaced while they were litter picking as part of a Green Schools initiative.

Kilgobnet National School students pulled up their sleeves this week and got stuck into cleaning their community as part of the Green Schools Global Citizenship- Litter and waste programme.

"This year was the 12th annual clean up and 45 families from our school participated", Mary Anne Leane told Killarney Outlook.

"Each family were responsible for cleaning a designated section of roadside. In total we cleaned 35 miles of road on the western side of Beaufort parish. "The children were full of chat about the unusual items they found on the road. One child was lucky to find a twenty euro note", she added.



Some members of the Kilgobnet Green Schools Committee with rubbish collected from the roads on the western side of Beaufort parish.

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The O'Connor Family participating in the Kilgobnet N.S 12th annual Spring Clean.



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Physical fitness is as important as mental alertness at Leaving Cert exam time but always comply with public health regulations



With the Leaving Cert beginning in four weeks, it's important to keep an eye on your physical fitness. Study and revision are demanding. The pressure, which some candidates feel around exam time, is a good reason to maintain a level of physical fitness. In the context of an exam, physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness.

A regular exercise program is a great way to burn off tension. It relieves stress and is good for the self-confidence. Exercise is a welcome break from the demands of regular study. Set aside an hour two or three times a week to exercise in order to keep in good physical shape. The amount of active exercise you take depends on yourself. Strenuous, competitive exercise is not advisable before and during the exam period as it causes fatigue. An aerobic exercise programme results in a feeling of well-being, it helps you to sleep soundly, to build up stamina and endurance and leads to improved concentration. Be especially careful, also, that your exercise program always complies with public health regulations.

Counteract any nervousness by using a few simple relaxation techniques. Stress and anxiety are related to muscular tension. So, by using a relaxation technique to reduce tension in the muscles you will also reduce stress and anxiety. An effective one is to close your eyes and inhale a few comfortable deep breaths. Hold each breath for a few seconds. Then breathe out, slowly and quietly. As you breathe out say 'relax' to yourself and you will feel the tension flowing out of your body. Open your eyes and then carry on with your study. This simple but effective physical relaxation technique can be done in about two minutes and can also be used for periodic breaks during the exam itself. around exam time when you need high reserves of energy. Ensure that your mind is clear and alert with a diet that is high on protein, carbohydrates, unsaturated fats, vitamins, minerals and energy. Take three substantial, but not too heavy, meals each day. Enjoy a high-fibre breakfast to keep the digestive system functioning normally. Eat a healthy dinner, which contains constituents such as vegetables, potatoes, rice, pasta, salads, chicken, fish or lean meat. Take a regular evening meal of brown bread, eggs, cheese and related high protein-based foods. Rather than having three very heavy meals you might prefer to supplement your main meals with a few nutritious snacks made up of yoghurt, fruit, cheese and the like. Don't over indulge in junk food. Drink at least two glasses of milk daily as well as plenty of cool fresh water to avoid dehydration and to keep the fluid levels high. Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee, which contain caffeine. Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol before and during the exam period.

Aim to get eight or nine hours sleep each night. A tired mind, however brilliant, cannot perform at its best. So, the importance of an adequate amount of sleep can't be over emphasised. Long hours of study into the night can be counter-productive and energy sapping. Rather than burning the midnight oil, go to bed at a reasonable hour to ensure that you get sufficient rest.

Be particular about your personal hygiene, especially in warm weather. If you feel fresh and comfortable your mind will focus better on the task in hand. Hang up your uniform after school and change into casual clothes before you settle down to evening study. As the tension of the day often manifests itself in the feet, change from your school footwear to lighter more comfortable footwear. Always take the time to enjoy a regular shower or bath. A fresh effervescent feeling will help you to meet the demands of study and exams.

CHECKLIST

✓ Physical fitness is every bit as important as mental alertness

✓ A regular exercise programme helps to burn off tension

✓ Be careful that your exercise program complies with health regulations

✔ Aerobic exercise induces a feeling of wellbeing

✓ Strenuous, competitive exercise before an exam may cause fatigue

 Build short relaxation exercises into your daily plan

✓ A well-balanced nutritious diet is a source of energy

✓ Keep fluid levels high to avoid dehydration

✓ Be moderate in your use of artificial stimulants such as tea and coffee

✓ Keep a clear head by abstaining from alcohol at exam time

✓ It's important to get eight or nine hours sleep every night

✓ Instead of burning the midnight oil go to bed early

 \checkmark Good personal hygiene keeps you fresh and comfortable

✓ Exam timetables are available on www. examinations.ie

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A well-balanced nutritious diet is important

Gradam ó Ghael Linn awarded to students

Caitríona Ní Mhurchú and Eilís Nic Ionnrachtaigh from Castleisland Community College were both awarded a gradam from Gael Linn in the Comórtas Oráide an Phiarsaigh 2021. Both students reached the final 9 competitors in Munster and they each presented a three minute speech 'as Gaeilge' based on topics provided by Gael Linn. Whilst they didn't qualify for the final, they were both commended for the high standard of Gaeilge that they displayed and their excellent presentations skills. Mairéad Ní Neachtain from Gael Linn praised both students and stated the standard was extremely high as they were also competing against students from 3rd year in the Comórtas Sóisearach (Junior Competition). Mairéad concluded her visit to the school with a final word of encouragement to the students based on the seanfhocal - 'Beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach!'

Castleisland Community College students who were awarded a Gradam from Gael Linn. Sitting from left is Caitríona Ní Mhurchú , Eilís Nic Ionnrachtaigh Standing from left Teresa Landers (Principal) Mairéad Ní Neachtain (Gael Linn).



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€1.2 MILLION FOR KERRY through the DPG and IWIL Schemes

ducation Minister and Fianna Fáil TD Norma Foley welcomes the announcement of \in 1,268,652 in funding for Kerry through the Disabled Persons Grant scheme (DPG) and Improvement Works in Lieu of the Social Housing Scheme (IWILs).

Under both schemes, Government funding meets 90% of the cost of the works in each property, with the local authority providing the remaining 10%. This year Kerry County Council is awarded €1,141,787 in grant

*_____ducation____Minister__and__Fianna_Fáil_TD*___funding, €126,865 is then matched by the local ______*Norma Foley welcomes the announcement*_____authority.

In total, Kerry County Council can access funds of €1,268,652 to carry out work for extensions and adaptations to existing social housing stock for older people and people with a disability. These works can include the installation of grab rails, disabled access ramps, wet rooms and the conversion of downstairs bedrooms.

The scheme also provides extensions in cases of overcrowding.

The IWILs allows local authorities to improve or extend privately owned accommodation, where the applicant has been approved for social housing. It also provides grants for those who are otherwise eligible for social housing to remain in private housing and for enhancements to that property.

Minister Foley said: "I welcome this funding that will positively enhance the quality of life and housing conditions for older people and those living with disabilities."

GREAT NEWS FOR BEAUFORT IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO COMMENCE THIS WEEK ON BOARD OF WORKS ROAD

Councillor Michael Cahill said today that he is delighted that, at long last, improvement works are to commence, this week, on the Board of Works road, Beaufort. "I have

campaigned long and hard on behalf of the Beaufort community, arranging Deputations, arranging meetings with Irish Water and Kerry County Council and by submitting numerous Notices of Motion in regard to the poor condition of this road" stated the Fianna Fáil Councillor.

The road which is the main access to Carrauntohill and the Gap of Dunloe and services ever increasing visitor and local traffic in and out of Killarney from Dromid, Waterville and Glencar, etc, has previously been described by Councillor Cahill as being in a "shocking and dangerous condition".

delighted that the poorest and most dangerous section of what is the busiest County road in Kerry, will be resurfaced this

week. All road users including the residents of Beaufort and in particular, along the Board of Works road, have suffered for far too long" stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"I am delighted to play my part in securing €114,395 in total for these works, €73,000 from Irish Water and a contribution of €41,395 from Kerry County Council" he added.



Call for Kerry voluntary and charity groups to apply for €10 million Community Fund

Education Minister Norma Foley TD has welcomed a new ≤ 10 million Covid Stability Fund to support community and voluntary groups, charities and social enterprises which have suffered as a result of the pandemic.

The Fund is specifically targeted at organisations which deliver critical services to vulnerable people within their community but which now face closure or a loss of service due to the impact of the pandemic.

The \in 10 million investment builds on the \in 45 million Covid Stability Fund 2020, which supported almost 600 organisations across the country.

Priority will be given to organisations that have not previously received State support since the onset of the Pandemic.

Minster Foley said: "As restrictions lift and society reopens, it is only right that we look after the vital community groups and organisations that have cared for and supported our most vulnerable during this pandemic. I encourage all eligible community and voluntary groups across Kerry to apply for this funding which will be needed now more than ever."

The application portal will go live on May 20 2021, with an application window until 3pm on May 27 2021.

All of the application details can be found at: https://www.pobal.ie/ programmes/covid-19-cv-stability-fund-2021/

€1,268,652 FOR DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS AND HOUSING AID FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Councillor Michael Cahill has welcomed an announcement today by the Government of almost €1.3 million for the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme (DPG), Housing Aid for Older People and Improvement Works In Lieu.

The Fianna Fail Councillor said these are excellent Schemes that provide Grant aid for extensions and adaptations to Houses for older people and People with a Disability such as grab rails, disabled access ramps, wet rooms, downstairs bedrooms etc.

This Scheme administered by Kerry County Council allows applicants to carryout important Improvement works to their homes.

Kerry County Council has made a contribution of $\notin 126,865$ to the Scheme, plus an allocation of $\notin 1,141,787$ from the Department. Total funding $\notin 1,268,682$.



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Open For Business Wall Unveiled At Kerry Airport Ireland As Local Employers Unite For Pieta House

irport Ireland and 26 other employers in A Kerry have joined forces to donate €5,200 to Pieta House while promoting the county as a great place to work. The Open For Business Wall in the recently transformed Departures Lounge has been entirely sponsored by local companies who are encouraging people to choose Kerry as their work base.

Kerry Airport CEO John Mulhern, Fred McDonogh, Managing Director of Red Chair Recruitment, Killarney and Chris Fitzgerald, Proprietor of Slógadh Signs, Killorglin have driven the campaign to raise awareness of the many job opportunities that exist in Kerry, despite the interruption of the pandemic.

The CEO of Kerry Airport Ireland, John Mulhern, said: "Kerry businesses across all sectors have, three things (at least) in common, a determination 1) to generate a thriving economy in Kerry, 2) to promote the ease of access to and from key markets and 3) to promote the mental wellbeing of their staff. The generous donations to our charity partner, Pieta House, from each of the partners in this campaign is most welcome. While society is beginning to reopen, Kerry has remained open for business and continues to be an attractive place to live and work."

The Kerry-based companies who are promoting the benefits of working in the Kingdom and who donated to Pieta House are:

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Pictured are Con O'Connor, Pieta House and John Mulhern, CEO Kerry Airport . Photo: Domnick Walsh

Greenway Health & Hygiene, Irish Drain Services, JRI America, Keane's Supervalu Killorglin, Kerry Group, Lámha Therapies, Liebherr, Matthew Murphy Photography, Retrofit, O'Sullivan's Bakery, Portwest, and Taxamo.

The wall will be renewed in January 2022 and anyone interested in promoting their business to a local, national, and global market, while supporting Pieta House, is invited to contact Fred McDonogh at Red Chair Recruitment at Fred.McDonogh@redchairrecruitment.ie.

The launch of the Open for Business Wall in the Departures Lounge coincides with last weekend's Darkness Into Light for Pieta House, Kerry Airport's charity partner since 2019.

John Mulhern has thanked everyone who

supported Pieta House this year: "It's been a difficult time for our own staff, their families and the hundreds of thousands of passengers who love to travel through Kerry Airport. Their wellbeing is important to us. Pieta House and the companies on our wall who made donations to the charity share our concerns for the increasing marginalisation of rural Ireland and the isolation many feel as population centres and opportunities for social interaction shift relentlessly into urban centres."

Pieta House has a dedicated team working in Kerry to support people and communities in crisis by providing freely accessible, professional services to all who may be affected by suicide.

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BACK TO WORK ANXIETY ADVICE WEBINAR

Webinar

KERRY Mental Health Association Tralee and Chamber Alliance are to host a Back to Work Webinar next week to help address the worry and anxiety that may be experienced by employers and

employees in Kerry who are returning to work after the pandemic.

The FREE Zoom event, at 10am on Wednesday 19th May, will offer useful, expert advice from Clinical Psychologist Dr. Clare Kambamettu and Human Resources Consultant at HRBuddy.ie, Damien McCarthy.

Back To Work Anxiety Advice Dr. Clare Kambamettu will focus on the psychological impact for employees and employers who will be going back into the workplace after a prolonged period working from home or not working at all.

> Customers and clients are also reemerging from the lockdown and many will share the same anxieties.

> Damien McCarthy, Founder and CEO of HRBuddy.ie will share advice that may ease workplace Covid-related concerns about vaccines, annual leave and the potential desire for some to continue working from home.

This is a time of transition and Tralee Chamber Alliance and the entire network of Chambers in Kerry want to play their part in ensuring

the transition is sensitive to the mental health needs of the returning workforce.

The CEO of Tralee Chamber Alliance, Ken Tobin, said: "The Back to Work Webinar will be very beneficial to employers and management tasked with supporting their employees on a return to the workplace over the coming weeks and months. This one hour event will help to support you with some practical advice to relieve the anxiety of returning to work, and helping to rebuild staff morale and teamwork." The webinar will include a Q&A session, however should you wish to submit a confidential question in advance, which will be answered anonymously by our panel, please email: John@kerrymentalhealth.ie.



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With the world at their feet.... St. Brigid's Students graduate

Instead of going down memory lane this week, St. Brigid's PRO Sheree Murphy looks to the future and features some of the Leaving Cert Pupils who are graduating this week. Sheree asked each student for a memory that they will always remember from their time at St. Brigid's Secondary School



Anna McGrath: Friends and Singing the last hymn for the Christmas Carol Service in 2020



Mairead O Mahony: Christmas Dances and Madrid Trip



Ciara Casey: Sense of Routine and Getting chocolate bars for Christmas!



Laura O'Sullivan: Having fun with my teachers and friends and The Ploughing Championships





Alison Carroll: Safe & warm environment to come into Happy atmosphere of school and fun every day and Duck Race down the days before the school breaks up for the



Aoibhe O' Donnell: holidays



Laura Looney: Fun bond with teachers and finding Friendships made over the years and the Teachers who were always so supportive Football and Basketball & TY Variety friends who accepted me for who I am TY trips and 2nd year Ski Trip & Madrid Trip Show



Emma O Connor:



Clodagh Sheahan:



Isabelle Murphy:



Hannabel Adetunji: and going to Spain in 5th year



Julie Delaney: Junior A Basketball Final



Alice Norris: Being around an amazing group of girls Basketball and Football trips up the The laughs we had around our lunch The country and winning the All Ireland table each year and Driving Range in environment felt around school and Mallow in TY



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LET'S GET DOW

Paul Trant is delighted to be back to work this week, by appointment only or click & collect in Keane's Jewellers.

et's get down.... Let's get down to business.... Tiesto's song The Business resonated with many people in Killarney this week as they reopened under the next stage of the Government's easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

From last May 10th, the phased reopening of non-essential retail commenced, allowing for the full reopening of outdoor retail and the resumption of click-and-collect services.

Hairdressers, barbers and other personal services lifted their shutters on Monday for the first time this year, open by appointment only. Killarney Outlook were out and about meeting business owners and their customers on this red letter day for the country.

"We are delighted to be back in salon, we have missed our clients over the last few months", Sean Taaffe told Killarney Outlook. "Even though it was out of our control we felt like we were leaving clients down, so we are excited to be back and look forward to accommodating everyone in the next few weeks", he added. Another hairdresser who was delighted to be back was Triona O'Shea who operates from Ruby Tuesday - "I am absolutely thrilled to be back and delighted to catch up with all my clients again", she added.

Elyse Brosnan, who also operates from Ruby Tuesday told us that she would be lying if she said she was thrilled to be back. "I loved it Aisling I didn't want to come back!" Elyse told us. "It made me realise how lucky I am I have a wonderful partner, a beautiful home, the best kids and the cutest dogs. I've been working full time since I was 13 years old I loved the time at home!", she added.

Julie's Barbershop also opened this week and is back in action in their new shop on Plunkett Street. "High Street will be missed after almost 20 years but time for a change", Julie said and "the customers are over the moon for us to be back - Hair down to the shoulders, eyebrows hitting the ceiling, they are now all clean and smooth after their chops", she laughed.

Allure Hair Salon who are featuring on our front page this week were delighted to reopen.

"We couldn't wait to open our doors with warm hearts to welcome our much loved clients", Sandra Evans, proprietor of the salon told Killarney Outlook. wat a lovely surprise we were delighted. "It was a double celebration for us as we are also celebrating 10 years in business", she added.

Sean Taaffe owner of Sean Taafe Hair Salon & manager Kara McDonogh were delighted to re-open the doors to eager customers on Monday.

The team at Allure used their time off wisely doing online zoom course.

Sandra did an oncology hair course with "oncology aesthetic Ireland" for hairloss and hair recovery journey following cancer treatment.

The team at Killarney Furniture and Carpet Centre is also looking forward to opening fully next week. "At the moment it is shopping by appointmen only", Niall O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook, "but we look forward to welcoming everyone to our newly refurbished store", he added.

Noreen Mangan of What Women Want also welcomed back clients this week...."delighted to see our clients back this week and are open 9am to 8pm with therapists covering extra hours to get everyone seen to quickly", she told Killarney Outlook.

Keane's Jewellers are also open for appointment/ "We are looking forward to opening our doors fully on Monday and welcoming back all our customers", Paul Trant told Killarney Outlook.



V TO BUSINESS



Tara Collins, Niall O'Sullivan, Margaret Creedon, Johanne Ashe & Rachel Loughnane, the super team behind the newly re-vamped Killarney Carpets & Furniture Store are looking forward to welcoming their customers back. Wonderful to hear the sound of the hairdryers buzzing around the salon floor

PICTURES: SALLY MACMONAGLE

Triona O'Shea & Elise Brosnan we thrilled to welcome clients back into Ruby Tuesday this week.

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Mary Cronin photographed in 'What Women Want' beauticians on Tuesday.



JULIËS BARBERSHOP

Julie Healy was delighted to be able to open her doors once again, pictured with Alex Beliomskas & Luas Riddam.

> Simon from The Authentic Turkish Barber was eager to welcome customer Brendan Kelliher back

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Between January and April 2021, 1,231 new cars were registered in Kerry, 78 more than the same period last year, according to the Society of the Irish Motor Industry (SIMI).

7,166 new cars registrations throughout Ireland took place during the month of April compared to 343 in April 2020 and 8,904 in April 2019. 55,207 new cars registered year to date compared to 50,138 for the same period in 2020 (+10.11) and 73,030 in 2019 (-24.41%).

The Society of the Irish Motor Industry (SIMI) today released their official new vehicle statistics. Light Commercials Vehicles (LCV) seen an increase of 2,385 registrations compared to April last year 231 and 1,798 for the same month in 2019. Year to date 13,722 new LCVs were registered an increase on last year's 9,500 (+44.4%) and 12,853 on 2019 (+6.67%).

Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) seen 325 registrations in April when compared to 96 in April 2020 and 305 April 2019. Year to date HGV's registrations total 1,223 compared with 1,004 in 2020 (+21.81%) and 1,189 in 2019



(+2.86%).

5,676 used cars were imported in April 2021, compared with 200 imports in April 2020, a decrease on the 8,887 imports in April 2019. Year to date used imports are up 36.4% (24,095) on 2020 (17,666) and down 32.54% on 2019 (35,719).

For the month of April 596 new electric vehicles were registered compared to 50 in April 2020. So far this year 3,414 new electric cars have been registered in comparison to 1,700 on the same period 2020. Electric Vehicle and Plug-in Hybrids and Hybrids continue to increase their market share, with their combined market share now over 22.61%. Diesel now accounts for 36.86%, Petrol 32.06%, Hybrid 16.66%, Electric 6.18% and Plug-in Electric Hybrid 5.95%



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775,000 VEHICLES DISPOSED OF IN **END OF LIFE REGIME**

Vehicle history and data expert Cartell.ie and Car Sales Platform CarsIreland.ie have reported on the success of the original Waste Management (End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2006 which were replaced in 2014 by the European Union (End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014.

Since the inception of the End-of-life regime, 775,000 vehicles have been disposed of within the remit of the Regulations. This amounts to over 1 million tonnes of waste, or, put another way, 1,000 cars per week disposed.

The Regulations were originally enacted pursuant to the provisions of Directive 2000/53/EC of the European Parliament and Council on end-of-life vehicles. As originally stated the aim of the Regulations was to facilitate the achievement of the 85% reuse/recovery with 80% reuse/recycling by average weight per vehicle and year from their commencement and 95% reuse/recovery with 85% reuse/recycling by average weight per vehicle and year by 1st January 2015. The original 2006 Regulations were revoked and updated by the European Union (End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations 2014.

The current total number of vehicles, up to the end of April 2021, on the Department of Transport National Vehicle and Drivers File (NVDF) which have been registered as End-of-Life is 774,729 – up from 772,850 the previous week – an increase of 1879 over a seven-day-period at the end of April.

An additional 390,876 vehicles have been issued as Scrapped on the NVDF giving a total of over 1 million vehicles recorded as either End-of-Life or Scrapped (1,165,605). The rate of vehicles going End-of-Life appears to be increasing: while the average rate of disposal is 1,000 cars per week over the lifetime of the Regulations the total number disposed of in the week considered for the study, the last week of April, was 1,879, and, in the last week in March, the total disposed of amounted to 2,013 vehicles – both weeks well above the average.



Nissan announces pricing for all-new electrified Qashqai

Nissan has announced its pricing for the all-new Nissan Qashqai mild hybrid which is now available from €30,500, making it one the most competitively priced crossovers on the market.

Nissan has reinvented the cross over segment that it created in 2007 with the launch of the new Qashqai which has been electrified to help families make the switch to hybrid and electric driving.

The new 12V hybrid system on the new Qashqai is a more affordable technology, providing torque assist, extended idle stop, quick restart and coasting stop, storing energy to power the vehicle's electrical equipment and to lower fuel consumption.

The 1.3 DiG-T petrol engine is available with two outputs – 138hp and 156hp – with either a 6 speed manual transmission, or new Xtronic gearbox (156hp). The manual gearbox offers a quicker, more direct and sportier shift feeling, while the new generation Xtronic transmission offers better fuel economy and acceleration.

Nissan is launching the car with four grades and many of its innovative safety and infotainment features are standard across the range. The entry grade XE model is available from €30,500. The SV grade is priced from €33,200, the SV Premium Grade from €37,395 and the top of the range SVE Xtronic grade from €44,600.

Full LED headlights, and Auto headlights with high beam assist are standard across the range. Standard safety features also include rear parking sensors, blind spot intervention, traffic sign recognition, Intelligent Cruise Control, Intelligent Forward Collision Warning, and Intelligent Forward Emergency Braking (Pedestrian & Cyclist Recognition, Junction Assist) and Rear Automatic Cross Traffic Alert and Braking.

Wireless Apple Carplay and Android Auto comes as standard from the SV grade upwards, while the popular Wireless Phone Charger is introduced at the SV Premium grade. The 8" Infotainment display in the SV grade increases to 9" in the SV Premium and SVE Xtronic grades, including higher resolution and Nissan Connected Services.

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Although unmistakably Qashqai in its styling, the third generation is more muscular, sharp and modern. It continues to give drivers a commanding sense of their environment with improved visibility. The longer wheelbase has created more room for users and overall luggage capacity has increased by 74 litres.

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✓ Stop the car as soon as possible, switch off the engine and turn your hazard lights on.

~ in your vehicle first.

✓ Check the other vehicle's passengers for injuries, make a note if there are none.

- ✓ Do not move the injured.
- ✓ Call emergency services if necessary.
- ✔ Call the Gardaí before you move any vehicles.

✔ Get contact details for all vehicles in the accident. Take a photo of the registration number. Motor Insurance Disc and drivers licence

✓ If a Garda attends the scene make sure you record his name and station.

✓ Take a note if there are any witnesses and record their names and contact details.

✓ Take photos of the area especially where the vehicles ended up and their position on the roadway.

Stay calm and try to assess any casualties 🖌 Take note of the weather conditions and visibility, number and ages of passengers in all vehicles, the time of the accident, and number and nature of any injuries.

> ✓ Do not discuss liability at the scene of an accident. You are only obliged to discuss this with a Garda or your Insurers. Road traffic act law is a complex area and liability is best left to your Insurers to determine.

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Health is a number one priority; however, it has often been sidelined in favour of working too hard, not making enough time for ourselves to rest and slow down or simply doing things that we really don't want to do.

If the Pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need to love our bodies and that we make it essential that we put ourselves first when it comes to deeply caring about our physical, emotional and mental health. Indeed, loving yourself is the most caring thing that you can do for others.

Body Love Coaching Tip

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A lot of people that enquire about spinning and spin classes usually start with the same statement – "I don't know if I would be able for it".

Spinning is a great total body workout. It's a low impact cardio-vascular workout where you work your legs, your core while improving blood flow, increasing your stamina and boosting your overall mood. Due to the intensity of the spin classes, they are also a great calorie burner.

There seems to be a fear associated with spinning and usually linked to something that they have heard from a friend that has tried it but didn't like it. The thing about spinning is not everyone likes it but that shouldn't stop you trying it if you have never tried it before. Just remember anyone can do it and you will get out of it what you put in.

We have had a wide variety of ages take part in our spin classes, from teenagers to people in their 70's. There is also a wide variety of fitness types, from the newbies up to serious cyclists looking for something a little different from their roadwork.

Be prepared to work hard in a spin class, but that doesn't mean that you need to be getting sick by the end of it. Like any training listen to your body, and although as trainers we will push you, the reality is that you can only do what you can do. You may not start out as the fastest or strongest in the spin class but if you enjoy it the longer you stay at it the stronger and fitter you will get.

The other thing about spin classes is you don't have to worry about setting up the bike as this is something that we go through with everyone when they first start out. This in itself is important so that you are in the most comfortable position posture-wise on the bike, as incorrect setup could lead to over-stretching, or over extending the knee which is not something that we would want as long term it could create an issue for you, so again don't let lack of knowledge about setting up the bike stop you from trying a class. If you are ready to take the plunge and want to try one of our spin classes here at B Well Fitness then download the B Well Fitness app from the play or app store and you can check the timetable and book a time that suits you. We look forward to seeing you spinning very soon!

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WHAT IS A CATARACT?

A cataract happens when the lens within your eye becomes cloudy. It can happen to all of the lens or just part of it. There are different types of cataract, but the most common is age-related cataract, which is more common in people over 65. It can be found to some degree in almost all older people.

RISK FACTORS

Age is the biggest risk factor for developing cataracts. Apart from age, smoking increases the risk of cataracts and often causes the cataract to develop earlier and more quickly. Excessive exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet light can increase the speed at which cataracts develop. In some cases, people are born with cataracts.

SYMPTOMS

Cataracts can cause your vision to become cloudy and less clear. You may notice that you're more easily dazzled by vehicle headlights, or that objects appear less colourful. Cataracts don't cause eye pain or make your eyes red

TREATMENT

At first following a sight test we may be able to prescribe new glasses that will help with changes to your vision caused by the cataract. When this no longer helps you to see well enough, the only effective treatment is surgery. Surgery is usually only recommended once the cataract is causing problems with everyday activities, such as driving, watching television and reading.

Cataract surgery improves the vision of nearly all patients and has one of the highest success rates of all surgery. If you experience blurred or cloudy vision you should have a sight test.

For more information, honest advice or to make an appointment contact us on 064 6636477.



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KILCUMMIN

>KILCUMMIN GAA

Kilcummin GAA are actively preparing for the opening of our new Gym and enhanced facilities and are looking forward to welcoming people to the facility. Membership of the club is available to everyone which involves use of the GYM, walking track, regular updates on club activities and entry into club draws for All Ireland competitions tickets. The cost is a meagre \in 150 for the year and can be acquired by contacting Willie Fleming on 085 7882288.

>SHARE THE POT

"Share the Pot" is ongoing every 2 weeks and people can play online or at the Post Office and Paddy O Keeffe's. Please support as clubs are pushed to meet running costs particularly after the difficult events of the past year. We hope to recommence the Lotto shortly and look forward to returning to engaging with and working alongside the entire community.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Best wishes to Tommy Brosnan, Mark Moynihan, Kieran O Donoghue and Shane O Sullivan in their role as Senior team management for the year ahead.

≻KERRY CCE

To celebrate Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí, Kerry Comhaltas are offering young people the opportunity to participate in a History Project and Art Competition. History Project: Have you a story about a local musician/singer/song/ tune or about a local traditional custom such as crossroads dancing or a rambling house? Then why not do a little research and present your story to Kerry CCÉ for our history project competition. Age Groups: U12 & U 15.

All information about entering and closing dates etc. can be found at this link on our website http://kerrycomhaltas.ie/contentpage/10070183/

≻ART COMPETITION

Theme: Music and Culture in my Life in County Kerry. Three age groups: U9, U12, U15. The closing date is 6pm the 28th May 2021. Full details are available from Helen at the Rural Dev. Office.

>KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Kilcummin Rural Development Office revised opening hours are: Monday to Thursday 9am - 4.30pm; Friday 9am - 3pm.

► SPRING CLEANUP 2021

The annual Spring Clean-up will take place from Saturday 22nd May to Sunday 30th May2021. Anyone wishing to volunteer can pick up bags at the Rural Development or bags can be dropped to your residence if you so wish. This is a great opportunity to come together with your neighbours and clean up the roadsides in your own area. Your participation will be very much appreciated. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

While we acknowledge that Irish Water and Kerry Co Council are progressing plans for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme, it is now clear that it is not being progressed to include all of the original design, this is extremely disappointing for the people who were led to believe that they could connect to the public scheme, we will now have to redouble our efforts to ensure it is carried out to include the original design and nothing else is acceptable for the people of Kilcummin.

Written by: Cliodhna Coffey



The O'Carroll's, pictured at Killarney National Park for Nathan's Walk, Darkness into Light on Saturday morning L-R Alison, Derek, Valerie & Rudy the dog. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN



Mary Doyle and her daughters Aisling (left) & Caoimhe (right) illuminate their home on Ross Road remembering Nathan O'Carroll and showing the many walkers, in their bubbles the light of hope at the Darkness inot Light Walk 2021. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

BEAUFORT

>RETURN TO PLAY

All Club teams can return to training this week and all going well, games will begin on the week beginning the 7th June.

►MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort GAA membership is now due. This year's subscriptions are as follows: 1) Family with one gym membership is €60.

Single gym and club, over 18 to senior Men and Lady players is $\in 60$. Ladies football rates excluding Club membership are

Senior Ladies Player is €40. LGFA U14 to U18 Player is €30. LGFA U12 is €20. LGFA 9 and 10-year-old is €10. LGFA up to U8 is free.

Club membership can be paid online on the Home Page of www. beaufortgaa.com or at first training sessions.

For any Club and gym membership queries, plese contact Patie Hartnett at 087 2515311. For Ladies football and LGFA queries, please contact Susan Barrett at 086 2632219



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≻CLUB MEMBERSHIP

National Club Draw 2021 - Last couple of weeks to enter the 2021 National Club Draw which has prizes varying from a Renault Clio Car to All Ireland Final Tickets and a variety of cash prizes up to \in 2,000.

All of the proceeds from the tickets sold by the Club are retained by the Club. Tickets at $\in 10$ each can be purchased online at:

https://member.clubforce.com/tickets_m.asp?LL_ID=2534

>WIN A DREAM KERRY HOME FOR IN 100

Win a Dream Kerry Home: Be in with a chance to win! Only 4 weeks to the draw on June 6th! Get your ticket now for a fantastic fundraising raffle to win a brand new, three-bedroomed, detached home in Barraduff Village. Organised by local volunteers in the Barraduff Field Committee Organisation, the draw aims to raise funds for a new community hall/ theatre and work hub in the village. A host of other wonderful prizes include a new family car, vouchers and cash. For further details tickets are available @ €100 each on https://winadreamkerryhome.com/ or phone J. Culloty on 0872664346, R. D'Arcy 0877559237, L. Warren 0876551440 or D. Healy 0872707899. Please support.

>ONE MILLION STEPS IN MEMORY OF A

MOM IN A MILLION

The family of Maureen Kelliher (nee O'Leary) have set up a fundraiser in her honour. As a lot of you might know, Maureen passed away in 2018 at the age of 47. This year we would have been celebrating her 50th birthday on May 28th. Maureen was diagnosed with MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in 2016. All those who were with her through that tough journey knew of the strength and determination she had shown while living with such a life altering condition, which heavily affected her mobility and stamina.

Because of the current covid situation, we are unable to celebrate her memory on this milestone birthday with her close family and friends. We have decided instead to take on a challenge to reach a goal of one million steps between the four of us from the 1st to the 28th of May. We chose to do this because prior to her illness, she loved being active and was on her feet every day whether it was in Glenflesk, Killarney Celtic, or Kenmare. During this challenge, we will provide regular updates on our social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, etc.).

The money raised will be donated to MS Ireland, a charity that we hold close to our hearts. After Maureen's diagnosis, they provided her with such a high standard of care, gave her lots of information and support, and we could not think of a better way to honour our mother.

We appreciate any donation, big or small, as a way of celebrating her birthday and raising money for a good cause.

Thank you, Roy, Aideen, Susan, and Marc.

≻GLENFLESK GAA ONLINE SHOP

| O'Neills GAA - Check out O' Neills GAA Website for all your Glenflesk GAA gear.

Written by: Seamus Healy

LISTRY

COUNTY CLEAN UP

Listry Community Council tidy up group is coordinating the annual County cleanup in our area the week of Saturday 22nd May - Sunday 30th May . The Listry tidy group are asking to Please pick litter in vicinity of your own home or along R563 and N70 roads close to you. Bags etc will be available from Listry Community Centre on Saturday morning or call in to the centre and all collected rubbish can be left in only those bags at the community Centre car park. Let us all take pride in our community and make a big effort on County Clean. Thanks.

≻MEALS ON WHEELS

Listry Community still continue to run our Meal ON Wheels Service, Three days a week. Monday, Wednesday & friday.. This is a vital service especially at this difficult time. To avail of this service please. call Cathriona 087 9381063, these meals will be dropped to of person home and we deliver this service to as many as we can.

≻LOTTO

Listry GAA & Listry Community Council are delighted to announce the return of the Listry Lotto in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on social media for details of dates, draws and prizes. Please sign up on Clubforce. ie to play online from the comfort of your own home or tickets will be available also from usual sellers if you prefer. Details will all be available on Listry GAA club website shortly. We thank you for your continued support.

>VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Listry Community Council would like pass on Votes of sympathy to bereaved family, relatives a friends of Joan Byrne Of Galway formerly Inch. Jamie O'Sullivan of Beaufort. Mary McGough of Beaufort. Peggy Lyne (Nee Coffey) of Milltown, Pat Allman of Tiernaboul formerly

Rockfield, Stephen O'Donoghue Lissivane/Rockfield Dan O'Callaghan of Lahard. Annette Ecker (Nee Hurley) Killarney Mile Kelliher of Fossa, Dan Kavanagh of Wicklow, Timmy Hickey of Rathamore. Mike Madden of Causeway. Noel O Mahony of Milltown Connie O Sullivan of firies, Patsy Butler of Ballymalis, Anthony Brosnan of Firies, Liam Conway O Connor formerly Rathapooke, Mary Pat O'Sullivan (Nee Cronin) Milltown, Ellis Daly (Nee Brick of woodville, Margaret Peg Cotter (Nee Daly) Milltown, Paddy O Donoghue of Ballybrack Gates John Joe O Mahony of Ballytrasna. May they rest in peace.

≻NOTES

if you would like to add to the notes, please contact Cathriona @ cathrionadoc73@hotmail.com of ring or text 087-9381063 before 6pm THURSDAYS.

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brier



PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

Darkness into Light tractor-run drivers James sugrue and Giles contractors support Nathan's Walk and Pieta House overlooking the Lakes of Killarney at 6am on May 8th last.





The Laurels Pub and restaurant, a popular family run Pub in the heart of Killarney, is looking for a SOUS CHEF/ 2ND CHEF to join our team.

The successful candidate will need have several year's experience in a commercial setting, have fluent english, be well presented, work well as part of a team , be reliable and have a passion for good food and pride in their work.

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Apply with cover letter, CV and Certificates to The Secretary, Danú Childcare Centre, Rathmore, Co Kerry Or email: danurathmore@gmail.com Closing Date: 21st May 2021

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

≻RATHMORE PARISH

ceremonies such as Communions and Confirmations should not take place at this time.

• funerals – 50 mourners permitted at service. Related events, either before or after, should not take place.

• weddings – 50 guests permitted at service (civil or religious). For celebrations/receptions, a maximum of 6 people for indoor gatherings and 15 people for outdoor gatherings it is obvious that health authorities are still concerned about indoor house gatherings associated with all these settings.

Baptisms: we will be in contact with families over the next few days to work out a plan about baptisms. Again, cognisant of health advice we would encourage families to limit number to the immediate family. (Parents, Godparents, siblings of the baby and Grandparents.) Naturally, some families would prefer to have greater numbers, and in these situations, we can schedule the baptism for later in the year. To allow ample space between families Baptisms will only take place in Gneeveguilla and Rathmore Churches

>MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 7.00 pm Gneeveguilla Church

Tuesday 9.30a.m Rathmore Church (No booking required.)

Wednesday 7.00p.m Rathmore Church

Thursday 9.30a.m Knocknagree Church ((No booking required.)

Friday 7.00p.m A different church each week.

Saturday 6.00p.m Rathmore Church

7.30p.m Knocknagree Church

Sunday 9.00am Shrone Church.

10.00a.m Gneeveguilla Church.

The Sunday obligation will continue to be suspended for some time yet. As before, people can come to Mass on a weekday rather than a Sunday. Initially we would ask parishioners to book only one or two masses each week, to allow as many as possible to attend.

The booking system is now open, no need to book seats for Masses on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings. HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING?

Either online at www.rathmoreparish.ie or by phone -Phone the Parish Office during Office Hours

0647761669 or phone Janice (064)7758219 Wednesday from 2pm – 4pm and Thursday from 10am – 12noon.

>SYMPATHYS

To Denis Cahill, Shinnagh & extended family on the death of his aunt Margaret (Peg) O'Sullivan (nee Cahill) Rathmore & Cork who died recently. To Tony O'Connor on the death of his wife, Georgina O'Connor Lithgow, Australia & Coom Gneeveguilla) her sons & daughters & extended families. May they rest in peace

► GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIE CLUB

Yearly Lotto Ticket Renewal: For those who in the past who renewed their tickets on January 1st, your membership is now due for renewal.

>RATHMORE GAA CLUB

Lotto - Online only until further notice. Cúl Camp

2021 Kerry G.A.A Football Cul Camp will be held in Rathbeg July 26th To 30th

Go Games - U11 Go Games Football Group Phase 1 Firies, Legion, Spa, Glenflesk.

Rathmore - U11 Go Games Hurling Group is

Causeway, Rathmore, St. Brendan's Tralee Parnell's (B), Abbeydorney (B), Ardert.

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≻ST VINCENT DE PAUL

LOCAL CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT 087 3462332

≻COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

A wheelchair taxi service is available Donie Fitzgerald stagemount (087) 6959947, if you wish to avail of it.

≻COVID-19

Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SUICIDE AWARENESS

A Clothes Bank in Aid of SulcIde Awareness in Aid of Sulcide Awareness in now Installed in the Creamery yard Rathmore. All Clothes accepted. Anyone in need of support call Mary on 087-3162257 For Suicidde Awarness.

>GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUCILL GNEEVEGUILLLA BASKETBALL CLUB

had our weekly draw for our Share the Bucket on Friday evening 7/05/21. The Jackpot was€373. This weeks winner is Edel Lehane who won €373. Congratulations Eithne the lucky winner of €311 Well done This weeks lucky winner is Eileen Scannell. Congratulations to Edel this week's jackpot winner £373.

>CLOSURE OF N72 ROAD TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS

The N72 Killarney to Mallow road will be closed to traffic between Barraduff and Rathmore from Monday, 17th May for a period of two weeks. The closure is to facilitate the construction of a culvert as part of the

Stagmount Bends Improvement Scheme. Diversions will be in place and will be clearly signposted and local access will be maintained. More information is available on the Kerry County Council website:

https://www.kerrycoco.ie/notice-of-decision-to-temporarily-close-n72national-secondary-road-between-barraduff-and-rathmore/

>THE RATHMORE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

will continue to run Our Meals on Wheels Service, which is a vital service especially at this difficult time. To avail of this service, please call Norah & Marie on 064 77 58588. These meals will be dropped to the door of the person's home. We will help to deliver this service to as many as we can

► WASTE DISPOSAL

It is illegal to burn household or garden waste at home, in your garden or workplace. Burning waste can pollute the air by releasing harmful chemicals into it. There may be many toxic chemicals in waste items such as synthetic materials, preservatives, gels, bleaches and plastics. Burning of such wastes in low-temperature uncontrolled fires creates toxic and dangerous by- products which are not destroyed by the fire but become airborne on soot particles. These can end up being inhaled or being washed out of the air and deposited onto surrounding soil and vegetation, where they can readily enter the food chain. Please care for our environment by disposing of your waste in a responsible manner.

≻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.



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SPA

>JUVENILE TRAINING

We were delighted to welcome back all our juvenile groups last week. New members are always welcome and please contact the coaches or Coiste na nÓg Secretary Denise on 0871385612 or spacoistenanog@gmail.com with any queries. Our Coiste na nÓg Training Schedule is as follows:

ABC/Academy Boys & Girls (3-7yrs): Saturdays 10am-11am: GIRLS - *U8/U10/ U12 Girls: Saturdays 10am-11am; *U14 Girls: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm; *U16 Girls: TBC: BOYS- *U9 Boys: Saturdays 10am - 11.15am; *U11 Boys: Mondays & Thursdays 6.30pm - 7.30pm; *U13 Boys: Wednesdays & Sundays 6.45pm - 8.15pm; *U15 Boys: Mondays & Fridays 7.30pm - 9.00pm

≻GOOD LUCK

Wishing the best of luck to all business, places of worship, cultural centres, sporting groups, retail units and everyone else that is reopening and restarting this week.

►GAA UPDATE

While the National Leagues began at the weekend, the new rules for intercounty games are available on gaa.ie (or on spagaa.com), including sin bin, advantage rule etc. The GAA have confirmed that 7 substitutions will be allowed in the National Leagues, and as well as that, Minister for Sport Jack Chambers TD has confirmed that non-playing panel members will be allowed to attend inter-county matches this year. From this Monday May 10th all clubs can return to adult team training with club games (without spectators) allowed from June 7th. As always, the most accurate and up-todate information is available on gov.ie or gaa.ie.

≻KERRY GAA CLUB NEWS

Provisional dates have been made for 2021 local hurling and football season and a draft fixture list distributed to clubs. The County Senior Football Championship is due to start on Sunday October 24th, with Round 2 one week later. Semi-finals are pencilled in for Sunday November 14th while the Final could be on November 21st or December 4th.

The Club Football Championships would begin with games on Sundays September 5th and 12th. There would be first or second round matches on Sunday September 19th, with games in Rounds 2 and 3 the following Saturday. Round 3 would be completed on Sunday October 3rd, with ¼ Finals a week later. There could be semi-finals and finals on Sundays November 14th and 21st, then finals on November 28th and December 4th. Time constraints mean the CCC is unable to include a Losers Round in the County Championship and ¼ Finals in the Club Championships. Clubs have been asked which of the two they would prefer. Senior clubs have also been asked about potential semi-finals in the Senior Club Championship.

Matches are still outstanding from last year's Club Championships and 3 dates have been put aside for these; Sunday August 22nd, Saturdays September 4th and 11th. There will be County Football League rounds on Sunday June 13, Sun June 20, Sun July 4, Sun July 18 and Sat July 31, with play-offs the following Saturday. It remains to be seen whether 2 or 3 teams will be promoted and relegated from Divisions. Dates ranging between June and December have been given for District Board activities.

►REGISTRATION

Club Registration is open online on our website spagaa.com or for anyone with any queries or who wants to register in person, the juvenile & senior registrars will be in Spa this weekend - Friday May 14th (7-8pm) and Saturday May 15th (10-11am).

►NATIONAL LEAGUE

Best of luck to Liam, Dara and the Kerry football team and managament who start their 2020 League campaign this Saturday May 15th at home to Galway at 3pm. The Kerry hurlers face Offaly in Round 2 of the hurling league this Sunday May 16th at 2pm after their win at home to Down last Saturday.

>SPA LOTTO RESULTS 03/05/21

Numbers drawn: 7, 8, 18, 27. No winner and Lucky Dips receive €50 each to Anne Mac, Teresa Sheahan, Ger Herlihy and Laura Wickham. Annual Ticket holders monthly draw winner is Maura Kennedy. Our weekly Monday night Lotto draws continue and next week's JACKPOT is €7,200. Tickets are on sale on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra

Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto.

≻TG4 LADIES FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2021 TG4 All-Ireland Championships will begin in July after the Lidl National Leagues. The decision was taken to commence the TG4 All-Ireland Championships on the weekend of July 10/11, with the All-Ireland Finals pencilled in for Sunday, September 5. The draws for the 2021 TG4 All-Ireland Championships will be made shortly, with the 2020 semi-finalists seeded, as they were for last year's championship. Counties can commence their club championships when they are knocked out of the All-Ireland series.

>SPA MERCHANDISE SHOP

The Spa GAA merchandise shop (top of the stairs in reception) will be open on Saturday mornings from 10am - 11am. Any queries on gear for adults or juveniles please contact Mathilda on 087 6487356.

>MINOR U20 DATES CONFIRMED

The Kerry minors will play Roscommon on July 10th/11th in the deferred 2020 All Ireland Minor semi-final, with the All Ireland Minor Football Final taking place the following week.

>SPA THANKS CLLR MICHAEL GLEESON FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

In Spa, a mixture of regret and gratitude met the recent announcement of Michael Gleeson's retirement from representative political life. In his football career, Mick represented Spa with pride in the green and gold of Kerry, winning 2 All-Ireland senior football medals. He was equally proud of his successes with Spa, including winning 7 O'Donoghue Cup medals. He continued to represent us well during almost 40 years of outstanding public service. The Spa G.A.A. crest highlights the natural beauty of our area - hills, rivers, lakes, fertile valleys and woods. Maintaining these in pristine condition was a high priority for him. He wished that we would have a healthy and varied environment to enjoy and to pass on to future generations.

His efforts have led to huge improvements to our town and district. Judicious use of his councillor's allocation and his advancing of local improvement schemes mean that many of our roads are more comfortable and safer. Of particular significance to Spa G.A.A. are the improved access road to our pitch, the erection of public lighting at the entrance and the new surface on the road from Spa Bridge to our field. Many other roads from Gortdromakerrie to Kilbrean bear the imprint of his work.

He took particular pride in getting the roundabout at Lissivigeen named in honour of our Spa-Muckross Olympian Gillian O' Sullivan. Cycle lanes and walkways will help to keep us all healthier and happier.

Táimíd thar a bheith buíoch duit a Mhichíl agus do Caitlín as ucht bhúr dea obair. Tá luach bhur gcuid saothair tuillte agat. Bain taitneamh as.

>ROADS UPDATE

At the recent Killarney Municipal meeting, Councillor Michael Gleeson asked the Council for an update on proposals for safety improvements at the Coolcosclough/Upper Lissivigeen and Woodlawn/Ballycasheen junctions with the N22 road. The Council replied that a traffic light solution is being developed by consultants for the Ballycasheen junction and that pavement improvements to facilitate active travel facilities will be carried out in conjunction with the provision of the traffic lights. It is hope that the project will be completed in 2022. In relation to the Coolcoslough junction a Roundabout solution is being further appraised in order to ensure that active travel provisions are properly integrated into the overall project. There are ongoing consultations with the TII in relation to this overall development.

>ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays. This email and any associated attachments are confidential and intend



KEEL GAA CLUB NEWS

WALKING TRACK

Sport Ireland has partnered with six National Governing Bodies of Sport, to see sports facilities with walking paths open their gates, to support looking after people's wellbeing and especially their mental health at this time. People are encouraged to book their walking slot for the walking track over the next few weeks. However, it is not compulsory to book to use the walking track. Just download the app 'Keep Walking, Keep Well' and follow the steps! We have uploaded a video on our social media showing you the steps involved if you would like to get involved. There is a grant available. Sport Ireland will use the 'Keep Walking, Keep Well' to monitor participating clubs and confirm their grant eligibility. Therefore, we would really appreciate if you could book your walk.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Please ensure your membership is paid for the coming year. To register, please visit https:// www.foireann.ie/. This new system has been introduced by the GAA this year. Advice will be shared on our social media which will assist you in completing your membership. If you cannot access social media, contact pro.keel.kerry@gaa. ie and we will share the relevant information with you.

KEEL GAA BINGO

We would like to thank everyone who joined us from all over the county and Ireland on our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo on Friday night. We hope you all had a great evening.

We really appreciate your support for Keel GAA. The jackpot was not won so we will do it all again on Friday the 21st of May at 8pm. The jackpot will be at €800 and there will be lots of more great prizes to be won. Once Bingo books are on sale we will share across our social media. Bingo books can be organized for those who are not in the area. Please contact pro.keel.kerry@gaa.ie as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our local businesses who sold Bingo books, sponsored prize money, vouchers, and spot prizes for our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo on Friday: Mark Kennedy, Boiler Services and Plumbing, Paddy Hilliard, Construction LTD, Alma's Takeaway, Milltown, Ivan Ashe, Killarney Brewing Company (Voucher for 2 pizza and 2 pints at Killarney Brewing Company), Stephen and Liz, The Anvil Bar (2 €25 vouchers for The Anvil Bar), Sammy's Restaurant and Coffee Shop, Inch (Sponsoring Paint for our new picnic benches), Benson's Quikpick, Helenas XL Castlemaine, Cronin's Castlemaine and Kelly's Londis Milltown. If you would like to sponsor prize money, vouchers or spot prizes please contact our Facebook page or pro.keel. kerry@gaa.ie or any of our club officers. We really appreciate your support because without your support, it would not be possible to run our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo.

BENCHES: Because of your generosity and support of our Keel GAA Zoom Bingo we were able to purchase 4 new benches for our club. Thank you to David Clifford of Clifford Roofing and Construction LTD for making all 4 benches. If you would like to order a bench for your home or business contact David (086 807 1500). Thank you to each and every one of you who have bought a Bingo book. Without your support, this would not have been possible.

PITCH COMMITTE

A big thank you to David Clifford for making four picnic benches that are now in place. At the moment the ground is getting a spring clean and hopefully over the next couple of weeks we intend to give the building and surrounding walls a fresh coat of paint. Anyone willing to help out contact any of the club officers.

UNDER 17

Training will take place in Keel on Wednesday from 7.45-9pm, in Listry on Friday from 8-9:15pm and Sunday from 9-10am. Please ensure your return to play is completed.

UNDER 15

Training will take place in Keel on Wednesday from 6-7:30pm and Sunday in Listry from 7-8:30pm. Please ensure your return to play is completed.

UNDER 13

raining will take place in Listry on Tuesday from 6-7:30pm and Thursday from 7.30-9pm in Keel. Please ensure your return to play is completed. **UNDER 11**

Under 11 training took place last week on Tuesday and Friday. Great turn out again from the group and all looking forward to getting back playing games again. Training takes place again on Tuesday and Friday from 6:30pm until 7:30pm in Keel. Coaches are asking children to be at the pitch for 6:20pm. Please ensure return to play is completed.

UNDER 9

Under 9 training will take place on Thursday evening from 6.15-7.30pm and Sunday from 10.15-11.30am. Sunday's training was cancelled due to a First Holy Communion commitment mass.

UNDER 7

Unfortunately, the weather forced us to cancel at short notice on Sunday morning. Thanks to everyone who braved the elements to turn up. Training continues next Sunday at 10:15. **KEEL GAA NURSERY**

On Sunday 16th May we will be inviting our new U5 age group to the field for an hour of funbased games and activities from 10:15-11:15am. This age group is open to all boys and girls who will be beginning Junior Infants this September. Please use www.foireann.ie to complete a health questionnaire in advance of the training. Anyone interested in helping please contact PJ Ryan or Mary T Murphy.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA

CLUB LOTTO

Our next Milltown-Castlemaine GAA Lotto (Kindly sponsored by Alma's Takeaway) will take place on Mon the 17th of May. Join us on our Facebook page for the live draw.

Tickets are available online with ClubForce and at all usual outlets with the Jackpot Prize of €12,600. Go to ClubForce to play by clicking on the following Link https://bit.ly/39GTqt1 **90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



Everyone at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club would like to wish Jimmy Boyle a Vice President of a the club 'A Very Happy 90th Birthday'

In the same week that Jimmy celebrated the occasion it's fitting that his Grandson Dylan started back training with our clubs U6 group. His granddaughter Katelyn also plays with our U8 Girls Team and his grandson Oisín O'Connor plays with our Senior Team.

Jimmy's son Martin is a coach with our U6s and also played for Milltown/Castlemaine Gaa Club along with his brothers Raymond, Andrew and Albert. Watching his sons play Jimmy had been has been a lifelong supporter of the club and is a Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club Vice President. We hope that Jimmy and all of his family enjoyed a wonderful day on such a special occasion. We hope to see Jimmy sat in the stand in the not too distant future as his granddaughter Katelyn, grandson Dylan and Oisin take to the field at Paddy Burke Memorial Park

COISTE NA NÓG

Another fantastic week for our juvenile members saw many players training with Milltown/ Castlemaine GAA for the first time both with our MC Minis and across all age levels.

Tuesday evening brought the return to action of our youngest members and a huge thank you must go out to Katie O'Sullivan & Susan Joy Sheehan along with Jono O'Conner & Trevor Dullea who coordinated the training with a fantastic group of coaches with them for over 80 players in our U7 and U6 teams.

A big thank you also to our clubs Coiste na

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nÓg secretary Joan O'Shea, Willie O'Shea and Adam Scanlon who managed a busy evening of comings and goings at the club gate. We would be delighted if anyone would like to volunteer to help Joan and her team, please contact Joan on 0873911569

We have all but two of our juvenile teams returned to training now and would like to thank all of the coaches and covid supervisors who volunteered at each age level. Our GAA 4 ALL team and U8 Girls were rained off last Monday but are looking forward to their first sessions tomorrow. We are still looking for further help in all areas please see the numbers below to volunteer. To offer to become part of a coaching team please contact Liam Doherty 086 041 3593 or lan Twiss 087 252 1053

To offer to become a COVID supervisor please contact Claire O'Sullivan 087 123 7101. **21ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**



Everyone at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club would like to wish Linus Óg Burke who turned 21 last week. Linus Óg is a senior player with our club and a fantastic and popular coach with our U6 'MC Minis' where he trains his little sister Méabh.

Linus Óg we hope that both you and your family had a great day of celebrations. We look forward to seeing Linus Óg celebrate his 21st year on the field with our seniors and on the sidelines with our U6 players.

FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

Construction of Milltown/Castlemaine GAAs brand new 270 seated has begun at Paddy Burke Memorial Park.

We would like to offer a sincere thank you to Denis O'Riordan of FRC (Formwork Reinforcing Concrete) for the fantastic work and expertise in the laying of the initial foundations for our brand new stand. We would also like to thank Gerard Murphy for the fantastic job done on digging out the area last week to perfection. A big thank you to Paud Hogan, Emmett Spring, Derek Twiss and Ian Twiss who all assisted with the job earlier in the week. Along with FRCs Denis O'Riordan and Donal Ladden. The club looks forward to working with FRC to complete work on the stand this summer. This is an exciting moment in Milltown/Castlemaine GAAs field development project and something to really look forward to when we are cheering on our teams from our brand new stand.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP OPEN FOR 2021

Milltown-Castlemaine GAA Club Membership is now open for the upcoming 2021 season for anyone wishing to join or renew your subscription. All players, at every level, must be registered, to ensure that they are covered to train, play, and represent the club.

At a growing club, in the heart of the community, we actively welcome new players, families and volunteers, so please share this invite to anyone you feel may be interested in joining our club.

We have enabled online member registration to facilitate joining the club in these socially distanced times. The registration link is: https:// bit.ly/3x4Fvaa. If you have any questions on membership then contact us at mcgaaclubregs@ gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2021 OPEN

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NOTE

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ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Membership renewals and new registrations can now be done on-line; you can register at your own convenience at home, at work, via a computer or mobile device (browser/app). When registering, please ensure that the details are correct, especially the phone numbers, email addresses & date of birth (players) as these are the key member details. Please also ensure that where possible both parents / guardians are registered as you must be a registered user to log-into the ClubForce APP and receive relevant team communication. The attached PDF document outlines the steps involved in the registration process. The registration link is: https://bit.ly/3x4Fvaa.

WhatsApp Groups - Finishing on Wednesday, May 19th. From Wednesday, May 19th the club will no longer use WhatsApp to communicate with members. Rather it will be replaced by the ClubForce App as the club's primary method of communicating with Parents & Guardians. So, we ask all club members (18 or over) to download and install the ClubForce app.

To download the app please click on the following link:

Apple Store - ClubForce Download

Google Play Store - ClubForce Download The following video highlights how the communication module within the ClubForce App will operate - https://vimeo. com/410152063/06eff86aa6

If you have any questions on the ClubForce App then please contact us at mcgaaclubregs@ gmail.com Club Merchandise for 2021 Season The club has a range of playing gear and accessories available for purchase from our on-line club shop. Please review our range and stock availability for both Milltown-Castlemaine & Kerry. To order please select what you require and pay on-line, and we will be in touch with respect to delivery. For our younger members we have our limited edition 'Season Starter Pack' incorporating socks, shorts, gloves, hat, gumshield, and ball. The link to the club shop is: https://milltowncastlestore.sumup.link/

LISTRY GAA CLUB NEWS

SPORTS DIRECT

Sports Direct announced the renewal of their partnership with Listry Gaa Club for a further three years until 2024. The news comes as part of a nationwide expansion of Sports Direct's grassroots GAA support programme, with their support of their existing six clubs renewed, while a further five new clubs were also added

to their portfolio, bringing Sports Direct's overall grassroots GAA support to 11 clubs nationwide. For the past three years, as part of Cycle 1 of their grassroots programme, Sports Direct has been proud Official Supporters of Listry GAA along with a number of clubs through the country. They firmly believe in the important role that sport plays in our local communities and harnessing future achievements.

LISTRY LOTTO

We are delighted to announce the return of the Listry Lotto in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on social media for details of dates , draws and prizes. Please sign up on Clubforce. ie to play online from the comfort of your own home or tickets will be available also from usual sellers if you prefer. Details will all be available on club website shortly. We thank you for your continued support.

JUVENILE TRAINING

U17 Keel /Listry: We are delighted to welcome back Keel U17 to join Listry in the season ahead. Following are the details of Training this week: Wed in Keel- 7:45 to 9:15 Fri in Listry- 8 to 9:15 Sun in Listry- 9 to 10 in the morning. Please complete Health Questionnaire Check before each training session on the day of training. U5/U7/U9

The juvenile club welcomed back our under 5s, under 7s and under 9s to Listry Football pitch this evening. A welcome sight and a lovely evening had by young and old with friends made for life. A big thank you also to the Keane family of PKs / Keane's Supervalu who had a nice Goodie bag for all the boys and girls.

CLUB FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our Senior Team are presently running a Sports Prediction League 2021 in order to fundraise for the club. Please check out our social media via Facebook/instagram/website. Forms can also be sourced from team players/club officers. Closing Date: 23rd May 2021 Entry Free €10. 1st Prize €500. 2nd prize €150 Voucher from Keane's Supervalu, Killorglin. 3rd Prize 3 months membership for the Aquila Club, Gleneagle. Listry GAA would like to thank all those who sponsored our fundraising event.

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RETURN TO PLAY

We were delighted to see our juvenile teams return to the playing fields this week. Our teams will continue to train once a week on the following days:

U15: Wednesday at 7:00pm

U13: Friday at 6:00pm.

U11: Monday at 6:30pm

U5,U7,U9: Saturday morning at 10:00am.

All players must bring their own water bottle, gum shields must be worn. Any outstanding membership fees must be paid in this week.

Prices are as follows:

€40 – 1 child,

€80 – 2 children

€120 – Family

KELLOGG'S CUL CAMP

We welcome back our underage players, coaches, and parents. We have more good news as the dates have been confirmed for the GAA Cul Camps. The date for the Currow camp is July 26th to 30th. All bookings will take place online in the coming weeks ahead.

CO LEAGUES

Lee Strand County League Groups will be announced in the next fortnight.

ONLINE CLUB SHOP OPEN

check out the newest 'official' Currow GAA Club Merchandise – available to order online or in Vincent murphy Sports Castleisland.

KILLARNEY LEGION

#ONEGOODCLUB

Killarney Legion have successfully completed their 10-week #OneGoodClub Programme! This program commenced on the 1st March and since then the club have carried out 30 activities which ran in line with Jigsaw's 5 a Day for Mental Health. The five steps of the program included Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. The aim of this initiative was to encourage and support the community to undertake a series of activities targeted towards promoting positive mental health and well-being.

During the 'Connect' phase, the club held a family fun quiz, a Jersey day which saw club members from all across the globe take part and get connected, while Mairead O Donoghue ran a 'Connecting with' series where she interviewed a few familiar faces. The younger members of the club also created fantastic St. Patrick's Day cards which were sent to the local care homes.

The 'Be Active' phase made everyone jump to their feet and get active. From skill challenges with John Doona to online fitness classes for all ages, everyone definitely clocked up their daily 10,000 steps! Thank you to Emir, Selina and Senior players for carrying out these fitness classes. Not to forget our virtual St. Patrick's Day parade which was a great treat. However, the u14 girls team went the extra mile (literally) and over this period ran 1267km, the equivalent of Killarney Legion grounds at Direen to Croke

Park 4 times! The 'Take Notice" phase made us more aware of our surroundings through activities such as nature photography, litter picking, mindfulness and yoga with Nave Yoga. Did you learn something interesting during the 'Keep Learning' phase? This is where the club held a "Tell me something..." series where club members provided a piece of trivia, fun fact or a little anecdote about the club. Tara from Tara's Baked Bouquets held a bake along to teach everyone a few tips and tricks in the kitchen. Dr. Stephen Cotter gave an educational talk on the importance of gumshields just in time for 'Return to Play'. A special thank you to Jigsaw Kerry who gave club members an informative workshop on theimportance of maintaining positive mental health as well as the services available to young people aged between 12-25. The final stage of the initiative was the 'Give' stage. Club members gave baked treats to the underage teams. Coaches carried out fun activities such as a compliment drill where players gave a compliment to their teammates. The club also launched the "Legion Boot Room" where people can recycle their old boots by giving them to other players in the club. Paddy Osborne provided some great advice on planting herbs. The idea of planting herbs now and giving them to someone once they prosper is a beautiful idea and it keeps this initiative alive. Finally, the club also have an online fundraiser link for Jigsaw and if you would like to donate, please do so here: www. idonate.ie/KillarneyLegionJIGSAW

The club would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who took part in this initiative, whether that was carrying out a class, engaging over social media or attending any of the events that were held. It was great to see so many people come together during lockdown and work on something that had a positive effect on the community. The club wants to keep the five fundamentals (Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give) in practice within the club. If you would like to see everything the club achieved over the last 10 weeks, it is all recorded on social media:

- Facebook: @legiongaa
- Instagram: @killarneylegion

Twitter: @legiongaa

On the 27th of May at 8:00 PM there will be a #OneGoodClub ceremony held on the LGFA Facebook page, make sure to tune in to see Killarney Legion on the big screen!

FOSSA GAA CLUB NEWS

COVID-19

The key control measures remain completion of the online education module (which you can access and completion of the Health Questionnaire before each session (link to Health Questionnaire is on line)It is also important to remember that all indoor facilities must remain closed at this time.

Attendance at Training in general, only players and coaches of the relevant team should attend

any training session. One Parent or Guardian per child (or per family if more than one child is attending from a particular family) is permitted to attend in a safeguarding /supervisory capacity involving any team in the U-18 or below age group, should they consider it necessary. However strict social distancing and public health guidelines should be adhered to at all times. In particular, it is important that parents do not congregate in groups before, during or after sessions, outside of what is permitted in current Government regulations. Any person wishing to attend our underage training or games including coaches, parents, players and spectators shall be subject to the provisions of the Code of Behaviour (Underage). We will continue to keep you updated as we receive further information but we would ask you to ensure that the Return to Play Document and this cover note is circulated to all Club Team Mentors and your Club Executive at your earliest convenience.

LOTTO

Date 9th May 2021 Numbers Drawn

7,5,12,17 €40 WINNERS

KAREN & BATT MCGLYNN,KNOCKASARNETT; PEGGY O'LEARY, 16 O'KELLY'S VILLAS; DEIRDRE FLEMING, C/O TINA MYERS;

N & J ASHE;

JOHN F KELLIHER, GRENAGH FOSSA.

Next weeks lotto is €11,550. Tickets on sale in the Golden Nugget, Foleys Spar Fossa and usual sellers. Thanks for the support.

MEMBERSHIP

All playing members should have now registered and a big thanks to all for doing so. General membership for non players should be paid by May 31st.(See clubforce) Gene Moriarty Registrar.

SYMPATHY

The club would like to pass on our Sympathy to the family of Diarmuid Sheehan Finglas East Dublin, formerly Ards, Fossa, an uncle to the Sheehans of Ards, May he rest in peace.

JUVENILE ACADEMY

We are back, All new members are always welcome. See ye next Saturday morning at 10:30am in Direen for more fun and football.

Don't forget --Drop off boots or pick up! • • • • • • Can't get a pair of boots to fit those growing feet? Call to the Legion Boot Room and take your pick! Drop off pre-loved boots that no longer fit your kids. Take a pair to get you through the next while until shops are open again.

(You don't have to drop a pair to take a pair.... Feel free to call up and take your pick!) *Play Fair*

All we ask is that any boots dropped off are clean and in *good condition*!!!

Please leave the Boot Room tidy for the next visitor. Observe physical distancing at Club Grounds. The Legion Boot Room is located at the Referee's Dressing Room next to the main entrance to clubhouse at Direen. #give #OneGoodClub

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Registration for membership is available online. Please register in advance of the Return to Play (juveniles). Click on the link below to select your membership options and pay securely online. bit.ly/Legion21.



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Return to Play Guidelines for Juvenile players*. In order to comply with GAA/LGFA Return To Play protocols, parents / guardians must complete the following on behalf of juvenile players PRIOR to returning to play from Apr 26th

A - All children registered within a 'family' on the GAA/LGFA system ("Foireann")

B - Membership registered and paid for 2021 C - Health questionnaire completed and submitted prior to session

Note: Parents/Guardians are required to complete a short online Covid Education course *if they haven't already done so in the last 12 months*

Many of you will have completed this in 2020 and received a certificate for same.

The course can be found at https://courses.gaa. ie/Covid19ClubEd/#/

A - Register on Foireann

1. Go to www.foireann.ie

If you used the 'Return to Play' system last year for completing online health questionaire you will already have a username and password for the system. Choose links for 'forgot password' or 'forgot username' if needed, otherwise register as a new user.

2. Complete your profile details and select Killarney Legion as your club. Select the association (GAA/LGFA).

3. Choose 'Family' from the menu and select 'Add New Family'. Add children and invite other parent/guardians as neccesary.

Note: Please add children using this method even if they were previously added last year to the 'Return to Play' system. Adding them to the 'Family' will link the profiles correctly.

B - Membership

Once you have completed your profile (and family if relevant), you can now pay online for your membership within Foireann. Alternatively go to https://legiongaa.com/membership/ for all registration options - Note: There is no inperson registration day this year

1. Choose 'Membership' from the menu and select 'Register' for your chosen option.

2. Add the member(s) and association(s) (GAA/ LGFA) Confirm all details are correct, Read and agree to the club Code of Conduct

3. Complete online payment with card (using secure payment provider Stripe)

You should then receive 2 emails confirming your payment and membership registration *C - Health Questionnaire*

1. Log in at www.foireann.ie

Go to Health Questionnaire section on your 'Dashboard' on the homepage

2. Choose 'Add New' to enter a health questionnaire on behalf of your child

3. Complete questionnaire and submit

See these instructions online:

https://bit.ly/LegionRTP21

LEGION LOTTO

Support the club via our weekly lotto Play online: https://cutt.ly/sy5EIUC

Or get tickets at: Hegarty's, Sheahan's Centra, Healys, new st, ulster bank, The Reeks and FourStar Pizza.

This is our most important avenue for fundraising - thank you for your suppprt. Jackpot €6,300 plus bonus €10,000.

CLUB MERCHANDIZE

Our shop is open every Saturday morning at 10:30am - Plenty of New stock Available - 1/2 zips, jackets, hoodies, bags, hats and kits for juveniles. Call or Place your orders direct with Maura on (087) 763 4372.

LOTTO RESULTS

8,13,14,15 bonus 18 Match3/lucky dips: Siobhan Lyne Arbutus Drive Mary O'Sullivan Mangan Knocknahoe **Breda Grimes Bantry** Con & Breda O'Sullivan, Anne's Road Kate Donnellan Aghadoe Next weeks draw Sunday 16th and jackpot still €16,300 inc. bonus €10K Thanks for your continued support.

DR. CROKES

ADULT TEAMS

may return to the playing fields from today May 10th, it has been a long period of inactivity since our last game in any code on September 27th last. A draft fixture plan is in place with games resuming on June 12th/13th with co. league fixtures which we will publish when they are ratified. All players, coaches and members are looking forward to the activities ACADEMY Our academy continued again

on Saturday last with better than expected weather. It was great to see such large numbers of boys and girls enjoying a fun filled morning of hurling and football. It's clear that that our young members are delighted to be back on the field again. We promise more fun and excitement in the coming weeks. Training sessions are free so it's a great chance to come and try new sports and make friends. We continue every Saturday with hurling from 10 to 10 45 and football from 10 45 until 12.

Boys and girls aged 4 to 11. Open to all living in Killarney parish. Please contact John 087 234 8824 or Gene 087 172 0789 with any guestions. **GROW IT FORWARD INITIATIVE WITH**

DR CROKES' HEALTHY CLUB

Calling boys & girls from our Saturday Academy to grow your own food from seed and you can do it on your window sill. No fancy equipment needed. Get going....get growing.

MEMBERSHIP ONLINE MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE

All memberships are now due, all players & coaches will have to have paid before return to play from today as only registered members can enter the playing pitches all registration is online only

LOTTO

draw took place on Monday May 10th numbers drawn 2 10 18 24 JACKPOT €5,000 was not won. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers Colin O`Sullivan Safe Hands, Nuala Dwyer c/o Trants, Billy Hennigan, Fionn Fitzgerald, Carmel Mansfield, Don O'Donoghue Pat O'Sullivan Blenerville, Cormac O`Donoghue each receive €45. Jackpot for draw on May 17th will be €5,000

We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main

sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below And follow instructions attached

https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa. asp#Anchor When you click on the link it brings you to the Clubforce Main page. From here click Club name Dr. Crokes GAA. This brings you to another page that you again put in Dr. Crokes, which in turn brings you to the Dr.Crokes home page. From here click lotto and the rest follows on. Alternatively download the Clubforce app, Level the Playing Field We're calling on you to help your local LGFA club to

DR. CROKES SHOP

you can now shop worldwide new selection of Jackets, gilets masks and snoods and other items. Shop online https/drcrokesshop.com

MAJOR CHALLENGE we will be running another of our popular Challenge on the PGA to be played May 20-23. Entry Cards are with usual sellers or may be played online www.drcrokes. com. Best option is to click on guest link which will bring you directly to the card and if not a member of Dr. Crokes. If you are a member the guest link will default to your Clubforce log in https/// member clubforce.com/membership **COVID UPDATES**

Information for Clubs - Adult Return to Training and Games (26 Counties only): A reminder that from this Monday, May 10th Outdoor training is permitted at adult level in pods of a maximum of 15 people (including coaches) in the 26 Counties. However, games are not allowed, and indoor facilities must remain closed (exception: Toilet facilities). From June 7th, and subject to the Public Health situation at the time, Club games will be permitted at all levels but must be played "behind closed doors".

In the interim, we would remind all Clubs in the 26 Counties of the following:

- Until May 10th, only training for underage teams (non-contact and in pods of 15) is permitted. "Underage teams" means any registered team at U-18 level or below.

All indoor facilities must remain closed (exception: toilet facilities).

- Fundraising events on GAA property are not currently permitted.

- Gym facilities must remain closed (exception: Senior Inter County players may use their relevant Club Gym for individual training as long as they are following the advice in the Inter County Return to Training and Play document) Construction work We have received a number of queries in relation to whether construction work at club and county grounds can recommence - this has been permitted from May 4th last.

Fundraising Events Outdoor fundraising events on GAA property are not currently permitted in either jurisdiction. This includes drive in events (such as Drive in Bingo or Drive in Movies). We await further clarification from governments and will provide a further update when available.
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Sz. Brigid's

Presentation Secondary School

Killarney



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St. Brigid's Class of 2021



St. Brigid's 6th year students will be celebrating their

GRADUATION MASS

on Friday 14th May 2021 at 2.15pm in St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Mass will be streamed live and you can celebrate with them at

www.killarneyparish.com and double clicking on the link "webcam St. Mary's Cathedral"

The Management and Staff would like to wish our students the very best of luck in their future.



DR. CROKES

wish the best of luck to all businesses opening today and next week, we urge all our members and supporters to shop local.

COUNTY CLEAN UP

In support of the County Clean-Up Week, Dr Crokes are asking for volunteers to assemble in club grounds at 2.00pm on Saturday 22 May to help clean up in and around our property. People will be organised in small family groups and pods, in compliance with proper covid guidelines and social distancing will be strictly applied. Gloves will be provided.

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EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O' Mahony

The East Kerry Board will hold a Delegate meeting through Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 19th May at 8pm. A link and Agenda will be sent to those willing to participate in the meeting closer to the date. Please find the link to the recently updated Coaching and Games Development section of the Munster GAA website https://munster.gaa.ie/coaching/ We feel that this site now contains a wealth of easily accessible coaching information and will prove a valuable resource for the large army of volunteer coaches who currently operate across the province. In order to make it easier to navigate we have divided it into 12 main headings covering all areas of operation. Best wishes to cllr Michael Gleeson on his retirement forn political life. We wish both

ALLIANZ NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE DIV 2A

Michael his wife kathleen

Full Time

Kerry 4-18 Down 0-19

Massive congrats to the Kerry Hurlers who now face Offaly in Tullamore this weekend Kerry host Galway in Round 1 of the 2021 Allianz Football League, Division 1. This saturday . In Austin stack park.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA CLUB

2021 MEMBERSHIP

Our club membership is now open for all players and members. A new system of registration is being introduced this year through the return to play app (www.foireann.ie) that was used last year to declare players were healthy to attend training. All registrations should be completed under this system and payment for all standard membership is paid online. Go to www. foireann.ie or Follow the links on our social media accounts. Alternatively, you can make contact with Club Secretary Kevin Cronin, Peter Costello, Paudie O'Sullivan Hurling or Fiona Walsh or any club officer/ Mentor or Member and they will be able to give you further details. All players must be registered before playing or training. Membership is now live.

Family Membership - €100

Adult Member - €55 Adult Player - €65 Juvenile - €30 Student (over 18) - €40

Remember no membership no play. It should be noted for familys registering for membership on the foireann system, they should setup a family first, create an account for your spouse/ partner and add any kids to the family section. Once you do that and go to buy adult and kids membership, their names are populated in the drop down menu. Please note that membership will close on the 31st of May.

COISTE NA NOG

Academy Football Training continues to the pitch in Farranfore with Boys U5, U7 & U9 and Girls U6, U8 & U10 on Saturday from 10.30 to 11.30. Hurling Academy for boys and girls continues on Sunday for Under 5, U7 & U9 from 11am to 12pm. All new players welcome. All players are reminded to bring their own water bottles and two euro. Parents are encouraged to drop and go. Remember No membership/No Health Questionnaire - No play.

Lotto results from Monday 10th May Numbers drawn were: 2, 10, 19, 23 No jackpot winner

5x€30

Ger Fitzgerald, Goulane Dan Quilter, Firies Pat Roche, c/o Roger Grace Crowley, Farranfore M Moriarty, Farranfore

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

Get your lotto tickets online via the Firies page on Clubforce or tickets are also available to purchase physically in some of the local shops incl. Aherns Pharmacy, Farranfore, Sherwood Bar and Restaurant Farranfore, Sheehans Shop Farranfore, Moriarty's Centra Farranfore, Bridies Shop Firies, Hendersons Shop and Bar Firies and from all the usual sellers. We thank these businesses for their continued support. Thank you all for your continued support. Due to challenges associated with club finances through Covid-19 we would request that members consider participating in the Club Lotto which is the key fundraising platform for the club.

SUPPORTING LOCAL

Calling all the fine people of Firies, Farranfore and Ballyhar; Firies Football, Hurling and Ladies Football Club require your assistance. Times are very challenging in the current environment for both our local businesses and our club. The generous people at the construction company Gagamuller Group @iamgagamuller are affording the club an opportunity to secure €5,000 of sponsored club gear, but your help is needed to support all those local businesses within the parish. The competition began on Monday, 19th April and ends 5pm on 21st May 2021.

FIRIES GAA WEBSITE

The Club is in the process of getting the website updated and this is a call out to all club members who may have any old photos, match reports, Club History pieces or any other information relevant to the club. If you would like to see this information on the club website, could you please email it to pro.firies.kerry@ gaa.ie.



Players back training at Dr. Crokes Academy.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

RETURN TO ROWING

Another eventful week for sport kicked off on Monday last as the latest phase in the easing of public health restrictions took effect. Adults are now back training outdoors in groups of up to 15, with the same cap remaining in place for groups of junior members, which returned to the lake a fortnight earlier. On Monday, June 7, indoor training is set to resume on an individual basis. **TOKYO OLYMPICS**

This weekend sees the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta take place in Lucerne, Switzerland where Ireland will have three crews racing to join the three Irish boats already qualified for Tokyo. With most Olympic places filled at the 2019 World Championships and continental qualifying events, competition will be fierce for the last remaining places at the Olympics. A top two finish is required in the finals of each respective boat category. Ireland's main hope rests with the Womens Four crew who showed great form at the recent European Championships. Ireland sits outside the favourites for the Mens Single and Lightweight Womens Double events, with young crews set to challenge for Tokyo but perhaps better placed for a Los Angeles bid in 2028.

KERRY AREA BASKETBALL

HALL OF FAME AND PAUD O'LEARY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED BY THE KABB:

Like all sports basketball is delighted to see the return to players on the courts, albeit only outdoors at the moment, with contact games back from this week.

Everyone involved in the basketball clubs in Kerry are now hoping that they can get back indoors and run their annual competitions which tip-off later in the year.

As well as the return to training it has been a busy week off the court for the Kerry Area Basketball Board with the announcement of the winner of the Paud O'Leary Fair Play Award and the latest nominee for the Hall of Fame.

John Adams named as Paud O'Leary winner:

A founding member of Kenmare Kestrels John Adams is still hugely involved in the very successful club and in basketball in the community in the South Kerry town. Originally from the US John has been with the Kestrels since their founding in 2006. He has been in the Chair for the last 15 years and combines this with coaching at both junior and senior level. The club has been very successful over the years and have also produced a number of players who have worn the green of Ireland. Amongst the accolades the Kestrels were named the KABB Club of the Year in 2007 and John was named



the Men's Division 3 Player of the Year in 2009. A delighted John Adams said that he was delighted to accept the Award named after a person who he had a great admiration for. "It is indeed a great honour to be chosen for this year's Paud O'Leary Award. He was a great servant to Gneeveguilla basketball and was respected through the county. I will always remember the inspiration he was to us when we set up the Kestrels in 2006 and I am delighted that my name will be on this Award which is a fitting tribute to Paud."

CLARE ENTERS THE KABB HALL OF FAME:

Clare Sheehy's nomination to the Hall of Fame for 2020 was widely acknowledged as a just reward for her long years of dedication to the game of basketball. Her career began under the watchful eye of Ned Callaghan in St Joseph's Convent of Mercy in Abbeyfeale when Clare was a player herself and was also assisting with younger teams. She was then brought into the Community Games by Neilus Collins getting involved the Duagh/Lyre area basketball and they went on to have huge success including 3 national titles and 2 silver medals along with numerous county titles. Clare also coached with the local St Joseph's club where they reached the latter stages of a number of All Ireland Club and u18 National Cup competitions. Schools basketball was another great interest for Clare where her teams again enjoyed success on the national stage while also helping younger pupils establish their core skills and love of the game of basketball. On the international stage Clare

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was the Team Manager of the u16 Irish Girls side that competed in the European Championships in Estonia and she was also heavily involved the following year. Throughout her career Clare has seen 9 of her charges capped for Ireland as well as numerous players being selected for Kerry.

Her dedication, knowledge and coaching skills have seen her make a huge contribution to women's basketball not just in North Kerry or countywide but also on the national courts and therefore her induction into the KABB Hall of Fame is richly deserved.

OTHER KABB NEWS

Basketball Ireland's AGM is scheduled for May 29th at 10am and further information will be sent out to the clubs once received.

The KABB AGM is scheduled for May 31st at 7.30pm and is a continuation of the deferred 2020 AGM. The format of the meeting will be decided by the COVID regulations closer to the proposed date of the AGM.

All medals for last season's Leagues have now been given to clubs thanks to the hard work of the Juvenile and Senior secretaries. If any club has still to get their medals chairperson@ kerrybasketball.ie The Kerry u16 teams trip to Barcelona fell foul of Covid last year and were unable to be rescheduled. The players that were due to travel have been presented with KABB Representative sportswear and basketballs as a small compensation for the lost trip.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB

no winner of our lotto draw 07/05/2021, numbers drawn were 11, 15, 16 & 22 Sellers prize winner Tom Joe O' Donoghue. Sellers prize winner Tom Joe O' Donoghue, €50 to Tadhg & Jane Collins Gneevegilla, €40 each to Kate Murphy Scartaglin, Nora O' Sullivan Tureencahill & Mike O' Connor Beaufort. Bonus was won by Mairead & Freya c/o Mairead O' Connell numbers drawn were 12, 13 16 & 21. Next week's jackpot €19,000 plus €1,000 bonus.

LOTTO BONUS WIN

After many weeks with no win our bonus was won this week by Mairead & Freya McAuliffe c/o Mairead O' Connell Cullen. Congrats to all. The lotto jackpot is now standing at €19,000. TRAINING

Training resumes this week, Tuesday evenings in Gneeveguilla & Thurdsay evenings in Barradubh at 7.00 pm. Training is for children born on or before 2013. Membership \in 15.00 for juveniles and \in 25.00 for seniors. Parents and carers are asked to give a hand and training.





JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



HURLING Kerry Transformation Ends Down Dominance

National League: Kerry 4-18 Down 0-19

The first Kerry team in action in a long, long time.... and they did us very proud. I was lucky enough to attend the game - and believe me, I know how lucky I am – and it was a joy from start to finish, even when Kerry were under the cosh.

Which, mind you, they very much were for the bones of forty minutes. Newly promoted Down took the game fearlessly to the hosts (by the by, Ger O'Mahony had Austin Stack Park in absolutely immaculate condition, as good as I have ever seen it), while Kerry seemed stuck on the back foot. To be fair, the missing list included the big O'Leary brothers, Mike Slattery, Colum Harty, Bryan Murphy, Cian Hussey, Padraig Boyle, talismanic Shane Conway....it would make any team stutter. Marksman Paul Sheehan was their main threat, notching an early free and a '65 after John Buckley did well to hook Daithí Sands as he bore down on goal. Fionán Mackessy and Daniel Collins from long range replied. Mackessy was part of a superb half back line for Kerry – Jason Diggins was my man of the match, with Mackessy and Barry O'Mahony not far behind him. Midfield also acquitted themselves well. Kerry's problem was up front, with absolutely nothing sticking inside. Donal Hughes and Shane Nolan (again, from distance) traded points before the unerring Sheehan put Down two clear. Jason Diggins won a free converted by Nolan and Kerry were just a point behind - a little bit flattering in regard to the flow of play.

John B O'Halloran denied Eoghan sands with a brilliant save – Sheehan, of course, slotted the '65. Michael Leane and Barry O'Mahony picked off great points to draw Kerry level, but that only fired up the newly promoted visitors. Ronan Costello turned the defence too easily and settled for a point when he could have gone for goal. Eoghan Sands added a point and Paul Sheehan hit the post before pointing two frees. Liam Savage made it 0-11 to 0-6 as the game headed into six minutes of injury time. This was by far Kerry's best spell so far, Daniel Collins firing over and Shane Nolan setting up Mikey Boyle before pointing himself. At half-time Down led by 0-11 to 0-9, and the margin could and probably should have been wider – Down were a little bit too reliant on the dead ball skills of Sheehan for their scores.

Ronan Costello pointed straight away on the restart and Paul Sheehan got his first point from play. Kerry had rejigged, putting Shane Nolan into the forward line and bringing Mikey Boyle out as a playmaker – it worked a charm. Kerry had already missed a few chances before Shane Nolan bore down on goal. High drama ensued as Stephen Keith made a terrific save, Daniel Collins rebound shot was cleared by a defender as far as Nolan again...and a flying Keith somehow got across to save it again. Incredible stuff, and surely an omen that it wasn't going to be Kerry's day.

Except that the tide had turned. Kerry suddenly had their tails up and Down were suddenly looking very shaky indeed. Fionán O'Sullivan pointed. Daniel Collins made a good steal from the puck out and slipped it to Maurice O'Connor, who made no mistake from close range. 0-13 to 1-10. It got worse for Down a minute later as Fionán O'Sullivan sliced through. Keith, a genuine man of the match contender, saved his first effort but could do nothing about the second. All of a sudden it was one way traffic and a forward line that had laboured badly in the first half were suddenly humming. Paudie O'Connor, Shane Nolan (a'65 and a free) and Mikey Boyle all picked off points. Keith made another great save to deny Daniel Collins but could do nothing when Jason Diggins teed up Maurice O'Connor for his second and Kerry's third goal. Kerry led by 3-15 to 0-13 at the second water break, a fifteen point swing in the third quarter.

It was all over bar the shouting, as the saying goes. Down's resilience was completely broken, while Kerry were rampant. Maurice O'Connor was just milimetres from connecting with a brilliant Shane Nolan flick - it would have been a goal of the year contender. Nolan swung over his second '65. Paul Sheehan and Donal Hunt exchanged points, Hunt was also barely wide of goal. Paul Sheehan and PJ Davidson made it 3-17 to 0-18. Daniel Collins and Tim Prenter traded scores. In the final minute, we saw the first appearance of the new rule about denying a goal-scoring opportunity, with Down's Mark Patterson getting the hurling equivalent of a black card (it's a yellow card that's actually shown, not that it's any comfort to the player sent off) and Daniel Collins coolly slotting the penalty.

In the end, a hugely flattering win for Kerry, especially with so many players to come back in. They aren't as bad as they looked in the first half – they were really stuck to the ground – but equally, it was Down's collapse as much as Kerry brilliance that lorded the second half.



Tosach maith, gan amhras....but lessons to be learned!

Kerry: John B. O'Halloran, John Buckley, Tomás O'Connor, Eric Leen, Jason Diggins, Barry O'Mahony (0-1), Fionán Mackessy (0-1), Shane Nolan (-16, 3f, 2'65), Paudie O'Connor (0-1), Brandon Barrett, Daniel Collins (0-3), Michael Leane (0-1), Mikey Boyle (0-2), Fionán O'Sullivan (1-1), Maurice O'Connor (2-0). Subs Evan Murphy (for Tomás O'Connor, 24 mins), Billy Lyons (for Eric Leen, 50 mins), James O'Connor (for Fionán Mackessy, 55 mins), Donal Hunt 0-1 (for Michael Leane, 55 mins), Niall O'Mahony (for Brandon Barrett, 58 mins), Daniel Casey (for Fionán O'Sullivan, 66 mins), Flor McCarthy (for John Buckley, 66 mins)

Down: Stephen Keith, John McManus, Caolan taggart, Michael Hughes, Gerard Hughes, Matt Conlon, Liam Savage (0-1). Donal Hughes (0-1), Chris Egan, Pearse Óg McCrickard, Paul Sheehan (0-11, 7f, 3'65), Ronan Costello (0-2), Daithí Sands, Eoghan Sands (0-1), oisín McNamara. Subs Marc Fisher (for John McManus, 28 mins), Tim Prenter 0-1 (for Oisín McNamara, half-time), Tom Murray (for Gerard Hughes, 42 mins) Jordan Doran (for Chris Egan, 51 mins), PJ Davidson 0-1 (for Ronan Costello, 57 mins), Marc Patterson (for Liam Savage, 57 mins)

Referee: Pat Murphy (Carlow)

GAELIC FOOTBALL

Kerry v Galway, Saturday, 3.30pm

Kerry open their National League campaign - a somehat truncated campaign this year with just three group games - at home to Galway. This is a tough one, and Peter Keane is under no illusions, especially after last year's championship campaign ended at the hands of Cork."Look, we had massive ambition last year. We had gotten to an All Ireland Final replay and we had just won the National League. We felt we were in good nick heading to Cork. Obviously there was a lot of learning and hurt, it's to channel that hurt now going forward. I wouldn't necessarily agree that we were defensive (against Cork). "I would not necessarily agree that we were defensively set up last year. I think a lot of that discussion came around the fact we had Brian Ó Beagloaoich playing at wing-forward but if you reverse back 13/14 months from that we played Brian Ó Beaglaoich at wing-forward in an All-Ireland semi-final and there was no perception then of not playing football with flair. I think we

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play football with flair where we can."

"We have a few knocks. That is something that's happening in every county from what I'm hearing. Eddie Horan is definitely out, we'll see about the rest when we are selecting the team. Saturday is effectively going into the unknown. We hardly know where we are at ourselves, having played no challenge games, let alone where Galway are at. Galway are a very good team. Last year we were neck and neck in the National League. I think a bit like ourselves they got caught early in the championship."

It's no secret that some counties did a litle bit more than others in regard to training, and Peter isn't hesitant tio speak his mind on the matter. "Look, we didn't engage in training during the Government restrictions. We did a lot of stuff online; by God we did a lot of cycling online. I'd say we covered the Ring of Kerry a few times over, just to have the guys in and we probably found that the best way to be together was to be apart. I think what the other counties did was wrong. I think it was unfair. I think it was unfair on society in general. The view was that we were all in this together and, look, some of these counties breached the Covid guidelines and I don't believe they should have. Did it bring pressure? In the early part, I think yes it did. We took a view down here that we weren't going to do it, that we weren't going to break the guidelines, we were going to try and look out for all of these people.

There was a good number of months that with my own mother I didn't see her. We have to be conscious of all of these people that we were minding, vulnerable people."

Galway manger Padraig Joyce, who played a pivotal role in Tralee RTC's Sigerson Cup successes during his days studying in Tralee, has a weakened hand this year with the likes of lan Burke, Gary Sice, Adrian Varley, Fiontáin Ó Curráin, and Gareth Bradshaw having departed the panel. Galway are still a top quality outfit and, as Peter himself pointed out, we are effectively stepping into the unknown

Equal Grants for Female Inter-County Players

Minister of State for Sport Jack Chambers made the welcome announcement last Monday that the Government would be tripling it's funding for female inter-county players to bring them in line with their male counterparts, who receive ≤ 1200 a year compared to ≤ 400 a year for the ladies.

Paul Murphy, Kerry's senior captain, was asked about the issue at a recent press briefing. Paul, whose sister Sarah stars with the Kerry Ladies and won a County Championship last year, was unequivocal in his response and his support for the idea. "Absolutely. It's a milestone day for the Ladies organisation, and not before time. They put every bit of the same level of effort in that we do. There is still catching up to do in certain elements of it and that's one step. The merging of the players organisations in the past few months (GPA and WGWA) in the past few months has been another positive step, but I think there is still a way to go in terms of getting the equality that the ladies players deserve, but every step forward is a positive."

CAMOGIE

Kerry v Galway

Kerry take on Galway in the opening round of the National League tomorrow, Saturday 15th, at 2.30pm in Lixnaw. That is assuming that the game goes ahead. There is, unfortunately, still a possibility of players going on strike after 84% of inter-county players polled threatened to do so unless there was a change to the planned fixtures schedule to allow a break between county and club seasons.

Kerry will be very much up against it here – last year Galway beat an understrength Kerry by 2-12 to 0-0, won the O'Duffy Cup in 2019 and lost the final last year, and can draw on a huge well of underage success. Kerry have the B teams of Galway, Cork, and Tipperary in their National League group – you simply couldn't get a worse draw and Ian Brick's team will be under the cosh. Then again, they have been facing huge odds all their playing lives and have improved year on year. This is another big test, but they will face it fearlessly.

Club Development Award for Sliabh Luachra Camogie

Kerry's youngest camogie club, Sliabh Luachra, has been awarded the Club Development Award for Munster. The club was founded on February 14th, 2019 by former Cork inter-county player Anne Walsh, now living in Cordal, and quickly attracted 50 young and hugely enthusiastic players. The club, sponsored by Walsh Colour Print, has gone from strength to strength and are worthy winners of this award. They draw from Castleisland, Cordal, Scartaglin, Currow, Brosna Last year they won their first medals when their U12 team beat Tralee Parnells to win the B League. The other provincial winners were Clough Ballacolla of Laois, Claremorris of Mayo, and Shercock of Cavan.

RUGBY



Lions Selection

Warren Gatland, the man we love to hate. Gatland was actually a great Irish manager and is easily one of the best rugby coaches in the world, but he does have an abrasive manner and he is mouthy in the build-up to games. He doesn't play up to the media or coddle supporters. Personally I'm not a fan of his aggressive approach or combative style, I believe in keeping your powder dry until it's time to fire. As Con Houlihan used to say, "don't talk about the alligator's mother until you have crossed the river".

Nonetheless, the manufactured media furore over the Lions selection is fairly nonsensical to me. I see very few issues with the selection.

Anyone who really thinks that Johnny Sexton should be on the plane needs to do something that I hope Johnny is doing on a regular basis have their head examined. I'm not being facetious. Gatland has said that his decision isn't based on concussion issues - well, it absolutely should be. How many Head Injury Assessments has Johnny had this year alone? I honestly believe that this is a player whose future health is in real danger. Johnny's an all-in tackler, brave as...well, as brave as a lion. And that comes with a price tag, and we should all know by now, with rugby players in their forties developing dementia, that the price can be far too high. No way would I let Johnny anywhere near that plane. Dan Biggar is my pick for outhalf - Owen Farrell may well get the nod, but Farrell was another player on an England team who seemed infected with a general malaise and badly underperformed at the Six nations - that could be down to Eddie Jones rather than the players, I suppose. Certainly Farrell has always produced in the past. Finn Russell is a player I'm simply not sure of - some of the things he does are so surprising that they border on genius, but consistency and reliability are crucial to an outhalf and I'm not sure that Russell has enough in his general locker to justify the occasional bit of magic. Biggar does exactly what it says on the tin, and does it well. Not world class by any means, not Johnny at his peak, but probably the best we have right now.

Likewise the furore over James Ryan being picked. Has Ryan the potential to be one of the best players in the world? Yes, absolutely. Has he shown that potential over the past twelve months? The simple and blunt answer is that no, he hasn't. Eight players is a decent selection by Ireland. Robbie Henshaw, Tadhg Beirne, Iain Henderson and Tadhg Furlong were always certainties. A few commentators were surprised at Henderson's selection – I don't understand that; Henderson has been superb for club and country over the past while.

Conor Murray and Bundee Aki are two that I'm not sure of. Conor Murray was absolutely outstanding in both Australia and New Zealand, but he hasn't shown that form to me over the past while. I know you can argue that it's hard to judge any player fairly in the circumstances of the pandemic, but other hands have been raised higher to me. Bundee Aki? Look, he brings real power and controlled aggression and that's a vital tool against South Africa, who always play big. He's also in tune with Henshaw, which is an advantage. But is he the force of old? Mind you, I was amazed when I found out that he is just 31 years of age. It seems like he's been around forever. What age did he start playing senior rugby? 12? You had Garry Ringrose in contention for that shirt, Henry Slade, and Manu Tuilagi. The latter has been injured for most of this year - in his prime he'd be a certainty. Ringrose would have tipped it over Slade for me. Look, I've always admired Aki, a real trench warrior, and it's also a boost for Connaught rugby. His selection makes me think that Gatland plans to outpower South Africa, a direct approach, but you never know with Gatland, he's more Macchiavelli than General Patton.

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Sam Simmonds ahead of Billy Vunipola caught a surprising amount of people on the hop. But did you see Vunipola in the Six Nations? I'm sorry, the player whom many would argue was England's biggest gun completely failed to fire. Those who are arguing that Vunipola should be in the squad are basing it on his standing as a legend of the game. But it's like saying that Maurice Fitzgerald is one of the greatest forwards of all time, so Peter Keane should start him on the forty against Clare. Let's not do that. Simmonds will be back-up for Taulupe Faletau, that was cast in stone given the adopted Welshman's (he's actually Tongan) form and pedigree. The other back-up is Jack Conan, not one that I was expecting, but I'm genuinely delighted for him. Conan is a trier even on his worst days, the man has great heart, and he has been playing well. He was one of the few who refused to wilt in that hard second half against La Rochelle's power and I suspect that his display that day counted for a lot in Gatland's eyes. The last Irish player in the squad is Andrew Porter. The former understudy to Furlong, he has quietly stepped up to the mark himself. He rarely features in match highlights and, as is always the case with the front row, a lot of his work is more felt than seen. He's there onn merit.

Ringrose and Keenan are unlucky to lose out, in my opinion. I'm not sure that Stander, giving that he is retiring from Munster, made himself available for selection against his homeland. If he did, he should be there. Stockdale, Healy, and Herring were probably in the conversations but there were fractionally better choices available, the margins are very small at this high level. Gatland simply has too many aces at full back and I can see why Keenan loses out. Others who can feel hard enough done by are Kyle Sinckler (that's the only one that really stuns me), Jonny May, Josh Navidi (again, an embarrassment of riches in his position cost the Welshman), and Sam Underhill.

Overall, Gatland has made his calls. He was never going to please everyone – and we're talking about Gatland here, he quite literally would refuse point blank to do that even if it was an option – but I believe he got the majority of the big calls right. Mind you, South Africa will have a bit to say about that as well!

BASKETBALL

Paud O'Leary Fair Play Winner

The Kerry Area Basketball Board announced Kenmare Kestrels legend John Adams as the Paud O'Leary fair Play Award. John is a founding member of the club, a senior and juvenile coach, and Chairman for the past fifteen years. In accepting the award, John paid eloquent tribute to the influence of the late Paud, "a great servant to Gneeveguilla basketball who was respected throughout the county".

Clare Sheehy of St. Joseph's Abbeyfeale was the popular inductee into the Hall of Fame.



GOLF

McIIroy Back On Song

Rory hasn't been going well of late – by which I mean dropping to 15th in the rankings for the richest sport in the world and being inside the top ten in most tournaments he plays – we tend to be far too critical of one of this island's genuine superstars. Last weekend he got back to winning ways for the first time since October of 2019, a closing round of 68 leaving him 10 under and one shot clear in the Wells Fargo Championship. It sets him up nicely for the US PGA Championship next weekend at Kiawah Island, where he romped to a 8 shot win when it was last held there in 2012.

GOLF SUPER LEAGUE?

McIlroy, who is Chairman of the Player Advisory Committee of the PGA, has come out strongly against the Saudi Arabia backed attempt to set up a 'Super League Golf', a breakaway tour circuit, grand prix style, that would effectively lock in the top players. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan warned that players joining this super elite would be subject to a PGA lifetime ban, and European Tour chief Keith Pelley seconded that. McIlroy confirmed at a press conference that he had first been approached about such a league back in 2014. McIlroy and Justin Thomas have been two of the most critical opponents of a breakaway league, while it's believed that Phil Mickleson, Brooks Koepka, Adam Scott, and Henrik Stenson are alleged to be contemplating a move. Another strong and convincing opponent of the move is Amnesty International, which has come out and said bluntly that Saudi Arabia is 'sports-washing' it's human rights abuses.

US Win Walker Cup

The US held firm to win the Walker Cup, the amateur contest between Team US and Team Great Britain and Ireland (Mark Power and John Murphy were the Irish players involved) on a 14 – 12 scoreline.

CYCLING

Bennett Switches Teams Sam Bennett has maintained his great form of the past year, claiming two stage wins (first and third) in the Volto ao Algarve. It's a good time for the Carrick-on-Suir rider to be showing his ability as a sprint specialist, with the news that he will be leaving Team Deceuninck-Quick-Step at the end of this season. It's understood that Bennett has received higher offers from other teams and Deceuninck-Quick-Step team manager Patrick Lefevre is believed to be hoping to bring in Peter Sagan.



LISTRY GAA CLUB LAUNCH SPORTS PREDICTOR LEAGE

Listry Senior Team have launched a Sports Prediction League 2021 in order to fundraise for the club.

All details of the league are on the club's social media including Facebook, Instagram abd the club website. Forms can also be sourced from team players and club officers. Closing Date: 23rd May 2021 Entry Free €10.

1st Prize €500.

2nd prize €150 Voucher

from Keane's Supervalu, Killorglin.



3rd Prize 3 months membership for the Aquila Club, Gleneagle. Listry GAA would like to thank all those who sponsored our fundraising event.

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CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4,13,14,28. There was no jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received \in 75. The next jackpot on Monday May 17th is \in 7,400. Tickets are available from club members, the Dungeon shop, at the stand in Hegarty's Park Rd and also online at clubforce.com.

TRAINING

Training has resumed for all our teams. Please see our Facebook page for updates on training and please use the link for the return to play form.

SUMMER CAMPS

Killarney Celtic will run 2 summer camps this year 5th -9th July and 19th - 23 July. Booking is online through Clubforce and the booking link can be accessed through our Facebook page. For further information contact Brian 087 659 3008 or Jane 086 224 3435..

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Killarney Athletic Summer Camp Dates. July 5th -9th - July 26th -30th.

FOCUS ON GOLFING

KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB NEWS

RETURN TO COMPETITIONS

Following confirmation of the updated easing of restrictions received from Pitch & Putt Ireland last Friday, the county's Pitch & Putt clubs have returned to club competitions this week with the 'two household' guideline lifted and any combination of four players now allowed to play together under the standard Pitch & Putt rule regarding playing numbers.

Clubs may also accept green fees and nonmembers for play if they so wish as it is expected that competitive action outside of the club setting will resume from Monday June 7th. The 2021 County Board AGM meanwhile will take place virtually on Friday week, May 21st at 8pm. It will be a truncated meeting this year because of the current situation with only the specific requirements laid out by Pitch & Putt Ireland for the hosting of such a meeting being dealt with during the meeting. Clubs will be contacted with log in details in the coming week.

We await further confirmation from national as regards a list of summer fixtures in the coming weeks.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

MAY 10TH

Last Friday, Pitch & Putt Ireland confirmed to us restrictions could be further lifted as follows. Firstly the 'two household' guideline is lifted and any combination can now play in a standard Three or Fourball.

GREEN FEES AND NON-MEMBERS

These are now permitted to play but must arrange a booking through Club Phone 087 7823138 prior to coming up. Green Fee rates are the same as last year.



Congratulations to John Geaney for a hole in one to day ! John grabbed the ace on the Par 3, 3rd hole on Killeen. The hole named "Eagles Eye" John certainly had his eye on the ball all the way to the bottom of the cup.

CLUBHOUSE

We will now be open each weekday evening this week from 6pm-8pm. Contact the Club Phone if you wish to make an enquiry outside of those hours. It is open weekends from 12pm-6pm. COMPETITIONS

Have resumed since last Wednesday, our usual Wednesday evening Summer Scrambles take place each week at 6.45pm for all members. Contact Jason if you wish to give your name in advance. Entry \in 5 per player.

SUNDAY DRAWS

These also recommence this Sunday at 9.15am and 11am. Entry €4 per draw, fee of €7 for both. These are for members aged 15 or over. 2020 U16 MATCHPLAY

This competition will take place on Saturday May 29th at 9am. Please note it will be held for U16 members during the year of 2020 only.







As the first official day of Summer began on Saturday last May 1st, the excitement in many houses around Killarney couldn't be contained. That day also marked the opening of the Dr. Crokes academy after a long winter for the boy and girls of the Lewis Road club. Record crowds attended the hurling and football academy. The numbers at hurling with particularly high which reflects the fact that is the only club in the Killarney area that offers that sport for young players. While there was plenty technical instruction on offer the overwhelming sense was fun for the children and their parents.

Dr Crokes Juvenile Chairperson Sheila Dixon said "It was great to see such large numbers. All of our old friends returned and it was great to see so many new faces attending for the first time. The boys and girls are the future of the club but more importantly we want to provide a healthy outlet for young people in the Killarney area. Kids have a had a tough time over the past 15 months so it's really great to see a return to sport. More importantly it was great to see so many boys and girls laughing and enjoying themselves."

The club offers hurling and football for boys and girls in the Killarney parish. The academy runs every Saturday morning for boys and girls between the ages of four and eleven. The academy runs between 10 and 12.



We are available to meet constituents at any time. Give us a ring to arrange a suitable time and place.

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arrangement has been put in place to ensure people cancontinue to travel to Belfast for procedures such as cataracts, hip, knee replacements, tonsil removal. The new Scheme called the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Schemewill operate for 12 months under the same terms as the EU Cross Border Directive Scheme. This is great news for those on long waiting lists for procedures.

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Winner alright...The Legendary Jockey, Rachael Blackmore on Mr Tambourine Man, heading for home in the Killarney Races May Meeting on Sunday. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



KILLARNEY RACECOURSE

The beautiful gift set by Killarney Rosemary O'Connor of Killarney Organic.



Watching the fences ...Diarmuid Cronin, left and Tadgh Kelly, making sure the race course is well maintained at the Killarney Races May Meeting Festival, on Sunday Afternoon. **PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN**

RACING SUPERSTAR RACHAEL *steals the show*

With the May Races taking place again this year behind closed doors, Grand National winner Rachael Blackmore stole the show on day winning three races.

To mark her success this year, Rachael was presented with a beautiful gift set of Killarney Organic Skin Care products by Gerard Coghlan, Chairman of the Killarney Race Course. The products are made locally by Killarney beautician Rosemary O'Connor.

The presentation marked Rachael's outstanding achievements as leading Rider in this years Cheltenham Festival 2021 and winner of the coveted Aintree Grand National.



Gerard Coghlan, Chairman, Killarney Race Course, presenting Champion Jockey, Rachael Blackmore with a beautiful gift set by Killarney Rosemary O'Connor of Killarney Organic, for her outstanding achievements as leading Rider in this years Cheltenham Festival 2021 and winner of the coveted Aintree Grand National, also included at Killarney Race Course were from left, Philip O'Brien, Race Course Manager, Jennifer Pyne, Killarney Race Course, Con O'Mahony, Killarney Race Course Director. **PHOTO: PAT HEALY**



Winner alright...The Legendary Jockey, Rachael Blackmore on Mr Tambourine Man, in the Killarney Races May Meeting on Sunday. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



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A good example for tall plants at the back of the box would be upright geraniums or upright fuchsias. Good trailing plants for the front of the box would be trailing geraniums or trailing petunias. Other examples of good trailing plants for fillers would be trailing lobelia, bacopa and bidens.

When you box is planted, water in plants well and don't put into position for a few days. Remember that all window sills slope so when your trailing plants start to grow you will need something to hold you box in position.

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Christina Tangney at Nathan's Walk, D arkness into Light 2021 at Ross Castle.

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Welcome back dear reader "O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God! For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads. They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones. They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!" For they conspire with one accord; against You they make a covenant" (Psalm 83:1-5).

God is very clear in His Word about the nation of Israel. They belong to Him. In fact, they are the 'apple of His eye' (Zechariah 2:8). And He warns that anyone who comes against Israel or God's people is lining themselves up against God Himself. God will deal with His enemies and it won't be pleasant. Friend this is an alert to warn you - please, please, please - do not align yourself against the Living God by judging or speaking against the nation of Israel.

God deals with Israel Himself - He always has. But you have to know that we are in the end of the end times. Jesus is coming back to this earth just as He promised in His Word. And how we can be sure that God's Word is true is - the nation of Israel. So far every prophecy in the Bible about Israel has been fulfilled, including that the nation would be re-born in a day which occurred upon this day in 1948, when their land was given back to them. Yes, their land! (Isaiah 66:5-13; Amos 9:14-15: Jeremiah 30:1-17)

The devil would like nothing better than to divide the land of Israel in order to stop the next prophecies coming to pass, but he won't succeed because Jesus is coming back to take up His millennial reign. Everything that is happening on the world stage right now has been prophesied in the Bible because God - the Alpha and Omega - knows the end from the beginning. The Bible is not a book of myths or fables as Satan would like people to believe. Israel's enemies want that nation obliterated completely, artfully using propaganda to get other nations to hate Israel, thus bringing curse upon themselves, their families and their nations.

The Lord promised Abraham that the nation of Israel would be blessed to be a blessing to every nation upon this earth (Genesis 12:2-3). BUT! He also promised that whoever cursed Israel would be cursed and devoured. It is very serious friend. The terrorists Hamas have no regard for life or democracy. They put the women and children in the front lines and goad Israel by firing rockets constantly, and then have the cameras at the ready to record the destruction for the world's media. But it is not the whole story. The world stood by silently whilst six million Jewish people were killed in the Holocaust because of hatred. Don't let us be uninformed now, instead let us support Israel and pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6-9).

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NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things you have given me as you confirm once again that I never wanted to be separated from you in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for mercy towards me and mine. This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.

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Pictured at Ross Castle for Nathan's Walk, Darkness into Light on Saturday morning were Back Row L-R Oliver McCarthy, Patricia McCarthy, Lily McCarthy & James O'Connell. Front Row L-R Noreen Buckley, Lucy McCarthy, Sarah McMahon & Fiona McMahon.

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