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Centenarian Michael J O'Connor, kicks back and relaxes with a glass of milk and a dash of red breast whiskey on his 107th Birthday at his home in Muckross. Read his Gogglevox article with Marie inside. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN



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EDITOR'S NOTE

In this week's editorial I am quoting Dr. Tony Holohan, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health who has said... as we report a daily new confirmed case figure over 1,000 in one day this week, this situation is extremely concerning. Every single one of us has a role to play. "We each need to reduce contact with other people as much as possible, so

that means staying at home, working from home where possible, practicing physical distancing and stopping discretionary socialising." Dr. Ronan Glynn, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health has also said; "People must now make choices. Stop meeting up in groups, stop socialising, stop organising play

dates, parties and other social activities. People must recognise that the disease is a direct threat to themselves and their families. Now is the time for each of us to act."

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Aisling Crosbie,

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Rotary Responds to Lebanon's appeal

Killarney Rotary club members are, with the help of Irish Peacekeepers and educate.ie responding to an appeal from Lebanon for literacy aids for primary school children.

This week members of the club prepared a consignment of books and literacy aids for children who live in refugee camps in South Lebanon.

"2020 is the 75th year in the Rotary / UN relationship, and Rotary is very grateful for their partnership with 117th Battalion, Oglagh Na hEireann, who will be taking this material from Killarney, and from Rotary clubs across Ireland, when they begin their forthcoming tour to Lebanon", Anne Alcock, President of Killarney Rotary Club told Killarney Outlook.

"Without this support, our response to the Lebanon's Aid Appeal could not have happened, because of Covid 19 restrictions", Anne added.

"Now, however, we can be assured that it will make a significant impact on children's lives and schooling. Special thanks to Walsh Colour Print - educate.ie for their generous contribution of textbooks", she added.

Killarney Rotary is glad to have been able to respond to the appeal as their mission is to "provide service to others; promote integrity,



"Just English" a Senior Infants book generously donated to Killarney Rotary Club's President Anne Alcock by Kerry business educate.ie, Castleisland as part of the national project Literacy for Lebanon L-R Ciara Irwin Foley, Finbarr Keneally, Killarney Rotary Club President Anne Alcock & Rayla Tadjimatova. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders" "Because our vision is to " see a world where people

unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves", Anne said.

A beautiful person inside and out...

Killarney mourns the late Linda Eviston

There was an air of palpable grief in Killarney this week as Linda Eviston was laid to rest. Linda, along with her husband Patrick ran both Eviston House Hotel and Brook Lodge hotel in the town.

The daughter of Noel and the late Mary Lucey from Glenflesk, Linda and Patrick have two children Erik and Alannah. In an emotional tribute to Linda at her Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral on Monday, Patrick spoke of her love of her children, her Dad Noel, her four sisters, Karen, Sandra, Deirdre and Aine, her extended family and many friends.

Linda was an accomplished athlete in her youth, having won All Ireland medals in running under the tutelage of her dad Noel. She travelled the world with Patrick and their children but her favourite place to be was at home where she cared

for everyone up until the week before her passing. She fought a brave battle for 13 years, but never once complained and her determination to see Erik and Alannah settled was her goal throughout her illness.

The town came to a standstill as the cortege made its way through the town on Monday stopping outside Eviston House Hotel, where staff members from both hotels lined the streets, holding roses, which they placed on the hearse.

Linda was laid to rest in Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery and is survived by her husband Patrick, children Erik and Alannah, her father Noel, sisters Karen, Sandra, Deirdre and Aine, uncles Donal and Steve Shine, father-in-law Eddie, mother-in-law Joan, brothers in law, sisters in law, nephews, nieces, relatives and many dear friends.



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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

“Life is like a deck of cards and your hand is constantly changing. Take your cards and play them to your best ability. That’s it. It’s simple”

Marie meets the oldest man in Ireland



Marie was thrilled to have made my appointment to return to the home of Centenarian Mr Michael J O'Connor, the day after his 107th birthday when the excitement & media attention had subsided.

I was delighted to see Mr O'Connor in such great form and overjoyed that he remembered me from my last visit and had the picture I last took of him and his dog Fitzy framed in his home.

“Are you still on the Red Breast Whiskey & Milk Mr O'Connor?” I asked. “It’s a life saver Marie” Mr O'Connor joked. We began with a laugh and we were off. The conversation was free flowing and I hung on every word. Mr O'Connor and his next door neighbour Jerry O'Grady, of over 20 years, are as popular as each locally, and enjoy a good 'Home Improvements' style debate over the garden wall in the summer months. “In 2014, Storm Darwin really enhanced our friendship Marie” Jerry told me. “Before that there were large trees which are now replaced with a lower fence. I am a privileged neighbour to live along side Mr O'Connor, affectionately known since as Michael Schumacher in his Ferrari style ride on lawn mower” Jerry laughed. “We’d have some heated honest to God debates, so much so that my wife Marie advised me to ring Mr O'Connor's daughter Maureen as she thought I may have offended him. Typical Mr. O'Connor “Tell him to have his answers ready for round two” was Mr O'Connor's response. There were so many things I wanted to ask Mr O'Connor so I began with “What was your favourite decade Mr. O'Connor”? He didn't hesitate. “The year I married my wife Joan so that'd be the 50's Marie. I have five children that I know about - Maureen, Michael, Meredith, Avril & Terecina” Mr O'Connor told me. Like my last visit, I was chuckling away whilst writing. His wit most entertaining and he is sharp as a tack. I commented on the less traditional and beautiful names they had chosen for some of their children. “Yes Marie, the first two were inherited names, hand me down names you might say and for the last 3, my wife Joan took over naming my children” Mr O'Connor added.

I threw a same question at Jerry O'Grady earlier. He gave a different decade but similar reasoning “The mid 60's to the mid 70's. I married my wife Marie in 1976 and I adored the music of this era also. It was an important time for Ireland also in pulling our dependency away from the UK, lead by Sean Le Mass & Ken Whittaker. Outstanding men who drove the maturing of industries in Ireland” Jerry said.

Back to Mr O'Connor. “So would you have any advice for our younger people growing up Mr O'Connor”? I asked. “Yes. Behave yourself and have good morals. That goes for most of us doesn't it Marie? Mr O'Connor replied. I

soon discovered that while Mr O'Connor wouldn't consider himself a very religious man, he does have great faith which he feels is lacking in younger people. “Like many people Marie I've had rough patches. I spent three years in the 2nd world war which were harrowing times but by and large, I have no real complaints. I have good faith so I was guided out well during these times” Mr O'Connor said.

I then asked a question that many people do. “Mr O'Connor, is there anything in your life that you might have done differently?”. “I've been asked this a few times now Marie but this is not an option. Life is like a deck of cards and your hand is constantly changing. Take your cards and play them to your best ability. That's it. It's simple”. Mr O'Connor replied. Wise words Mr O'Connor.

“And is there anyone in your life that has influenced or inspired you greatly Mr O'Connor” I asked. “Now let me tell you a story Marie” Mr O'Connor said. I was all ears. I might have listened to him and his stories all day. “I worked for a company called Marconi International who supplied the ships with staff & radio communications equipment. In the late 1930's my first appointment was 2nd Radio Officer on a ship from London to the West Indies. You can imagine my excitement. What my company forgot to tell me was that in the tropics a white linen uniform is the only colour worn. My regular uniform was navy, complete with my prefects yellow arm band, which I was very proud of. It was worthless for this once in a life time trip. If I didn't have a white uniform, I simply couldn't sail. My Uncle Hugh Finnegan had financed me to date with my education but I just couldn't ask him again. I had little money to my name so my Chief Radio Officer, Mr Cook, took me to two draper shops who refused payment upon my return to London. My dreams of working on the SS Inanda were fading until Mr Turnbull, a mobile uniform sales man, arrived and decked me out with half a dozen uniforms in advance of payment on my return to London. It was the best act of kindness of my life and I hope the good Lord rewards him. Of course I paid him in full upon my return. Those are the people I remember Marie. An experience that has inspired and influenced my life greatly”. From the photo of Mr O'Connor, have you noticed what I have about Michael J O'Connor?? I'm not talking about the Red Breast whiskey in milk or that beaming smile. Just look at Mr O'Connor's agility at 107 years of age with his ankle resting on his knee. I watched how comfortable he was throughout our conversation changing in and out of this pose. Mr O'Connor always impresses me with his mind and his ability to remember names, places, times, dates but his flexibility really blew me away. On mentioning this Mr O'Connor smiled at me “Usually I'd exercise outside Marie but I've taken to 1,000 steps a day going up and down the hallway”. I then stupidly asked if he has a fit bit to which he replied “I count the steps Marie for one lap and multiply it”. Mr O'Connor continued “Elementary my dear Watson”. We laughed at the good of it.

Michael J O'Connor, born 13th October 1913, has survived World War I, World War II, The Spanish Flu & the War of Independence. On Tuesday Mr O'Connor received his 7th medal from the state for his 107th birthday. He has also received a letter and birthday card from Daniel & Majella O'Donnell. “I had planned on attending his concert on 27th Sept at the INEC as I have done since he began performing in Killarney but they tickets will have to hold now til next year please God” Mr O'Connor told me. “He's a lovely man and makes a point in having a chat with me at each concert”.

Jerry O'Grady & his wife Marie are privileged visitors at the home of Michael J O'Connor. “I have the confidence & trust that the O'Grady's are always careful during the pandemic and I enjoy their weekly visits to my home”. To adhere to Level 3 of Covid 19 restrictions my photos and interviews were conducted separately. Thank you for having me at your homes in Muckross, Centenarian Michael J O'Connor & Jerry O'Grady and I look forward to visiting you next year on your 108th Birthday Mr O'Connor.

Picture Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan for Gogglevox with the Killarney Outlook

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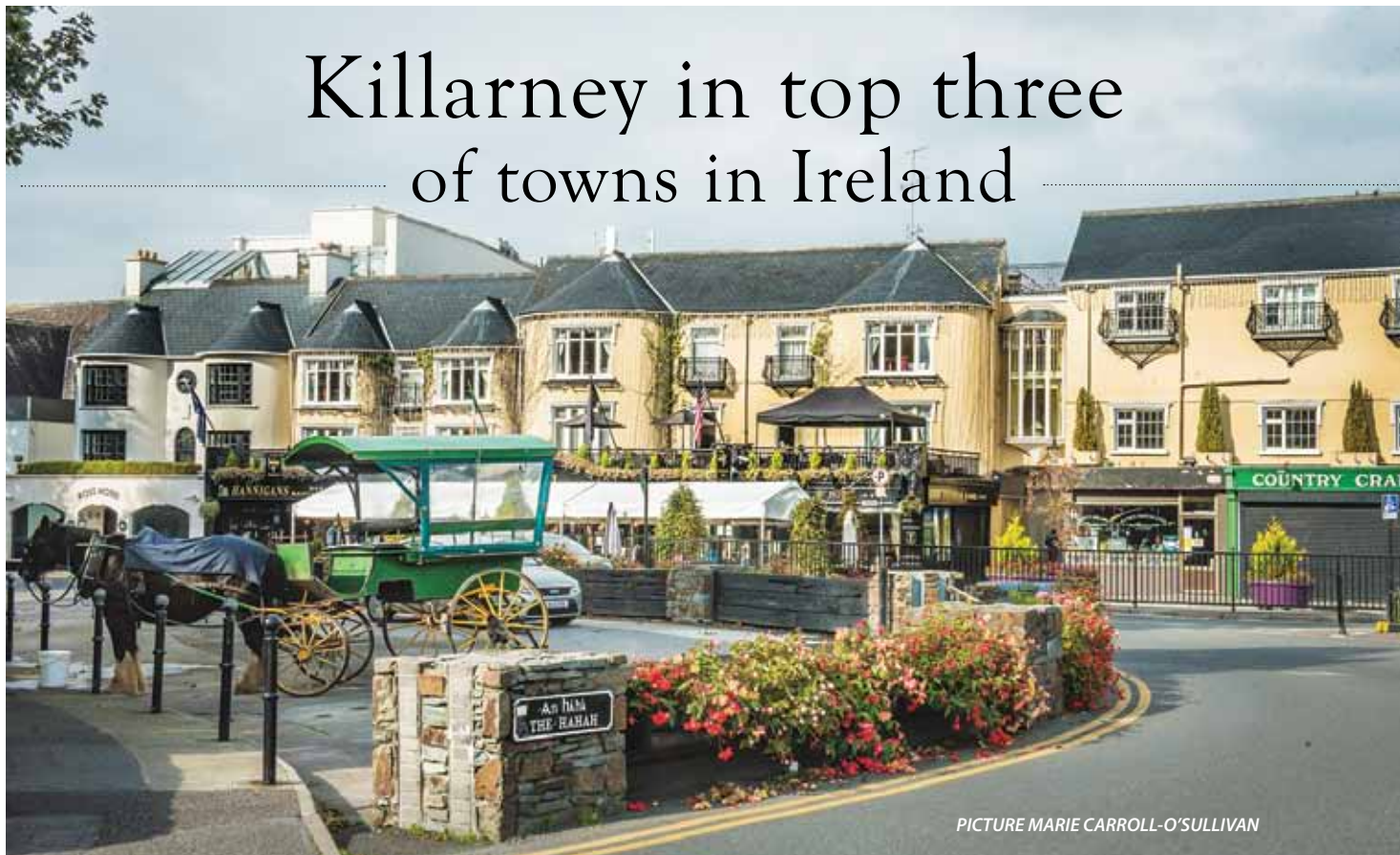


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Killarney in top three of towns in Ireland



PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

Killarney Town comes 3rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms

The first nationwide litter survey by business group Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) since the Covid-19 crisis shows a dramatic fall in the number of towns and cities deemed to be 'clean', to its lowest level since 2007 however Killarney was in the top three of the rankings.

The report stated that in such a difficult year for the town, Killarney has maintained its exemplary cleanliness. All the approach roads got the top litter grade and this high standard was sustained for well over the majority of the remaining sites surveyed. Among many top ranking sites, some deserve special mention – the Jarvey Parking & Environs was spotless throughout and beautifully presented and maintained; Killarney National Park is a wonderful natural resource which has been lovingly tended and very well respected. Main Street was another site which wasn't just good with regard to litter but a very freshly presented environment.

Main Street: Grade A. An exceptionally freshly presented main shopping street with the paving, substantial planting, bicycle parking, bollards, street bins, sculpture etc. in excellent order. It was spotless throughout. It was great to see the decommissioned P&T telephone box was being used to house the defibrillator.

Killarney Train Station: Grade A. An exceptionally fresh and welcoming environment for any visitors arriving to

Killarney by train – it was excellent with regard to litter. The Waiting Room, entrance and car park area were very well presented.

Jarvey Parking & Environs: Grade A. The 'Tourist Information' notice was freshly presented and in good order, with the adjoining grass / shrubbery areas excellently maintained. The built environment, including the very fresh looking paving, looked very well. It was absolutely spotless throughout.

Aldi: Grade B. There was a distinct litter presence at the entrance / trolley bay, in an otherwise very freshly presented car park environment. The car park surface / markings / signage were in very good condition.

Bring Centre at New Street Car Park: Grade A. The overall impression created at this facility was a positive one. Signage indicates that if the recycle bins are full, there is the option to bring recyclables to the bins at High Street Car Park.

N71 Approach from Killarney National Park: Grade A. A very clean and tidy impression was created along this route – there were no litter issues to report. Road surface, markings and signage were in very good order.

Approach from Fossa: Grade A. All aspects along this road were in very good order – there were no visible litter issues and the overall impression was a welcoming one.

Innishfallen Shopping Centre / Mall: Grade A. This facility appears to be operating as a pedestrian link between New Street Car Park and the Main Street – there were no shops

open within the facility. Clearly a very close eye is kept on this site as it was clear of litter, despite the empty premises throughout.

Killarney National Park: Grade A. A very extensive natural resort which has been lovingly tended and very well respected, as evidenced by the lack of casually discarded litter. Killarney National Park wasn't immune to Covid-19 litter as there were a couple of disposable face masks, the only items to be seen throughout the entirety of a large area surveyed.

Connecting Road from Tralee to Killarney: Grade B. A mixed route in terms of litter with some parts cleaner than others. Farranfore to Killarney was very good but Farranfore to Tralee was somewhat littered – fast food wrappers, plastic bags, plastic bottles and coffee cups. Cathaoirleach Councillor Brendan Cronin welcomes the announcement from the Irish Business Against Litter of Killarney's standing in third position "Cleaner than European Norms" in the latest survey.

The last six months has been challenging for everybody but it is good to see Killarney maintain such a high standing. I would like to congratulate our Municipal District staff and the volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our town looking so well.

There is a great sense of community in Killarney and it is thanks to the co-operation and the coming together of so many different groups that the town has achieved this result.

We have been faced with new challenges with face masks and gloves being an all too common sight on our streets and roads but we must continue to strive to keep our town and surrounding areas litter free.

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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

*"I cycle everywhere. I sometimes cycle through the National Park on a sunny day and have to **pinch myself at how lucky I am to work in such a great town**".*

This week is National Road Safety week. I had made many attempts to gently coax Garda Diane Collins to Gogglevox with me. "I'm a blender Marie" was the usual response.

Our paths crossed again this week at Clearway Montessori as Garda Collins arrived to do a Road Safety talk with the children. This time she finally agreed to have the chats with me. I wouldn't be one to look a gift horse in the mouth so ironically it was me whipping out the pen and pad and began to write at speed. Here's how it went.

Garda Diane Collins, one of Killarney's Community Gardaí, is originally from Limerick and arrived in Killarney fresh out of Templemore training college in 2006 with Garda Siobhan Barry. A familiar face that I meet lots when on camera duty but she is a far cry from a media worshiper and tends to remove herself to the background always.

"We are all community guards in Killarney Marie, just in different aspects but I am lucky enough to work as a Community Garda full time". I wondered was the instinct to become a guard always there or was it something that grew on you over time. "I love my job and I've always wanted to work with the Gardaí. I remember as a child going to see Santa and I always hoped for a blue bag which usually contained a sheriff's badge and handcuffs. I don't think my parents were too keen on the idea so after my Leaving Cert I studied Business Computing at L.I.T and Product Management at U.L. The grá for the Gardaí never left me Marie, so I made the trip to Tipp and onto the Kingdom where I there met my husband, Garda Paudie Twohig and the rest is history".

Garda Diane Collins hosts the AXA Road Safety Show as MC at the INEC annually with Garda Peter McCarthy where many guest speakers are doctors from A&E departments around the country telling real stories. "It's a national event that comes with great effort & organisation but I thoroughly enjoy it every year". Garda Collins duties include working closely with the asylum centres, St John of Gods with their Streetwise Programme, KDYS, Garda Diversion Programmes, South Kerry Development Partnership & The No Name Club.

"Operation Paisti, is a five year programme by my colleague, Sergeant Dermot O'Connell. It's an awareness campaign around Car Seat Safety. The aim of the campaign is to address the serious lack of awareness among motorists about how to restrain children correctly and safely in vehicles. The interactive road safety campaign involves working with local schools and the media, in order to get safety



information to as many as possible and to make it easier for parents and children to understand the safest way to restrain children in cars. We do pop ups at school 'home time' and measure the children raising awareness" Garda Collins explained.

"I believe early intervention to anything is the key Marie. It is important to be friendly and approachable and that the community see me as a person, not just a garda uniform and equally important to have a positive interaction with children from an early age and not someone they are in fear of" Diane continued. Now that I could relate to. How many times was I told as a kid that I would end up below in the barracks in the 'big black hole' if my behaviour didn't improve. Thankfully I made it and survived without that adventure! I congratulated Garda Collins on her ten year stint with Killarney No Name Club which is run by Anne Nagle (previous Gogglevox). "The No Name Club is a fantastic organisation Marie. An alternative pastime for young people avoiding the route to alcohol & drugs. Anne Nagle is like a mother to me and the No Name Club are like my family. I call Anne my Killarney Mammy. I have sat at her kitchen table with her family for Christmas dinners and if I didn't make it to the table she would land to the Garda Station on Christmas Day with food for us. I've even introduced Anne to my real Mammy in Limerick".

"I love working in Killarney. My bicycle is my main means of transport throughout the community. I cycle everywhere. I sometimes cycle through the National Park on a sunny day and have to pinch myself at how lucky I



Garda Diane Collins visits Clearway Montessori on National Beep Beep Day, to give a talk to the children on Road Safety Awareness. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

am to work in such a great town". I hear you on that one, Tipperary might well be the Premier County and Limerick the Treaty County but Kerry will always be a Kingdom!

Thank you for having me at Killarney Garda Station Garda Diane Collins. I wore you down!

Picture Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan for Gogglevox with the Killarney Outlook

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Club, Killarney for 25 years.
PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN*

It is with the greatest sadness that the members of Muckross Rowing Club learned on Monday of the passing of our Club President, Seamus Guiney.

His long involvement with the club goes back to the Killarney Regatta season of 1984. With his arrival in Muckross at that time came a storied past in the intensely competitive world of Killarney rowing.

Seamus had rowed primarily in the bow of various Workmen crews including at the last regattas held at Cahernane in 1954 and 1955. With his shrewd eye, sharp intellect and love of the lake, he migrated from the bow to the cox seat and there a legend was born, whether with Workmen to his involvement with the Commercial Senior Six bid in 1980, to his eventual decision to commit to the mid-1980s effort by Muckross to regain the Mens Senior Six.

The 'holy grail' of a Mens Senior Six title continued to elude him throughout the late 1980s but he finally crossed that line in 1993 with Muckross closing a 20-year wait for the club by bringing home the Bourn Vincent trophy. Since that win, Muckross crews have gone on to largely dominate proceedings at Killarney Regatta – by dint of hard work by many but always with the knowledge that Seamus would take each 'A' crew in the weeks before the regatta, produce his unique stopwatch, bring them up to speed and ultimately predict the likelihood of victory on the first Sunday of July. A gentleman to his fingertips on dry land – with a steer rope in his hand and a crew at his bidding, he became a different creature. Driven, sharp and a technical genius in the Killarney Six, Seamus had a unique ability to make a crew gel together. Many rowers past and present will

hold the memory of Seamus guiding a crew in training from a standing position with only his steer rope for balance.

Seamus undoubtedly remains the most decorated cox and trainer in the 234-year history of Killarney Regatta. In casting an eye over the record books, it remains close to impossible to state with accuracy just how many crews Seamus saw across the line to victory. His win tally with Muckross became simply countless across four decades from the 1980s through to 2018. Between 1993 and 2013, Seamus coxed 11 Muckross crews to victory in the Men's Senior Six. Between 1994 and 2014, 16 Senior Ladies Sixes titles were won by Muckross, with Seamus thought to have coxed almost all. In the Four Oar races, 10 Senior Mens titles (between 1990 and 2013) and 17 Senior Womens titles (1994-2014) involved Seamus at least in training, if not on race day. At all grades, Seamus set and broke records time and again. Whether it was Junior or Juvenile, Minor or Veteran, Seamus brought a boundless energy and commitment to the rowers of Muckross both young and old, with silverware resulting more often than not. His rowing prowess was not only confined to the lakes of Killarney and extended to regattas and time trials around Ireland. Among the memorable trips with the club was the Great River Race in London, where Seamus skilfully navigated the 22-mile Thames river course - manoeuvring the Killarney Six with aplomb underneath the Tower Bridge and past the Houses of Parliament.

Lough Leane was a truly special environment for Seamus, who spent many happy hours fishing when he wasn't cycling to and from the Muckross boathouse. He is one of the last anglers to have fished from the traditional whalers, used on the Killarney lakes for

centuries. Away from the lake shore, Seamus worked for many years in the former Hilliard's Factory-Tuf Shoes off High Street making many friends throughout his working life. He was also well known for his musical skills playing the guitar and trumpet. In his younger days, Seamus featured in local bands including the Keynotes and the Billy Williams Band, among others.

He was most proud of having an Olympic style sweep Four named in his honour – a much loved man made immortal on the bow of a race boat. After the passing of James Mulligan, Seamus was unanimously chosen as Club President of Muckross RC. He took great pride in the success of the club, watching Muckross crews compete at various regattas, Head of the River events and the Irish Championships. Much of this success made possible due to Seamus' tireless efforts in coaching and developing crews. He coxed his final winning crew, fittingly a Mens Veteran Six, at the age of 85 in 2018. Once more Seamus brought his crew out in time, hit the start, made the calls and brought his boat home straight and safe in a manner which belied his years.

Seamus poured his heart and soul into Muckross Rowing Club and was central to a golden era of rowing in Muckross and Killarney. He gave his all to the improvement of whatever six men, women or teenagers he happened to have out on the lake. We feel the loss of our Club President like the loss of a family member and will greatly miss his enthusiasm, kindness, good humour and friendship.

Seamus' spirit will always remain with us at the Muckross shore, on the lake and wherever the yellow oars of Muckross may row. Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.

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In her column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

“I’m not one for sitting around, Marie and COVID19 is the only thing that has ever stopped me heading out the door to work!”



As the country moved into Level 3 of Covid 19 restrictions, closing many of our restaurants, coffee shops & bars, it also limited travelling outside county bounds and ceased visitors to Killarney, Co. Kerry, one of Ireland's most popular tourist destinations.

Many of our beautiful hotels have closed indefinitely this week so I decided to catch up with Dora Browne, a hospitality worker for the past 45 years in our town Killarney. I know right, she hardly looks 45 years old!!!!

Wife to Denis and mother of two to Denise & Daniel & grandmother of four to Georgie Mai, Adam, Aileen & Hollie, Dora Browne has never once in her 45 years on the payroll, used one sick day or has been off work outside of Covid19. I've seen her in action. If ever there was a smooth operating grafter within the hospitality sector, it is Dora Browne.

Our paths crossed over my 3 years of her service at the Great Southern Hotel in the noughties as a receptionist. During this period I had the pleasure of attending a friends wedding at the GSH. Top of her game she was amazing to watch. The waiting staff patiently eagle eyed Dora from all angles of the huge function room. Soon, Dora elegantly raised her hand and remained in situ. With that, a swoop of waiting staff worked simultaneously to clear the tables as if their lives depended on it. That was the orderly fashion Dora prided herself on and the respect she had gained over her lengthy service.

“So where did your career begin Dora” I asked. Dora passed me a postcard that dated back to 1977 complete with a 7p stamp. With permission I read the postcard which offered Dora a job at the Gleneagle Hotel as a waitress. An open postcard for all and sundry to read. Clearly GDPR wasn't a issued in 1977. The whole parish knew Dora got the job ever before she did!

“My friend Joan & I saw the advert and went for the interview with Mrs. O'Donoghue at just 16 years of age. Joan was from a family of 9 and I was the eldest of 8. We wanted our own independence. Well I did anyway as Joan didn't follow through and remained at home in Castleisland. I was delighted with the opportunity. I took up board & lodgings at 'The Fleck House', the staff quarters for the lady workers at the Gleneagle Hotel, which is now the Brehon Hotel. The O'Donoghue's were great to their staff. Times were different though Marie. Our accommodation & meals were paid for so we had no expenses but we worked 6 out of 7 days with no real set hours.

My goal was to have electricity installed in our home in Castleisland. The problem was for every 9 houses a transformer was needed so at a very young age I footed the bill of £1,200 and there was light for my parents & siblings in Castleisland” Dora told me. Can you see now what I mean by grafter??!

The majority of Dora's career was at the Great Southern Hotel/The Malton. “I spent 5 years at the Gleneagle before moving to the Hotel Europe for one season and in 1984 I began a 33 year roller coaster of the best memories at the Great Southern Hotel/The Malton before moving to my current place of work, The Killarney Park Hotel in 2017” Dora surmised.

The Great Southern Hotel was a top class destination in 1984 Marie. Complete with silver service as standard and a menu of flambes, steak tartare & crepes suzettes it really was an elite establishment” Dora said. I asked Dora to make a comparison of conditions from then to now. “There were no computers, it was all docket books. It was all cash and no credit cards. We had full time silver polishers employed and before you were allowed to progress to serving in the main dining room, you had to prove yourself first, by serving the management staff table which included Ms Chapman, Ms Harte or Ms Fitzgerald. That was the real test” Dora laughed.

Dora Browne became the first female Restaurant Manageress at the GSH amidst the change of name from the Great Southern Hotel to the Malton in 2006. “I have met many celebrities, mainly Irish ones, down through the years Marie and my favourite event at the hotel was the Christmas package which welcomed many regular guests annually. Judge Kinlen was a regular and used to dress up as Santa every year. I thoroughly enjoyed the Roaring 20's festival too and the fabulous St Patrick's Day float the hotel submitted every year for the parade. The IMI Conference (Irish Management Institution) housed up to 800 Irish delegates. A huge undertaking every year but I loved it” Dora explained. The celebrities Dora, the celebrities, tell me about the celebrities!! “My favourite was Sarah Ferguson. She was lovely. We had US actor Kojak, Johnny Briggs (Mike Baldwin from Coronation Street), and many many Irish Politicians such as Charles Haughey & Liam Coghlan” Dora said. I personally remember checking in Westlife with the Manager at the time, Emer Corridan.

I recalled working one Christmas day at the GSH during my stint. I couldn't grasp it. Why would you just not want to be at home??? I soon realised that Christmas is different to everyone. Dora Browne has spent 32 years out of her 33 years of service at the GSH/Malton working throughout Christmas. “I worked every year for Christmas Marie, except for one. I was in labour with Daniel on Christmas Day 1988 so I couldn't work that year” Dora explained. I take it at this point you're getting the whole meaning of the word 'grafter'... Beyond Belief!!!

I was running out of time but had to ask Dora what were her thoughts on Covid19. “I think its so hard on the business's in town who put so much time and effort into training and making the effort to adapt their establishments to covid standards only to be closed again. They embraced the changes that needed to be made and we all adapted. It's very sad and very hard for employers & employees. I am lucky to have had my health throughout my life. I honestly wait to return to work at the beautiful Killarney Park Hotel whenever that might be. I'm not one for sitting around Marie and Covid19 is the only thing that has ever stopped me heading out the door to work!” Dora concluded. Wild horses couldn't stop Dora. That I am sure of!!

Thank you for having me to your beautiful home in Whitebridge Manor Dora. I could have stayed chatting for another hour but I'm not sure if Dora would have been able to sit still!!!

Picture Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan for Gogglevox with the Killarney Outlook



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAUNCH COMPETITION

With Halloween nearly upon us, a local secondary school in Killarney has decided to bring a little bit of joy and normality back into the lives of primary school students by organising a pumpkin decorating competition for all fifth and sixth class children in the town.

Killarney Community College Principal, Stella Loughnane, an art teacher herself noted "Our pumpkin decorating house competition has always been a great source of excitement in our school. The current global pandemic has brought a host of rules and regulations into all our schools with many events being cancelled. Halloween has always been a fun event where kids look forward to dressing up, decorating their house and generally being artistic. We feel this competition is a perfect opportunity for primary school students and classes to get creative and celebrate Halloween in a fun and safe way"

Fifth and sixth class students can carve, paint or decorate their pumpkins any way they wish to do so and simply upload a photo with their name, school and class alongside their decorated pumpkin to competitions@killarneycc.ie. This year's competition will be judged by some well known faces in the town in the form of Counsellor Niall 'Botty' O Callaghan, East Kerry GAA development officer Vince



Cooper and Killarney Outlook photographer Marie Carroll O Sullivan from the Little Memory Gallery. Pictures of pupil's entries will be posted on the schools Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. There are some fantastic prizes on offer with a tablet going to the overall winner along with a full set of art material for their entire class and special Halloween themed hampers for the runners up!

The closing dates for receiving pumpkin photos is Tuesday 20th of October at 4pm. The winners will be announced on Wednesday the 21st of October on the schools social media platforms. When black cats prowl and pumpkins gleam, may luck be yours this Halloween.

30 West Kerry farms to address climate change solutions through technology



At the launch were from left, Deirdre de Bhailis, Manager, Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub, Dingle Farm Ambassadors, Dinny Galvin, Lispolie, Ronan Sugrue, Baile an Ghoilín, Dingle, Co Kerry, on whose land the technology was launched, and Michael Kelliher, Dingle Peninsula. PHOTO: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub has been awarded €220,000 EU Horizon 2020 funding to enable West Kerry to participate as a Sustainable Innovation Pilot (SIP) for the next three years. This will see the roll-out of sensor technology to thirty farms to achieve greater carbon, cost and labour efficiency. Increased

carbon efficiency will be achieved by extending the grazing season.

Starting this October, the Dingle Hub will collaborate with Teagasc, IFA, local Dingle hub-based technology provider Net Feasa and Kerry Agribusiness to roll-out the sensor technology currently being piloted through

the Farm Ambassador Project to a further thirty farms on the peninsula. The 'real-time' data collected describes current and predicted weather and soil conditions, grass growth rates and key environmental indicators. This data will be analysed and used to develop models and effective decision-support tools for farmers and to add value to a range of products and services.

This SIP will integrate farming enterprises with related value chains, such as agri-tourism and/or food tourism, through enabling farmers to work with technology providers, data analysts and marketing teams. It is hoped that facilitating collaborations across the value chain will support and enable co-created, innovative solutions to both address climate change and support the financial viability of farms.

The Dingle Hub will be advertising Expressions of Interest in the coming months for members of the farming community who wish to get involved in the SIP. Those who wish to pre-register their interest can do so by emailing info@dinglehub.com.



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Domestic Violence Campaign

Launched in Kerry Invites Men to be "Better Than This"



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If your behaviour is causing a problem at home, things can get better.

The Covid 19 pandemic has seen a 30% increase in the reported incidence of domestic abuse in Ireland. That is the bad news, but there is hope. Research shows that men can change with the right support and challenge, when willing to look inside honestly and take responsibility for what they say, think and do.

The "Better Than This" campaign, launched this week in Kerry by MOVE Ireland, aims to engage men who are worried about their behaviour towards their partners or children. MOVE Ireland provides a structured programme called "Choices", where men are challenged to take responsibility for their abuse and to change their attitudes and behaviour and develop respectful, non-abusive relationships.

Unfortunately, many men who are concerned about their behaviour are not aware that this service exists. This campaign aims to reach these men using posters, newspaper and radio ads and online material, with the clear message that life can become "better than this" if they seek help to change.

Speaking at the "Better Than This" campaign

launch, MOVE Ireland Chief Executive, Owen O'Neill asked all members of the public do their bit to make homes happier and safer by spreading the word about this service via friends, family and social media.

"The past cannot be changed, but the future does not have to be more of the same. Change isn't easy, but it is not impossible. Our programme combines targeted one-to-one interventions and group work and is run by trained facilitators. It has been up and running in Kerry for the last two years and we are currently accepting new participants."

"We understand that it can be difficult to reach out and ask for help. But your family deserves Better Than This. You can be a better parent and a better partner. If your behaviour is causing problems at home, we can help things to get better"

"Have you ever threatened your partner, scared them or put them down? Does the pressure you are under have an impact on your family? Are you concerned that your behaviour is impacting your kids? If you want to be Better Than This, contact us today and you will be treated with respect and without judgement"

"Our ultimate goal is to promote the safety and

wellbeing of women and children who have experienced violence and abuse in their intimate relationships. As part of our programme the partners or ex-partners of the men are also offered support."

Over the month of the campaign MOVE Ireland will maintain a sustained media presence to invite men who need this service to pick up the phone and make the first move. The "Choices" group run by MOVE Ireland in Kerry is not currently running group sessions but will resume them when it is safe to do so. However, one to one support is still available and that is a key message of this "Better Than This" campaign.

The campaign also aims to raise awareness among professionals who may encounter these men in the course of their work.

As part of this campaign, MOVE Ireland will be offering free training - a mini webinar and two short online training workshops for frontline professionals on October 16th and 29th from 10.30 - 12.30.

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Mayor of Kerry Patrick Connor Scarteen at the Festival In A Van at Killarney House on Saturday were from left, Pat Dawson, OPW, Cathal Flaherty performer, Brian O'leary and Brian Mooney, musicians, Kate Kennelly, Kerry Arts Officer and Gemma Tipton, Festival In A Van. PHOTO: DON MACMONAGLE



FESTIVAL IN A VAN KEEPS THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

Festival in a Van kept the show on the road this weekend, bringing its unique series of concerts to Tralee and Killarney.

In Tralee soprano Mary Culloty O'Sullivan and trad musician Cormac Begley brought music to Pearse Park in two short outdoors concerts.

Saturday and Sunday saw Festival in a Van arrive in Killarney. Bryan O'Leary, Brian Mooney and Cathal Flaherty performed 3 half hour concerts in the stunning surrounds of the Courtyard. The line up on Sunday featured Bryan O'Leary, Emma O'Leary and Tenor Gavan Ring.

"Live music performances are part and parcel of life in Kerry", says Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer. "We were delighted to be able to bring these wonderful Kerry musicians and performers to the stage during these times."

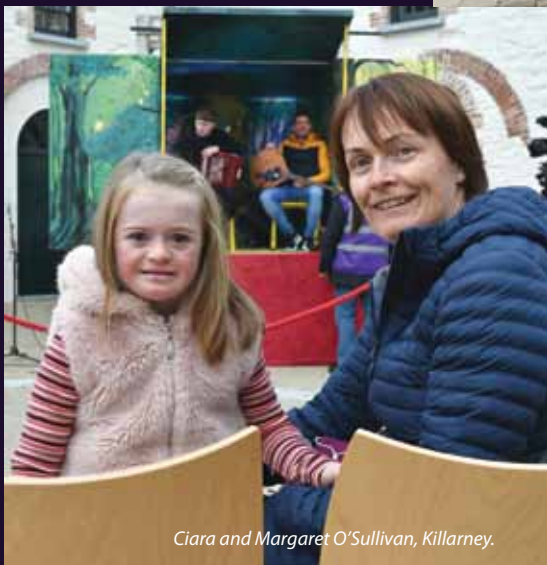
These performances in Festival in a Van are funded by Creative Ireland Kerry and supported by Tralee Municipal District and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.



Cathal Flaherty, Brian O'Leary and Brian Mooney performing at the 'Festival in a Van' at Killarney House on Saturday. Only 15 people were allowed each of the three performances during the afternoon.



Kay Plunkett and her dog Rosie, Marjorie Moriarty and Eithne Sparling at the 'Festival in a Van' at Killarney House on Saturday.



Ciara and Margaret O'Sullivan, Killarney.



Breda Moriarty, David and Padhraic Fitzgerald.



Brian O'Leary, Barry O'Leary and Aoife O'Leary at the 'Festival in a Van' at Killarney House on Saturday.



The image shows a luxurious outdoor terrace at the Randles Hotel in Killarney. The terrace is furnished with comfortable seating, including sofas and armchairs, and several tables set for dining. A large, ornate metal screen with a sunburst design is mounted on a wall. The terrace is surrounded by lush greenery and overlooks a scenic view of mountains and a lake. A QR code is visible in the bottom left corner, linking to the menu.

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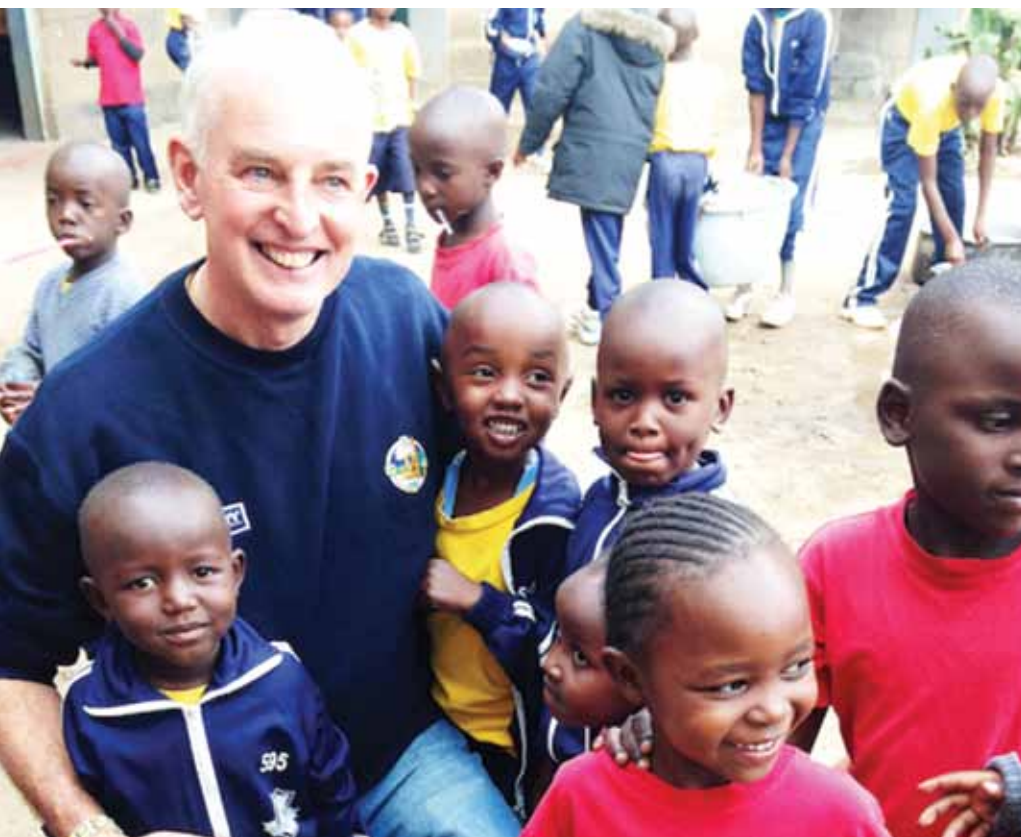
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Diocese to host webinar



Eddie Sheehy pictured with children in Kenya.

A Diocese of Kerry Webinar for Mission Month will be held on Thursday 22nd October 7.30pm -8.20pm

The webinar offers the opportunity to meet different people involved in mission here at home and abroad. During the webinar there will be short inputs from 3 modern missionaries followed by the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas about how “Together We Can Do More”.

The Speakers on the night include Martina O’ Donoghue, Eddie Sheehy and Dr. Peter Hughes, the coordinator of human human rights and territorial rights for REPAM, a Catholic Church network that promotes the lives and dignity of people living in the Amazon.

Originally from Barraduff outside Killarney, Martina has a BA in History and Politics and a MA in International Relations. Martina has worked for Trócaire and her sister agencies CRS, CAFOD, SCIAF for almost 20 years. She has worked

in Angola, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Uganda and returned to Ireland in 2020. Currently she is the Global Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Advisor for Trócaire. Martina is married to Wubeshet and they have 2 children, Tadgh (13) and Seán (11).

Eddie Sheehy first travelled to Kenya in 2003 and stayed in the village of Embulbul, outside the capital, Nairobi. The parish there was run by SMA society and was a new vibrant parish which contained a slum village where approx 5,000 lived in very challenging circumstances. A school was opened for the young children of the area, which wasn’t a government school so obtaining funds to run the school was always an issue. A year later a secondary school was opened which depended on donors and sponsorships to provide an education for the children of the slum. The Kenya Education project began fundraising to help sponsor children each year to attend school. It also helped with purchase of equipment for science,



Martina O’ Donoghue (left) in Borena, Ethiopia with Trócaire

sports and school library. At present the project is sponsoring between 80-100 students each year. They also support the local branch of SVDP who work with the poorest of the poor in the slum, providing funding for medicines, food, hospital visits and home improvements. In recent years they also fund a weekly feeding programme in the parish, 80 students receive a hot meal each weekday evening. For many it is their only hot meal of the day. Each year we also fund the further education of a few students who are determined to pursue further education. An annual summer camp is also organised each August for approx 30 students, a week of fun, games, activities and outings for kids who live in tough conditions in the village. Due to Covid, the schools are closed so the Kenya Education Project are funding monthly food parcels for 50 families who are struggling to put food on the table for their families. They hope to resume their core work in 2021.

This conversation is being organised by the Returned Missionary/Volunteer group in conjunction with the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Committee (Diocese of Kerry)

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Kerry Mental Health Association

Appoints *John Drummey* As General Manager



John Drummey, left and Pat O'Brien of Kerry Mental Health. PHOTO: DON MACMONAGLE

KERRY Mental Health Association has announced the appointment of John Drummey as General Manager.

John joins the organisation at a time of great stress for the population of Kerry, when the befriending activities of Kerry Mental Health Association volunteers are much in demand. He will bring vitality and innovation to the work of our nine Branches. John Drummey said: "I am looking forward to working with the

Board of Directors and volunteers involved in Kerry Mental Health Association. I'm mindful of the challenges facing everyone in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact that the virus and the restrictions have had on our mental health. In rebranding and revitalising the organisation, I intend to remind people who we are and what we can do. Kerry Mental Health Association needs to be the most instantly recognisable source of information and support while leading the way to remove

the stigmas associated with mental illness."

The Chairman of Kerry Mental Health Association, Pat O'Brien, said: "We are delighted to welcome John Drummey on board as our first General Manager. It's timely that we should announce the appointment during Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing week when there is so much attention on the Five Ways to Wellbeing. John's experience across a range of sectors in Kerry have prepared him to lead our organisation, recruit and motivate volunteers and to develop, implement and manage business strategies and plans for Kerry Mental Health Association."

This is a first-time appointment aimed at developing the growth and expansion of Kerry Mental Health Association through the recruitment and empowerment of volunteers and the management of fundraising activities. The nine Branches which make up Kerry Mental Health Association pursue befriending and support activities to enrich the lives of neighbours and friends who are living with mental illness.

Established in 1966, Kerry Mental Health Association is an Approved Housing Body with nine residences in Tralee, Killarney, Listowel, Killorglin, Rathmore and Caherciveen providing housing for people living with mental ill-health who are on the county council housing list.

Anyone who would like to become a volunteer with Kerry Mental Health Association is welcome to contact 064-6631009 or email info@KerryMentalHealth.com.

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Kerry College, this week, virtually welcomed Niamh Doyle of Kerry County Library Services this week as she presented an online tutorial on what the Kerry Library service has to offer. The interactive tutorial was streamed to multiple classes across both the Clash and Denny street campuses.

Kerry College and the Library services are collaborating to ensure students in Kerry have access to a range of learning and research resources, regardless of the level of restrictions imposed during the 2020/21 academic year. Hundreds of students and staff logged in to hear Niamh explain the simple process of registering online as a member of Kerry County Library. She also demonstrated how to use their website to access the extensive range of ebooks, audiobooks, electronic versions of national and international newspapers and magazines and online courses. Popular

books, newspapers and magazines apps such as RBDigital, PressReader and Borrowbox are available to subscribers to the library's online service.

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It was the first part of an initiative developed by the County Library and Kerry College to mitigate against the impact COVID restrictions could have on learning.

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BROAD WELCOME FOR BUDGET 2021



Michael McGrath, Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform and Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Finance present Budget 2021.

In the first budget since the onset of COVID19 Finance Minister Paschal Donohoe this week unveiled a €17.7bn budget package in the Dáil.

The budget is framed on the basis of no bilateral trade deal between the EU and the UK for Brexit, as well as the continued presence of COVID-19 with no vaccine.

HERE IS A SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE MAIN POINTS OF BUDGET 2021

There will be a €3.4bn recovery fund aimed at increasing employment and the fund will be targeted to boost domestic demand.

Welcomed by hoteliers in Killarney, as part of the stimulus package, the VAT rate for hospitality will be reduced to 9% from November 1st.

The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) or a similar scheme will remain in place to the end of 2021.

The Minister also announced changes to the Vehicle Registration Tax to encourage people to buy low emission cars.

Carbon tax increased by €7.50 a tonne from midnight on Tuesday - but there will be no broad changes to tax credits or tax bands.

Cigarettes increased by 50 cent per packet, - bringing the average cost of a packet of 20 to €14.

FINANCE: MAIN POINTS

- The total budget package will be €17.75bn - €17bn in expenditure and €270m in taxation
- A deficit of €21.5bn is to be recorded this year
- Some €8.5bn will be spent on public services - including €2.1bn on contingency funding - with capital spending to increase by €1.6bn
- There will be a €3.4bn Recovery Fund be aimed at increasing employment
- A pack of 20 cigarettes will increase by 50c, with a pro-rata increase on other tobacco products
- The Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme, or a similar scheme, will be needed out to the end of 2021. The Government is to apply to the SURE EU fund to support this
- A new COVID-19 restrictions support scheme is to provide targeted support for businesses that have temporarily closed because of the pandemic
- VAT for hospitality will be reduced to 9% from

November 1st until December 2022

- Help-to-buy scheme extended until end of 2021 at the higher max rate of €30,000
- Carbon tax increases by €7.50 a tonne from midnight

• Working from home: If an employer makes no contribution, workers can claim a tax deduction for things such as heat, light and broadband

There will be an extension of the tax warehousing scheme for employers to include those on Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme - The self-employed can also benefit from this

- The Section 481 Scheme for the film industry will run until December 31st 2023 at its highest rate of 5%
- The Knowledge Development Box Relief on intellectual property is being extended until end of December 2022

• Work is to begin on a tax credit for the digital gaming sector from January 2022

• The Accelerated Capital Allowances Scheme for energy efficient equipment is being extended for a further three years

- No broad changes to income tax credits or bands
- Stamp Duty Scheme, which refunds a portion of stamp duty paid on acquisition of non-residential land where it is then developed, will be extended until end of December 2022

• Changes to the motor tax regime: Rates unchanged for those before 2008. Most pollutant cars impacted

• Changes to VRT based on emissions, which is aimed at incentivising people to buy low emission cars

• An extension of Stamp Duty Relief for the transfer of agricultural land to family members until December 2023

- No change to the 12.5% of Corporation Tax
- Change to Capital Gains Tax Entrepreneur Relief so that anyone who has owned at least 5% of the shares for continuous three years will qualify for relief

Expenditure: Main points

- An extra €4bn is being allocated to the health service: This will see an extra 1,146 acute beds, an increase in critical care beds to 321 by end of the year
- There will also be five million extra homecare hours
- €5m for the development of community based dementia supports
- €50m for new drugs and €25m for Healthy Ireland and National Drugs Strategy

- €38m is being allocated for mental health services
- There will be €100m available for new disability services
- There will be €500m in additional expenditure for businesses, in addition to other tax measures
- A commercial rates waiver is being extended for final quarter of this year
- An additional €44m is being invested into Irish Water for infrastructure
- €80m extra is being made available for the School Building Programme, ICT and minor works scheme for the Department of Education
- €270m is being made available for higher education building projects
- An extra €20m is being made available for disability services through the Transforming Lives programme
- €10m in funding for voluntary hospices this year
- €340m of voted expenditure will be spent on Brexit supports in 2021 - including money for ports and airports and 500 staff for customs
- Capital spending is to get another €600m - total capital expenditure will rise to over €10bn for the first time ever
- Ireland has signed up to EU advance purchase agreements for potential COVID-19 vaccines
- The Government is to purchase 41 additional InterCity railcar carriages and sign contract with potential for up to 600 electric carriages as part as DART+
- €131m is to be made available for Defence Forces capital expenditure

The Department of Finance is forecasting a total loss of 320,000 jobs in 2020, with a recovery of 155,000 jobs next year.

How will this affect me?

There are a few areas where people will notice a direct impact from Budget 2021.

Firstly, income tax rates are not going changing either up or down in this budget.

But there are a number of areas that will hit your pocket, namely around motoring.

A €7.50 a tonne increase in carbon tax will hike the cost of fuel.

Filling a tank of diesel will cost about €1.50 more, a tank of petrol will add on €1.30.

There will be 90c extra on a bag of coal, 20c on a bale of briquettes and home heating oil is set to increase.

This will be offset for the most vulnerable by increases in the Living Alone Allowance and the Fuel Allowance.

Changes to VRT will make buying a polluting car more expensive - and changes to motor tax means those with older or more polluting cars will end up paying somewhere between €10 and €50 more a year.

Though 90% of people will not be impacted by the motor tax changes.

Full-time, third level students will all be given a €250 cash sum by the Government to help them this year.

And the cost of a pack of cigarettes is going up 50c, but alcohol is being left unchanged.

BUDGET QUOTES....

Fáilte Ireland is welcoming the tourism specific and wider economic measures announced in Budget 2021.

CEO of the National Tourism Development Authority, Paul Kelly states "the record level of funding for Tourism secured by Minister Catherine Martin will help meet the urgent needs of thousands of tourism businesses while providing long-term hope for the Sector."

Down Syndrome Ireland broadly welcomes the increased funding for disability supports announced in the Budget but says it is keen to see how this funding will translate into increased services and supports on the ground.

The Wheel, the national association of charities and voluntary organisations, today welcomed many of the investments in social infrastructure and voluntary supports announced in Budget 2021. "Increased funding announced for charities, disability services, homeless services, volunteering and voluntary hospices"

The National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) - which represents groups working with over 380,000 young people nationwide - has warmly welcomed the additional €5 million in funding provided for youth services nationwide in Budget 2021

The Restaurants Association of Ireland described today's Budget as a vital step in supporting a struggling and flattened hospitality sector. However, CEO Adrian Cummins has warned that the Hospitality VAT reduction is only a competitive driver if businesses are open and able to trade. Adrian Cummins, Chief Executive of the Restaurants Association of Ireland said, "This budget is a life-line for the restaurant and hospitality industry. We welcome the reduction of the VAT rate from 13.5% to 9%.

Macra na Feirme has welcomed the commitment to accelerate the rural Broadband Plan roll-out with an additional €132m capital allocation. "As we deal with the impact of Covid-19, with significant numbers of people working from home the issue of available quality broadband is to the fore in rural areas. Macra na Feirme welcomes the inclusion of the cost of Broadband as a claimable cost for those working from home as an essential move to benefit young people who are working remotely in rural Ireland.

ISME broadly welcomes today's budget in which there are a number of measures designed to keep businesses and their employees going.

Ibex, the group that represents Irish business, commended today's Budget announcement from Government, in particular the scale of the package and the supports announced to help business deal with the uncertainties raised by both Covid and Brexit.

Hotels and guesthouses in Kerry have welcomed the range of measures and supports announced in Budget 2021 by Ministers Paschal Donohoe and Michael McGrath. Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) Kerry branch chair, Bernadette Randles welcomed in particular the extension of employment supports to the end of 2021 and the rates waiver scheme along with the reduction in the tourism VAT rate, which she said would help aid the recovery of the industry. She said the new Covid Restriction Support Scheme, the Tourism Business Support Scheme and funds for tourism product development, are welcome recognition of the challenges being faced by businesses.

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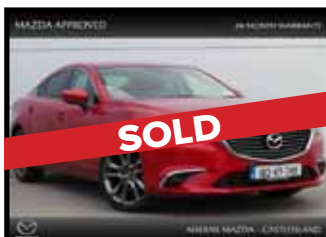
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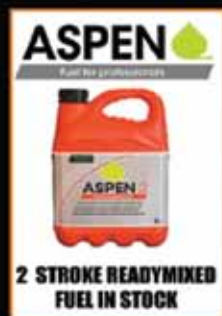


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269808	Healthcare Support Assistant (Carers), Killarney Become a qualified carer for older people.	19 October	42
300827	Overhead Lines Operative, Abbeydorney High Job Placement Only one in Ireland • Unique to Kerry College	19 October	36
300826	National Tour Guiding, Tralee Become a qualified to guide anywhere in Ireland.	19 October	27
300814	Healthcare Support Assistant (Carer), Tralee Become a qualified carer for older people.	2 November	42
300820	NEW COURSE Diploma in Digital Marketing & Sales, Tralee An all-new sales focused Digital Marketing training programme.	2 November	50
300818	NEW COURSE Software Development Diploma, Tralee Accelerated bootcamp programme by Code Institute.	2 November	17
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300911	Digital Journalism & Radio Broadcasting, Tralee Broadcast Radio Podcasting Digital Storytelling • Unique to Kerry College	2 November	52
290270	NEW COURSE Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver - CE Licence (Artic), Tralee Achieve CE-Licence & CPC Pre-Requisite: CE-Licence Learner Permit.	2 November	11
300810	NEW DATE Construction Groundwork Skills, Tralee Develop key construction and groundwork skillsets. Safepass included.	2 November	23
269805	NEW LOCATION Food Preparation & Cooking, Kenmare An excellent introduction to the Culinary Arts.	9 November	21
300823	Marine Angling Guiding, Dingle Part of our Tour Guiding suite • Unique to Kerry College	9 November	15
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302915	NEW COURSE Ecology and Practical Fieldwork Skills, Killarney A practical course for those who wish to pursue a career in an ecologically related field. • Unique to Kerry College	16 November	44
300811	European Computer Driving Licence V6 (ECDL), Killarney Master your PC skills Internationally recognised qualification.	23 November	19
269805	Food Preparation & Cooking, Dingle An excellent introduction to the Culinary Arts.	23 November	21
300424	Welding, Tralee Get EN9606-1 SS01, EN9606-1 ALO1 and EN9606-1 CS10 certified.	23 November	20
300914	Reception & Clerical Skills, Killarney Start your journey in Office Administration and Customer Service.	23 November	20
300815	Heavy Goods Vehicle Driver - C Licence (Rigid), Tralee Achieve C-Licence & CPC Pre-Requisite: C-Licence Learner Permit.	23 November	9
300809	Bus Driver - D Licence, Killarney Gain D-Licence & CPC Pre-Requisite: D-Licence Learner Permit.	23 November	13
300854	NEW DATE Regional Tour Guiding, Killarney Become a qualified tour guide for County Kerry.	30 November	17
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301238	Traditional Stone Wall & General Construction, Tralee Learn the art and craft of traditional stonewall.	22 February	34
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300821	NEW COURSE Marine Engineering, Fenit Learn about marine craft construction, systems, engineering and maintenance. • Unique to Kerry College	29 April	28
300916	NEW DATE Broadcast Production Skills Training Programme, Tralee Nationally renowned training programme for crew skills • Unique to Kerry College	26 April	53
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VERY LOW TAKE UP FOR NOVEMBER STATE WRITTEN EXAMS



By Billy Ryle

Only 2,820 candidates registered for November's Leaving Cert written exams by closing date of Wed., 7th October.

Entry to the traditional Leaving Cert exam and the Leaving Cert applied exam was confined to candidates who had signed up for the 2020 Leaving Cert exams, which were postponed last June. As far as is practicable, candidates will sit their exams in the school where they had been entered to sit them in June 2020.

The November exams are being run by the State Examinations Commission (SEC), which surprisingly washed its hand of the Leaving Cert calculated grades for fear of legal reprisals. The State Examinations Commission (SEC) is responsible for the development, assessment, accreditation and certification of the second-level exams of the Irish Republic.

The Leaving Certificate written exams begins on Monday, 16th November and concludes on Friday, 11th December. There will be one exam session on weekday evenings and two exam sessions at weekends, on both Saturdays and Sundays. The exams will start at 5.30pm each weekday evening, and at 9.30am and 2pm on both days at weekends. Full timetables for the exams are now available on the State Examinations Commission (SEC) website, www.examinations.ie.

The written exams will be based on the standard question paper format as in previous years. Candidates taking the November exams will be graded on the basis of their written papers. There won't be any oral or practical component in the November exams. However, in the case of five Leaving Certificate subjects, the State Examinations Commission (SEC) will also mark coursework which was

completed prior to school closures last March and these marks will be included in the grading of these subjects. The subjects are Home Economics practical coursework, LCVP Portfolio, Design and Communication Graphics practical coursework, Physical Education (PE) Physical Activity Project, Engineering practical coursework. In all other subjects, candidates will be awarded grades solely on the written papers.

Junior Cycle written exams for adult learners who had been registered to take these exams in June will also take place in November 2020. These exams are also being provided for early school leavers, who left school at the end of Junior Cycle 2020 and who are not continuing in an educational pathway that would lead to formal certification. The Junior Cycle exam will also commence on 16th November and run until 30th November.

Leaving Certificate, Leaving Cert Applied and Junior Cycle results from the November exams will be released in February 2021. Leaving Certificate candidates sitting the written exams in November who also opted to receive calculated grades will be credited with the higher subject grade achieved between the calculated grade and the written exam.

Candidates who opt to sit the November Leaving Certificate 2020 exam and who receive an improved CAO offer on foot of these results, will also receive a deferred college offer to start their course in the 2021/22 academic year. If a candidate who has started first year of a course becomes entitled to a higher CAO offer and chooses to accept that offer in the following academic year, attendance for the first year on the new course would remain eligible for free fees and SUSI funding, as appropriate.

The results of the November Leaving Cert exams can be appealed in the same manner as previous years. That means that the actual results achieved by a candidate can be appealed. In the case of the calculated grades results which were released on the 7th September, only a recheck of the paper trail leading to the awarded grade was allowed in any appeal. The calculated grade itself could not be appealed. This break from due process proved very controversial and disappointed, in particular, candidates whose grades were downgraded from the grades submitted by their teachers. Details of the November exams' appeals process will be issued by the State Examinations Commission (SEC) in due course.

CHECKLIST

- ✓ November written exams are being run by the State Examinations Commission (SEC)
- ✓ There will be one exam session on weekday evenings and two sessions at weekends
- ✓ Results from the November exams will be released in February 2021
- ✓ Grade results achieved in the November Leaving Cert exams can be appealed
- ✓ Leaving Cert written exam begins on 16th Nov. and concludes on 11th Dec.
- ✓ Leaving Cert Applied written exam begins on 16th Nov. and concludes on 28th Nov.
- ✓ Junior Cycle written exam begins on 16th Nov. and concludes on 30th Nov.
- ✓ Leaving Cert timetable now available on the SEC website, www.examinations.ie

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Keeping normality, routine and learning is simple for ScallyWags as they stepped out for Road Safety week. Holding hands, stop, look & listen as well as upcycling their own cars from cardboard boxes & stacking tyres was just part of a fun filled week of learning and being safe. Pictured are Isabelle Ireland and John Coakley crossing the road



Garda Diane Collins visits Clearway Montessori on National Beep Beep Day, to give a talk to the children on Road Safety Awareness. L-R Garda Diane Collins, Luke Quill, Sam McCarthy & Alice Pyne. **PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN**



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1. Talk and reach out to friends and family, it is really-assuring to hear we are all in same situation and we can all help out and support each other in different ways.
2. Surround yourself with positive people and try not overwhelm yourself with too much news and social media content.
3. Stay active. Nothing will change a bad mood like an exercise session so get those runners on and get moving.
4. Finding it hard to get motivated then book a personal training session, no better time to invest in your fitness & health when you may have more disposable income that you are not spending on eating out or socialising in restaurants and bars at weekends.
5. Meet friends for a socially distanced walk or run.

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Five steps to free yourself from anxiety

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1. Trust yourself. You've come through challenges before. know that you will manage whatever life brings you. Allow this to be a conscious thought in your head and trust you will be okay.
2. Refuse to allow another person or event to control your emotions. It is what you are saying or telling yourself about what is happening that matters. Don't

buy into fear of the future. Instead, stay in the present moment and focus on what is good, uplifting and brings you joy.

3. Smile, breathe and slow down.

4. Remember that everything changes. Nothing is permanent in this world. The day passes into night, the seasons change, your energy shifts and the clouds give way to blue skies. It will all pass. Repeat this positive statement or affirmation daily to yourself. "I am safe and everything is always working out for me."

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MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA

SYMPATHY

Sincere condolences to the O'Sullivan and Hogan families on the death of Teresa O'Sullivan (nee Hogan), Ardmelode and formerly of Ballinroe. Teresa was one of the oldest residents in our community and had recently celebrated her 91st birthday. May Teresa Rest in Peace. Leaba i measc na naomh dá anam uasal.

€3,000 DRIVE IN BINGO

Our Drive in Bingo fundraiser in association with Nagle Rice Astro Pitch was a tremendous success. We want to sincerely thank all those who came along and participated on the day. To our very generous sponsors, listed underneath, we are very grateful and we encourage you all to support them in whatever way you possibly can. Comhghairdeas to Marian O' Mahony, Killorglin who was our jackpot winner.

Allens.ie (Homeware), Milltown Dental Practice, Mr. Kebab, Main Street, Milltown, Abbeyglen Riding Stables, Lyre, Milltown, South West Engineering, Place of Clothing, Killorglin, Pa Daly Councillor, Helena's Foodstore, Castlemaine and Mid Kerry Veterinary Centre, Milltown.

We also wish to acknowledge all those who helped with stewarding / book selling on the day. Danny McClure was an amazing MC and kept everyone entertained on the day! We also appreciate Milltown Bingo for the use of their bingo machine, Mid Kerry Mart & Nagle Rice Community Centre for the use of their facilities and a special mention for Nigel Wren who organised the stage and made sure it was able to withstand the very inclement weather conditions. Finally, mile buíochas to Colm Cronin, of Cronin's Car Sales, Milltown who was on hand to give a 'jump start' to a few cars after the day's proceedings. Right man in the right place Colm! We are already planning our next Drive In Bingo which will take place on Monday October 26th 2020. (Bank Holiday Monday! so save the date) more details to follow.

LOTTO JACKPOT DRAW

Friday October 9th €12,600

Drawn numbers were: 20, 24, 25 and the bonus

number was 17. We had no outright winner on Friday last. Here are the 6 lucky consolation prize-winners. €50 each to James Daly, Milltown and Pat O'Shea. Basinstoke, England.

€25 each to Kieran Kelliher, Castlemaine, Yuri Neher, Kilcolman, Patrick Nagle, Castlemaine and Sean O'Brien, Killorglin. Our next draw, which will be streamed live, is on Friday October 23rd. Jackpot will be €12,600 with €200 for a Match 3. So don't forget to get your ticket if you are out and about during the week. Tickets available at local outlets.

KEEL GAA

COVID-19 UPDATE

The GAA, Camogie and LGFA have taken the decision that no club games should take place until further notice. In level 3, all underage training must be on a non-contact basis in pods of up to 15. Adult teams can continue to train as normal.

FIELD NOTICE

The pitch is now closed for the remainder of the year while the walking track remains open. We would ask all members to adhere to level 3 restrictions. Maintenance work is now planned over the coming weeks. The pitch committee would like to thank all teams for their cooperation over the past couple of busy months.

U10

Training has now finished for the year. There were a couple of games planned to finish the year off but had to be cancelled due to the level 3 restrictions imposed. The coaches would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to all the children that participated this year and to the parents and guardians for their continued support throughout the year. It was a pleasure to see the development and determination from the children and to know that the future of Keel GAA is in good hands. Take care and stay safe and see everyone in 2021. Keep practicing. Many thanks, the U10 coaches.

U8

Training is now finished for the year owing to the ongoing COVID 19 situation. We would like

to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to the children who took part and to you the parents for bringing them to the hall/ field. It is great to see them all grow and develop throughout this very strange year of 2020. STAY SAFE and stay practicing. Many thanks, the U8 coaches.

U6

Training is now finished for the year owing to the ongoing COVID 19 situation. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thanks to the children who took part and to you the parents for bringing them to the hall/ field. It is great to see them all grow and develop throughout this very strange year of 2020. STAY SAFE and stay practicing. Many thanks, the U6 coaches.

CLUB LOTTO

Thank you to everyone who supported our club lotto last week. The draw will take place on Monday October 12th in Bensons. On Monday, the 5th of October the numbers drawn were 9, 11, 16, 21. The €50 prizes were won by the Kennedy and Foley Grandchildren Shanahill and Rachel Hillard Keel. We appreciate your continued support of our club lotto.

DR CROKES GAA

On Monday, October 5th The GAA's Management Committee endorsed a decision to suspend all GAA Club games at all levels with immediate effect and until further notice. The decision has been taken in the interest of public safety following a number of incidents that have been brought to their attention. In particular, post-match celebrations and a lack of social distancing at certain events have proved disappointing and problematic. This directive applies to all ages and all grades across the island. Club Social Centres / bars are also to close. Training will continue to be permitted as per the guidelines outlined for the relevant levels in the Government's National Framework for Living with Covid 19 and relevant guidelines in the Six Counties.

The GAA will continue to monitor the situation in the coming days and weeks, regarding changes in government guidelines, before liaising with



our units accordingly. The Association would also like to acknowledge all of those units who have worked diligently in complying with the public health advice around the staging of our games and training sessions since activity resumed. More than ever, we ask that you continue with this approach regarding training sessions.

CHILD SAFEGUARD

The Club is accepted for the GAA Super Club Games programme, however, the programme is suspended for a few weeks due to the Covid-19 restrictions and further information is to follow as to when it is to be rescheduled as things progress. In the meantime, please see the information below regarding the Child Safeguarding 1 Course and a link for an application form for courses being held on 3 dates - Friday, 16, 23 and 30 October next - I understand that only 24 can be accommodated on each course so these will fill very quickly and application must be made before 5pm on the 14 October next. This workshop is 3 hours and is something that we have been trying to arrange for the Club since before the original lockdown so it would be great if as many as possible who need to complete the training would do so and we may need to organise our own training for anyone else who cannot get on a course or cannot attend on the 3 dates being provided.

LOTTO

draw took place on Monday October 12th numbers drawn were 2 9 15 24 JACKPOT €6,500 not won 9 Patron matched 3 numbers. receive €40. Jackpot for draw on October 19th will be €6,500. 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's 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_new.asp#Anchor.

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Spa Chairman Michael Cronin welcomes East Kerry and Spa players Shane Cronin, Dan O'Donoghue (captain), Evan Cronin and Eoin Fitzgerald to the Academy in Spa last Saturday.



East Kerry captain Dan O'Donoghue brought the Bishop Moynihan Cup to Spa last Saturday morning. Pictured here with club volunteer Con Lynch.

Community Response Forum please call the Community Response FREEPHONE Helpline 1800 807 009. Or you can text SUPPORT followed by your name to 50555 or email covidsupport@kerrycoco.ie. This service is available 9am-5pm seven days a week.

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HEALTH SERVICES

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions now in place under Level 3 of the Covid response, we can no longer host a Spa Coffee Morning next Saturday October 17th. The event was being organised as part of the Kerry Mental Health & Wellbeing Fest taking place all this week, whereby clubs, business and local organisations organise their own free event to promote the local and national mental health supports available. We would hope to have a chance to host this event in the future when we can welcome everyone to the clubhouse in a safe environment. Please visit www.healthykerry.com.

for a list of events still taking place as much of the Fest is continuing online this week. The services and organisations involved in the Fest are always in need of helpers, so if anyone is available to volunteer with any of the groups or organisations listed, please contact them directly.

JUVENILE TRAINING

The Juvenile Academy for 2020 came to an end last Saturday. Thank you to all the players, coaches, parents and volunteers who were part of this year's Saturday morning Academy for boys & girls ages 3-10. We hope to return in the new year, stay tuned for details or contact our Coiste na nOg Secretary Andrew on 0871385612. And to mark the last day of the Academy, there was a very special visitor on the day - the Bishop Moynihan Cup. The Cup was on hand with some of the Spa players with the winning East Kerry team - Dan O'Donoghue (East Kerry captain), Shane Cronin, Eoin Fitzgerald and Evan Cronin. The young players at the Academy met their heroes and had the opportunity to congratulate the county champions, and they got to take some photos, while social distancing



due to Covid restrictions. As there were no homecoming celebrations in Spa this year, as is the honour of the winning captain's club, it was a fantastic opportunity for our young members to welcome the Cup to Spa. Well done to Seamus, Anne and all who organised this, and thank you to Dan, Eoin, Evan and Shane.

SPA LOTTO RESULTS 12/10/20

Numbers drawn 4, 10, 14, 20. No winner and Lucky Dips receive €50 each to Moss O'Keeffe, Deborah Doolan, K Cahill and Dan Morris. Our weekly Spa GAA Club Lotto continues every Monday night at the clubhouse and the JACKPOT prize is currently at €6,000!

Tickets are €2 each, 3 tickets for €5 or €100 for an Annual Ticket and tickets are available online on spagaa.com or from lotto sellers who distribute tickets each week. Many Spa lotto annual tickets will become due for renewal in the next few weeks. Their duration was, of course, extended to compensate for weeks missed when lotto was suspended. Please check with your usual seller or ring Jim Gleeson on 087 6340581. Thank you all for your continued support.

ALL GAA CLUB GAMES SUSPENDED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

Announcement from the GAA on October 5th: The GAA's Management Committee has today endorsed a decision to suspend all GAA Club games at all levels with immediate effect and until further notice. The decision has been taken in the interest of public safety following a number of incidents that have been brought to our attention in recent days. In particular, post-match celebrations and a lack of social distancing at certain events have proved disappointing and problematic. This directive applies to all ages and all grades across the island.

Club Social Centres / bars are also to close. Training will continue to be permitted as per the guidelines outlined for the relevant levels in the Government's National Framework for Living with Covid 19 and relevant guidelines in the Six Counties. The GAA will continue to monitor the situation in the coming days and weeks, regarding changes in government guidelines, before liaising with our units accordingly. The Association would also like to acknowledge all of those units who have worked diligently in complying with the public health advice around the staging of our games and training sessions since activity resumed. More than ever, we ask that you continue with this approach regarding training sessions.

GOOD LUCK TO THE KERRY TEAMS

Best of luck to the Kerry U20s against Galway this Saturday at 4pm in the All Ireland U20 Semi-Final. The game will be shown live on TG4. Good luck also to the Kerry seniors who are due to play Monaghan this Saturday at 2pm in the Allianz National League penultimate round. This game will be available to watch on GAAGO (€5 to stream).

ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact Deirdre at pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays.



At the final day of the Academy Paul Trant (Manager of Keane's Killarney) made a sponsorship presentation to the The Club. We would sincerely like to thank Paul and Keane's Jewellers for their continued sponsorship and support. Also in picture is Donal O'Leary (Juvenile Chairperson) and Ted Healy (co-ordinator of the academy)

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

LOTTO

Lotto results from Monday 12th
Numbers drawn were: 8, 13, 16, 27
No jackpot winner.
5x€30

Paul O'Mahony

Kevin Cronin, Ballyhar

Doirean Breen c/o Bridie

Eilish O Connor, Boulia

Fr Sean Horgan, Farranfore

The draw will take place on Monday 19th for this weeks Jackpot of €3,400. Keep an eye on our social media for results. Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!! Get your lotto tickets from all the usual sellers, Club Officers, from any of the shops and business in the parish or online via the Firies page on Clubforce. Thanks you all for your continued support.

SPECIAL ONLINE LOTTO DRAW

We are running a special draw for all our online yearly and biyearly lotto supporters with a chance to win your subscription back!!!! Open to everyone who either purchases a yearly or biyearly (6 Months) ticket via our clubforce lotto page!! Deadline is Nov 2nd. Best of luck everyone!

The club's Lotto continues to be one of the main fundraising actives for the club, therefore its continued support is vital to support the club's day to day activities. Along with the club's traditional physical lotto tickets, we have made it easier for everyone from all parts of the world to have the same chance of winning with our online lotto via clubforce.

Via the online app, one can buy tickets ranging from weekly to annual options.

Like the majority of clubs, the main source of income for Firies GAA Club is through our weekly Lotto. Through these funds we are able to provide further training and games to develop all the club members.

We are asking that everyone make a special effort to support our club lotto. The club is extremely grateful for any contribution made and all funds raised go towards providing games and activities for all members of the Firies community.

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. Thanks to all for playing our club lotto.

COISTE NA NOG – COME 'N' PLAY

Come 'N' Play continues this Saturday 17th October between 3.30 & 4.30 in Pairc Eamonn Farranfore. Please note that all players MUST pay €2.

COVID 19 RETURN TO PLAY

The GAA Health Questionnaire must be filled out by all players (adult) and parents of players (Juvenile) prior to the first training session that you attend. The link is below. Please print or take a screenshot when complete. <https://returntoplay.gaa.ie/>

HURLING

Training continues in Farranfore on Thursdays from 7 to 8pm for U6 to U14. All new boys and girls are more than welcome to join, all hurling gear provided for newcomers.

LEGION GAA

U-8 GIRLS

We had our final training session with the U8 girls on Saturday morning. We had lots of fun, including a coaches race(well done Liam) Thanks to all the girls and parents for a great year. Big thanks to our older girls that were a massive help this year, Leah, Grace and Isabelle. Hope to see you all again in the new year, Sharon, David, Liam and Amy.

LEGION LOTTO

The weekly Club lotto wil continue ONLINE! Get and drop your tickets to one of the following outlets: hegartys muckross road, sheahans centra muckross road, or bowlers at the reeks. We need all you support, Jackpot €16,300.

LEGION LOTTO RESULTS

7-8-15-23 Bonus No: 24

Match 3's

Joyce Trant, c/o Paul

Siobhan Quinlan, 77 Scrahan Mews



Niamh Bowler, 8 Ardagh, Loreto Rd
Darragh Lyne, Tearnmann, Dennehy's Road
Dan Murphy, Mill Rd.

EAST KERRY GAA

By Michael O'Mahony

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SYMPATHY CONDOLENCES

to Tommy & Johnny Doyle former Kerry footballers & Annascual GAA & extended family on death of their mother Margaret Doyle (now) Rip Camp and also to Bingo & Johnny Driscoll camp & extended family on death of their father former Kerry footballer Gene Driscoll RIP. Camp & Den Joe O'Connor Rathmore his brother Dan V O' Connor is well known member of Rathmore Quiz team who won all Irelands & Den Joe son William is part of Management of Scoil Pobail Sliabh Luachra football team Denis Nolan Castisland Juila Breen RIP Glencar & spa, Mary Lenihan RIP Scartaglin, Peggy Doherty RIP Killarney, Paddy Joe Teehan Fries, Ardheis de ar a anam dilis.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Dr Crokes Senior Manager Edmund O'Sullivan & wife Juliette on the recent birth of their baby son Eamon Diarmuid.

ADVICE ON COVID 19

This is an anxious time for many people in our community. If you need assistance or advice on COVID19 restrictions or if you need any shopping or supplies or the help of our volunteers across the county please don't hesitate to call our Community Response FREEPHONE Helpline 1800 807 009. Please share with anyone you

know in your community who might not have access to social media or who might need support

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Knocknaagree Ladies *hold virtual fundraiser*

Knocknaagree Ladies Football Club are holding a Virtual Fundraiser for the month of October. With the new restrictions it's the perfect opportunity to get out in your local area, get some exercise and fresh air

Everyone is invited to Run, Jog, Walk, Cycle 1k. 2k. 5k or 10k. Walk the dog or push the buggy!

To be part of the fundraiser - just send on a photo of your event, time recorded or the scenery to Club PRO Maura O Mahony on What's App to 085 1450533 for publication on Social Media. Everyone who sends in any photo will be included into a draw for some spot prizes.

The club asks that everyone observes Social Distancing if heading out with friends.

To donate please click the link to a Go Fund Me Page pinned to the top of our Clubs Facebook page and Twitter Account on completion of your walk, run or cycle.

If you have no access to Social Media but would like to take part please call any of us if you need any help. Any further queries please contact Club Chairperson Catherine Ring (083) 349 8778 or Club Secretary Maria Doyle on (087) 338 1829.

All funds raised will go directly to the running of the club.

"Thanks very much to our club treasurer and Junior Selector Sarah Dineen of Caragh Jewellers Killarney and our inhouse physio Paudie Breen of the Sports Injury Clinic Ballydesmond for their very generous Spot Prizes which they have donated for the Fundraiser. Please support those who support us", Catherine Ring, Club Chairperson told Killarney Outlook, adding that any further spot prizes would be much appreciated.



Club member Kate and her brother David Fleming supporting our Fundraiser



Catherine Ring, Club Chairperson, smiling outdoors



Shane Browne enjoyed a walk in Lombardstown last Sunday and donated to Knocknaagree ladies football club fundraiser.



Aoife Foley strolled out with her dog to support Knocknaagree ladies football club fundraiser

ROSS GC, KILLARNEY - GENTS CLUB

RESULTS

On Oct 10th & 11th we held a Single Stableford Competition and the winners were :-

- 1... Mike Brosnan (8) 45
- 2... Shane Bunyan (15) 41
- 3... Michael Courtney (10) 40
- 4... Tim Ryan (27) 39.
- 5... Tony Lenihan (16) 36

FIXTURE

On Saturday Oct 17th and Sunday 18th--We will hold a Single Stableford Competition and the timesheet is now available in the clubhouse.

CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF

RESULTS

Competitions played on 9th Oct. 18 Hole Stableford 1st Una Moroney 34 pts (25); 2nd Marie O'Brien 28 pts (31); 3rd Ger Collins 27 pts (42). 9 hole Stableford 1st Erina McSweeney 15 pts (36); 2nd Claire Horgan 13 pts (39).

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB NOTES

SUNDAY DRAWS

Fourball Betterball Results- First Nett: Gearóid Cronin & Niall O'Loughlin 37 1/2, Gross: Declan Kelly & Sean Ashe 47, Second Nett: John McGrath & Betty O'Brien 39.

COUNTY MATCHPLAY

The County Board confirmed in the past week its decision to postpone the County Matchplay Championships scheduled for our course on the October Bank Holiday Weekend to a later date due to the updated Public Health advice announced in the last week.



Congratulations to Dermot Kelly who got a Hole in One on Mahony Point, Killarney Golf Club, this week.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Start this Sunday with entry €5 per draw and times at the usual Sunday times of 9am and 10.45am. Open to club members aged 15 or over and format for the first week is a Two Ball Scramble. Everyone starts off their official Pitch & Putt Ireland handicap before the adjustments of previous years kick in each week of play.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB MENS' CLUB

RESULTS

of the Liebherr sponsored singles stableford competition held on the Killeen course on the

10th & 11th October.

- 1st Jesse McCormack 43pts (07)
- 2nd Michael (Doc) O'Doherty 43pts (16)
- 3rd Kieran W. Fleming 41pts (14)
- 4th Con Healy 39pts (11)
- 5th Leo Casey 39pts (13)
- 6th James O'Grady 38pts (10)
- 7th John Gilhooley 38pts (14)
- Category 1 Matthew Leacy 37pts (04)
- Category 2 Kevin Leacy 38pts (10)
- Category 3 Ryan Neeson 37pts (17)
- Category 4 Alan Goggin 37pts (18)

CONGRATULATIONS to Paud O'Donoghue on winning the Singles Club Championship, sponsored by the Aghadoe Heights. Also congratulations to Eugene Kennedy and Paul Twiss on their win of the Fourball Club Championship, sponsored by GHMD.

Next weekend, the Killarney Golf Club Professional, Mark Heinemann will sponsor the stableford competition on Mahony's Point.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

The following are the results Ladies VPAR, Mahony's Point sponsored by O'Donoghue Ring Sunday 11th October

1	Nicola O'Mahony	10 up	(43)
2	Breda Sheerin	6 up	(39) (B9)
3	Alicia Burke	6 up	(09)
4	Sally Cooper	4 up	(21) (B9)
5	Peg Wickham	4 up	(34)
6	Catherine Walsh	3 up	(27) (B9)
7	Cara Fuller	3 up	(37) (B9)

Next weeks competition is Stableford, Killeen GC: Kindly sponsored by Calor Gas

KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE 2020

Week 1 Results

1st Prize €500: Bridie O'Mahony, Knockragh

Seller: Kay Heery

2nd Prize €250: Michael Looney

Seller: Tadhgie Fleming

Winners of €100 each are as follows;

Padraig & Mary Coughlan, Tralee

Seller: Fr. Kieran O'Brien

Michael Kelleher, Glenflesk

Seller: John Dwyer

Colette O'Shea, Raheen, Headford

Seller: Kay Heery

Denis Spillane, Deros, Main St

Seller: Anne O'Leary

Phil Mannion, Tralee

Seller: Maisie O'Sullivan

Winners of €75 each are as follows;

Michael Finnegan, Gortahoonig

Seller: Denis Finnegan

Brian Dunne, Newlands, Woodland Rd

Seller: Parish Office

Donie Fleming, St Brendan's Terrace

Seller: Tadhgie Fleming

Michael & Noreen Leane, Woodlawn Rd

Seller: Bridie Cronin

Mary & Jerry Mangan, Knocknahoe

Seller: Rena Healy

Ettie & Tony Horgan, Killeen

Seller: Noleen Mackessy

Emma Doolan, Gortagullane

Seller: Johnny Doolan

Margaret Cronin, Coolcorcoran

Seller: Sheila Lucey

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office.

Welcome for €40,000 allocation to Killarney

Councillor Michael Gleeson welcomes the allocation of €40,000 by the Government to Killarney for the development of the town and thus making it a better place in which to live. He hopes that some of this money can be used

to provide further cycling facilities including parking stands and cycle path signage. Such facilities would encourage people, both locals and visitors, to pursue cycling as both a hobby and for daily pursuits such as shopping. Quite a

number of cycle stands were provided over the past two years but more are needed in order that Killarney may become a prime destination for cyclists.

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MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

NEW SEASON

Just as we get our new season underway, the Level 3 public health restrictions continue to set the rules for our activities. Outdoor training remains limited to groups of 15 while there will be no group indoor training. At present we are limited to existing members only. It is hoped to organise rowing for new beginners over the school mid-term break.

GEAR ORDER

Members are reminded that gear orders must be sent by text to Denise Casey by Sunday, October 18. Full details are posted on the club's Facebook page.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our congratulations go to Aileen Crowley, a former Muckross junior rower and national champion, who was a member of the Irish Women's Four who won bronze at the European Rowing Championships held in Poznan, Poland last weekend. In 2019, Aileen teamed up with Monika Dukarska in the Women's Pair at the World Championships and secured Ireland's place in that event for the Tokyo Olympics. Aileen is now part of the squad aiming to secure a place for Ireland in the Womens Four at the Olympic regatta. A final qualification regatta is due to be held ahead of the rescheduled Tokyo Games in 2021.

KILLARNEY RFC NEWS

LEVEL 3 RESTRICTIONS

Non-contact training and no matches: With the announcement of Level 3 restrictions for the entire country due to the Coronavirus pandemic, there have been changes to our training and playing calendar. Non-contact training continues for all levels from Minis (U6-U12) to Senior, however the match schedule

has been effectively frozen for the next 3 weeks, with no matches allowed due to the new restrictions. We are allowed to have non-contact training in pods of 15 and our main aim will be to ensure that all guidelines with regards to hand washing and sanitisation, strict avoidance of gathering and the completion of pre return to rugby forms etc. For further details check out the news item on our Clubzap app.

MINIS

Minis training continues at Minis every Saturday morning at Aghadoe, in pods and training will be Non-contact only for the moment. All new players, boys and girls are more than welcome and the training schedule is as follows: U8: Sat. 10am-11:30am, U10: Sat. 10:15am to 11:45am, U12: Sat. 10:30am to 12pm. For details contact Liam Murphy on 087-4145662.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Our current training schedule is as follows:

Seniors: Tues (7:30pm-9pm), Thurs

(8pm-9:30pm)

U14/U16 Girls: Wed (6:30pm-7:30pm)

U14 Boys: Wed (7:30pm-8:30pm)

U16 Boys: Thurs (06:30-8pm)

U18 Boys: Thurs (7pm-8pm).

KILLARNEY COUGARS BC

CLUB NEWS

Our club Juveniles & Senior training schedules are all currently on hold with the current Government Level 3 restrictions.

Plans are in place as soon as it is safe return and a program that ran from the end of June through July & August which was very popular, ran successfully with a great attendance throughout and this program will be ready to go in the near future.

The clubs COVID-19 App to track & trace events is up and running and will assist to ensure our safe return to activities.

SENIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON

Our National League squad commenced to train for the new season away back in August with fixtures now commencing this coming weekend. Our early season fixture list has four away games in the opening the five fixtures. Our opening home game is Oct 31st versus Limerick Celtic. The team will be captained by Justin Tuason and the coaching team will be led by Tralee's Pa Carey.

Preparations for the season stepped up a gear at the weekend with a trip to the Tralee Sports Complex to take on the Warriors led by Kieran Donaghy and their new signings Troy McIndoe and Mathew Hart. A competitive game saw the Warriors make the better start to lead 23-18 at the end of the open quarter with Justin Tuason and Igor Markiewicz with the early scores. Warriors increased their lead to 11 by the half time break and they held their lead throughout the second half as both teams experimented with their line ups. Best for Cougars on this occasion were Justin Tuason and Andrew Fitzgerald.

Further details on the new season follow us on Facebook & Instagram or go to www.killarneycougars.com.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB

LOTTO

No winner of our lotto draw 09/10/2020, numbers drawn were 10, 18, 23 & 29. Sellers prize winner Mairead Carmody, €50 Y/T prize to Donal Moynihan Boherbue, €50 to Denise Horgan Bridge Bar, €40 each to Patrick O' Donoghue Coom, Mary T McCarthy Gneeveguilla & Michelle & Mairead Breen Coom. Bonus not won numbers drawn were 15, 17, 24 & 28. Next week's jackpot €13,000 plus €1,000 bonus.

Irish Cancer Society calls for online donations after Pink Ribbon street sales in Kerry cancelled

Kathrina Breen from the Killarney Branch of the Irish Cancer Society is appealing for online donations after their Pink Ribbon sales in Kerry, which raise funds for services for people affected by breast cancer, have been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Kathrina is a Pink Ribbon volunteer for the Irish Cancer Society and said, "Every year, we come together to sell Pink Ribbons to support breast cancer patients. The support in is always amazing, everyone is so generous. We are so disappointed to not be out on the streets this year, but we want to encourage everyone to please show their support breast cancer patients by donating online at cancer.ie to get their digital pink ribbon this year.

The Irish Cancer Society are asking for online donations to help address the shortfall as a result of the cancellation. Each year, the dedicated fundraisers look forward to doing their bit in the local community, bringing some colour to the streets in support of services & research for breast cancer services and it's



Kathrina Breen.

disappointing for everyone that this won't be happening this year, but you can still help. Money raised from the sale of Pink Ribbons helps to fund lifesaving cancer research and



free support services locally for people affected by breast cancer.

Rosemary Simmons, National Fundraising Lead at the Irish Cancer Society said, 'unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have had to cancel our street sales across Kerry this year. We are asking members of the public to show their support by donating to the Irish Cancer Society online at www.cancer.ie/donate or call 1850 60 60 60 to ensure we can continue to meet increased demand for support from people affected by breast cancer. With your help we can be there to ensure no one has to face breast cancer alone. Your donation will directly help provide free care and support for breast cancer patients and their loved ones across Ireland.'

Our Latest Dentist

at Kingdom Clinic

We are happy to announce that Dr Micheál Healy has joined our team at Kingdom Clinic as a Specialist Prosthodontist. Micheál graduated from UCC, completed his Specialist training in Guys Hospital London and gained his MClinDent (Prosthodontics) at Kings College London. Micheál has 11 years experience in private practice.



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FOSSA NEWS

KERRY

Best wishes to The Kerry senior team and management this weekend especially Captain David Clifford, as they play their next National League game after a long lay off.

LOTTO

Date 11th October 2020 Numbers Drawn 14,2,16,17

€40 WINNERS

EMMA HARRINGTON, 13 GREEN FIELDS FRIES;
ELLEN & SHELLY CLIFFORD, 2 MILE SCHOOL;
BREDA O'LEARY C/O KEANE'S;
BRENDAN LYNCH, MAULAGH FOSSA;
THE 4 SISTERS, C/O LES NOLAN.
Next weeks jackpot €9,450.00

CONDOLENCES

Written by: Shane Kelly

The club would like to pass on our condolences to the extended family of Mary Kissane of Pallas may she rest in peace.

BEAUFORT NEWS

Written by Cliona Coffey

BEST OF LUCK

Best of luck to Seán O'Brien and Jack O'Connor who are members of the Kerry U20 panel. They will face Galway in the All Ireland Semi Final in Limerick this weekend.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our underage players and coaches and to all of their parents and guardians,

who put in a brilliant effort and obeyed all new protocols over the past few months. It's great to see so many young players in our club.

LOTTO

Beaufort GAA Club lotto will begin shortly and is appealing for new lotto sellers.

If you can help, please contact the Club at 087 9975737 if you can help

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is still open. Please contact Patie 087 2515311 for membership information.

Membership can now be paid online on www.beaufortgaa.com Home page.

Hopefully the gym will open shortly if we stay in Phase 2 restrictions

KILCUMMIN NEWS

Written by: John Moriarty Email: info@kilcumminparish.com

A vacancy presently exists on the C.E Scheme for a maintenance/caretaker. It is for 19.5 hours per week. This is a development opportunity and no experience is necessary as full training is provided. Contact the Supervisor to check your eligibility. If interested please forward your CV to the RD. Office. Full details contact John 086-1579381.

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KILCUMMIN GAA

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Progress continues unabated on the development and huge credit to volume of volunteers who have made this possible. Many have spent their Saturdays and evenings throughout the summer working on the project which is now nearing completion. The closing date for the "10 year membership" package, the upgrading package and the purchase of a Brick on the "wall of champions" is the end of this month and anyone who is considering these options should now approach a club officer. To those who have contributed in any way we say thank you and know you and your families will be delighted and appreciative of the finished product well into the future.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

Friday 9th October, 2020. Jackpot €4,600. Numbers drawn were 5.10.16.18. There was no

winner, Consolation prizes €50 Dan Murphy, Kiskeam, €50 Connie O'Shea, Killarney. €50 Liam Fitzgerald, c/o Kilcummin P/O. €50 John O'Mahony, Gortnaton, Kilcummin. Next draw Friday 16th October Jackpot €4,800. Our club lotto generates important revenue to help run the club and maintain the club grounds. We are asking people to please support our club lotto at this time. As well as buying tickets from our great team of ticket sellers, you can also but from <http://mastergeeha.com/lotto>.

LOTTO

Mon 12th Oct. Jackpot €3,500. Numbers drawn were 10,13,18,26. There was no winner, consolation prizes went to €50 Cian Murphy, Coolick, Kilcummin, .€50 Sharon & Theresa C/O Dept. Justice, €50 Paddy O'Sullivan, Ballinamanagh, Kilcummin, €50 Eileen Doolan, Rathane, Next draw Mon 26th Oct. 2020 Jackpot €3,750.

Ava Galvin celebrating her First Holy Communion - Scoil Mhuire Killorglin surrounded by her family on the 3rd October 2020 in Killorglin Golf course. Pictures by Marie Kennedy






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From the 01st April 2021 Parent's Leave will change:

- 2 weeks' parents leave will increase to 5 weeks for each parent
- 2 weeks' parents benefit will increase to 5 weeks for each parent (if they qualify)

• The proposed increase in the Pension age from 66 to 67 which was due for January 2021 has now been deferred. It will remain at 66.

• Employees can only be placed on Short time or Laid Off if it is an included provision of their Employment Contract.

• If all employees are not being laid off or placed on Short time, the employer must set out clearly defined objectives in relation to fair selection.

• The emergency hold on redundancy applications allowing employees who have been temporarily laid off or placed on short time as a result of Covid-19 remains in place until November 30th.

• The Government has approved an increase in the National Minimum Wage of 10 cent an hour, which will bring it to €10.20 from the 01st of January 2021

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GLENFLESK NEWS

Written by: Seamus Healy

CONDOLENCES

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Linda Eviston nee Lucey formerly of Curraglass. Linda with her 4 sisters under the tutelage of her father Noel were heavily involved in Athletics in Glenflesk for many years. A talented sprinter Linda was one of our first medal winners at Kerry Community Games. We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband Patrick, son and daughter Erik and Alannah her father Noel her sisters Karen, Sandra, Deirdre, Aine and all the extended family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis

CLUB LOTTO

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place Monday 12/10/2020 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,800. Numbers : 3, 12, 14, 19. Consolation Prizes; 1) Colin O' Leary c/o SPX 2) Brendan Brosnan (Sellers' Prize) 3) Maryanne Culloty, Annaghmore 4) Gillian O'Donoghue (On Line Ticket). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 26/10/2020. Jackpot will be €4,000. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and thanks to our sellers and committee.

GLENFLESK GAA GEAR

We are delighted to announce that our Glenflesk GAA gear is now available on the O'Neills website. You can click on the 'Shop Now' button at the top of our Facebook page. We still have limited items available. You can contact Emma for more information on 085 754 7586

Morning Ireland comes to Castleisland Community College



Morning Ireland journalist Amy Ní Riada paid a welcome visit to Castleisland Community College. The purpose of the visit was to interview the school regarding the present Transition Year Programme and how it has been adapted within the context of the present school year. She spoke with the Principal Teresa Lonergan, TY Co-Ordinator Marie Moriarty and two transition year students Rachel Murphy and Ruairí Mannix. Marie Moriarty explained that whilst there are constraints to the programme this year, the students still have an array of events

and activities to look forward to. The year will certainly help students gain confidence, boost their moral, develop better communication, social and group work skills. The students Rachel and Ruairí said that they have been busy with outdoor events which allows them to apply for the Gaisce Award. This term they visited Cappanalea Outdoor Education Centre where they took part in outdoor sports activities, they hiked up Torc mountain in Killarney and they will also go surfing. Work experience is still possible but some places are not accepting students eg

hospitals. The students will be entering the Young Social Innovator's (YSI) Competition and Business Enterprise Awards. They are presently undertaking team building exercises for YSI and brain storming for business ideas. They will be debating in the Castleisland Interagency Debating Competition and they are presently researching the topic regarding Covid 19 and house parties. They will also be rapping 'as Gaeilge' for the ETBI 'Bliain Na Gaeilge' Competition!

The two highlights of the Transition Year programme for the students were the trip abroad and performing a musical. This year the trip abroad will unfortunately not take place but the musical will go ahead. It will be videoed and shown as a virtual show to students.

Amy is a past pupil of the school. She began her career in journalism working with Raidió na Gaeltachta, TG4 and more recently RTÉ. It was certainly a proud moment for the school to report to a past pupil now working for RTÉ. The interview with the school will be aired this week. So tune into Morning Ireland each week day from 7am-9am. Go raibh maith agat Amy!

With Halloween creeping in, Ballyseedy Home and Garden in Tralee, Co. Kerry have created a little bit of Spooktacular magic for their customers this season, 'Samhain at Ballyseedy Home and Garden.'

Visitors and locals are in for a few tricks and treats at the lifestyle outlet with 'Samhain at Ballyseedy' transporting visitors into a unique autumnal atmosphere and a world of Halloween enchantment.





REPORT BY LEONA TWISS, PRO



KERRY GAA SCENE

INTER-COUNTY ACTION TO RECOMMENCE!

Earlier in the week, Peter Keane was quoted as saying that the Championship was hanging by a thread. However at the time of writing, plans were in place for the championship to run as expected and for the Allianz League to reach a conclusion.

This weekend, Kerry has five inter-county teams in action. The Kerry Senior Hurlers are against Antrim in the 2A National League Final, the U20 and Minor Hurlers are in the Munster Championship against Cork and Tipperary respectively, the Kerry U20 Footballers face Galway in the All Ireland semi final (live on TG4) and the Kerry Senior Footballers are playing Monaghan in Round 6 of the Allianz League.

As it stands in Division 1 of the League, Kerry are on 7 points and are in second place behind Galway who are on 8 points. After 5 games, Mayo are on 3 points and Meath are on 0 points. All five teams will be announced on the Kerry GAA website on Friday at 8pm. We wish all teams the very best of luck. Updates from all games will be available on our Twitter page!

Streaming of Inter-County Games

Munster GAA has confirmed that all games in the upcoming Electric Ireland Munster Minor Hurling and Football Championships will be streamed live beginning this weekend as Cork play Clare (Saturday) and Kerry play Tipperary (Sunday) in the Minor Hurling Quarter-Finals. Supporters can sign-up to these games in advance via the Munster GAA web site (www.munster.gaa.ie) with all Quarter-Finals over the next two weekends available for 5 euro each. Munster GAA in association with Nemeton and Stream Sport will provide the streaming coverage throughout the upcoming Munster Minor Championships.

GAAGO will exclusively stream up to 23 games from the upcoming return of Allianz League action, it has been announced. Previously available outside of Ireland only, the service will for the first time allow GAA fans at home to stream inter-county GAA games live or on demand in 1080p HD. Sign-up is via the GAAGO.ie website or the GAAGO iOS and Android apps. The move is a boost for supporters unable to attend matches due to Covid-19 restrictions, and ensures that they will still be able to see their teams in action. Games from every division of the Allianz Football League will be available on the platform, including the Division 1 clash of Monaghan and Kerry on Saturday 17 October. The finals of the Allianz Hurling League Divisions 2A, 2B and 3B are also among the games being streamed on GAAGO. Pay-per game access will be priced at €5, with county boards facilitating a free access scheme for hospitals and care homes. Coverage will be produced by RTÉ Sport and Nemeton TV, with Marty Morrissey, Ger Canning and John Kenny among the commentators.

KERRY GAA GOLF CLASSIC 2020

This year's golf classic attracted over 40 teams and was played on the Mahony's Point course at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Annually this fundraising event takes place the Thursday/Friday of the All Ireland Football Final weekend but with the All Ireland Final scheduled for December this year the decision was taken to run it in over two Friday's, October 2nd and 9th. Being aware that crowd restrictions attending games may well be a factor in the immediate future due to Covid-19, a 'Flexible Ticket Package' was introduced to meet this challenge. Teams supporting this year's golf classic could bank their ticket entitlement and use it for future All Ireland Finals. Weather was very kind to us on both days and the scores reflected that with the winning team on both days shooting just short of 100 points with the format being the best two stableford scores at each hole. On day one the Munster Council team consisting of John Brennan, Bob Ryan, Pat O'Shea and Eoin Ryan were 5 points clear of the rest of the field with a score of 98 points which included three birdies. On day two the country had moved to Level 3 Covid-19 restrictions which included no indoor dining, unlike day one this meant that the dining room was not available to golfer after finishing but thanks to Paul Cotter and his team at the Tuck Shop after hole 9 outdoor dining facilities were set up adhering to all Covid-19 regulations. The winning team on day two, Garvey's SuperValu shot an outstanding score of 99 points including four birdies with two of them happening on hole 16. The team was Brian O'Connell, Liam Brosnan, Niall O'Connor and Ryan Begley. A special Nearest the Pin Fun Challenge took place both days on hole 18 where teams had the opportunity to test their skill against former Kerry GAA Players. This was run to raise funds for the Kerry Cancer Support Group who for the past ten years have transported almost 4,000 patients to over 30,000 cancer related appointments. Kerry Cancer Support Group would like to thank all the players who supported them while having fun at the same time.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Last Saturday, on World Mental Health Day, the GAA, in partnership with Jigsaw, launched a new online youth mental health promotion course called One Good Coach™. The aim of this course is to increase the mental health literacy of coaches and club members so that they feel more confident to promote and support young people's mental health within their coaching role. The One Good Coach™ workshop is now available to access on the GAA's e-learning platform at <https://learning.gaa.ie/courses/OneGoodCoach/>

HURLING

The Kerry senior hurlers make a welcome return to action on this Sunday, 18 October when they play meet Antrim in the re-scheduled Allianz Hurling League, Division 2A Final. Venue is Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Tullamore with a 1.30pm. throw in. Best of luck to captain, Bryan Murphy [Causeway] and his team together with the management team of Fintan O'Connor, Seán Maunsell [Kilmoyley], Brendan Cummins [Tipperary], Eamon Fitzgerald and Brian Culbert [Sixmilebridge].

Under current Level 3 Government regulations all this weekend's matches will be played behind closed doors.

Kerry seniors will have a busy schedule over the next few weeks as on Sunday week, October 25 the Joe McDonagh Cup competition gets underway with a home game against Meath at Austin Stack Park, 1.00pm. Further rounds will be on Saturday, 31 October when they travel to meet Westmeath in Round 2 at 1.30pm in Cusack Park. Round 3 will be away to Antrim on Saturday, November 14 at Corrigan Park, Belfast while Round 4 will be at home to Carlow at Austin Stack Park on Saturday, 21 November. The Joe McDonagh Cup Final is scheduled for Sunday, 13 December as a curtain raiser to the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final.

Under 20 inter county

Kerry has entered the Munster Under 20 Hurling Championship this year and face Cork on Monday evening next, 19 October at Austin Stack Park, 6.30p.m. The team management comprises of Fintan O'Connor, Mike Kelliher [Lixnaw], Dermot Ryan [Crotta O'Neill's] and Seán Maunsell [Kilmoyley] & Eamon Fitzgerald]. Minor

The Kerry minor hurlers play Tipperary on this Sunday in Round 1 of the Munster Championship. Venue is the LIT Gaelic Grounds, Limerick where there will be a 1.00p.m. throw in. The minor backroom team is John Hennessy [Ballyduff], Ollie Broughton [Tralee Parnell's], Tadhg Flynn [Causeway], Jerome O'Sullivan [Crotta O'Neill's], Timmy Hourigan [Dr. Crokes] and John Fitzgerald [GDA].

For the record

The Kerry senior hurlers last won Division 2A of the Allianz Hurling League in 2015 [for the second year in a row]. At the Gaelic Grounds on 4 April, 5 early goals set Kerry on their way to a 6 point victory over Westmeath, 5 - 17 to 3 - 17. The then management team was Eamon Kelly, Conor Gleeson, D.J. Leahy and Tom O'Connell while Kerry lined out as follows: James Logue [Ballingarry, Tipperary] Dougie Fitzell, Darren Dineen, Bryan Murphy, Seán Weir, Daniel Collins, Paud Costello, John Griffin (captain), Patrick Kelly [Clarecastle], Michael O'Leary, Shane Nolan, Colm Harty, Mikey Boyle, Pádraig Boyle, Keith Carmody. Subs who played: John Egan, Philip Lucid, James Flaherty, Tommy Casey and Adrian Royle.

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA NEWS

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RATHMORE PARISH- COVID-19 UPDATE

As and from midnight October 6th, 2020 the country moves to Level 3 restrictions for a period of 3 weeks. The impact on Parish activity and religious services is as follows:-

1. Public Mass is not permitted and moves online.
2. Churches may remain open for private worship.
3. In the case of funerals, a private funeral will take place due to Government advice regarding public gatherings. A maximum of 25 people may attend a funeral.
4. Weddings may take place but no more than 25 people may attend a wedding ceremony.
5. Baptisms are not permitted and should be postponed until there is a return to Level 2 restrictions.
8. Social & family gatherings are limited to visitors from 1 other household to a maximum of 6 people or your own household only.
9. The advice from Government is that people should work from home unless absolutely necessary to attend in person. Parish Offices may remain open but subject to strict compliance with all social distancing and hand sanitisation requirements. Face coverings must be worn by anyone visiting the Parish Office.

PASTORAL MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF KERRY

Our New Situation. All of us are saddened by the new restrictions that are now in place in our region from the whole country being placed on Level Three. It makes things so difficult for so many. It is upsetting that once more we do not have congregations at Mass. Thank God we have streaming and parish radios in so many of our parishes, Mass on Sunday on Radio Kerry, and daily on television with RTE News Now.

The Blessing of prayer. Our faith is not confined to the church. Let us all not forget that God is ever with each of us through the Holy Spirit received in baptism and confirmation. Christ's final words on earth were, "Know that I am with you always". When we turn to God in prayer, we unite with each other in Christ. Wherever we pray we pray with and for each other. Prayer soothes troubled hearts; prayer reminds us to be thankful for the positive things in our lives; prayer calls on us to be there for each other. Be assured that God is with you always. Turn to God often, especially when you are feeling down, troubled, or worried. "Le Cúnamh Dé", with his help we can cope well with the months ahead. An Appeal. One great appeal I make to all in the diocese. This is the most important part of my message. Please, let us all give 100% cooperation with what our country asks of us regarding the Public Health Guidelines: social distancing; face covering; washing / sanitising our hands. As a united, loving, caring

people let us give full cooperation to NPHE and our Government. It is the key to our controlling the virus. United in Prayer. I will remember all in our communities in all the prayers and Masses I offer in the days and weeks ahead. Thank you for all the good you are doing. Let us pray for each other. Our Lady health of the sick, pray for us. + Ray Browne Diocese of Kerry 8 October 2020

DIOCESE OF KERRY MISSION MONTH ONLINE EVENT

'Solidarity in Mission Today' Join Missionaries as they share their experience of working in Africa and South America Date: Oct 22nd, Time: 7.30pm to 8.20pm. Register online @ <https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie> For information contact email desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie or phone 064 6632644.

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There are home insulation grants available through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) for homeowners whose properties were constructed prior to 2006. These grants are to assist the home owner upgrade their home in an affordable manner and help save thousands of euro over the lifetime of the home. Works carried out include attic and cavity wall insulation. Grants of up to €850 are available to qualifying households. IRD Duhallow will carry out a free survey on your property to determine what works can be funded. To apply, contact Colm or Joanne on 029-60633 or email whs@irdduhallow.com

FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Kerry Mental Health and Wellbeing Fest: www.healthykerry.ie
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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

This is a big week in sporting terms. A very big week. Sport is obviously going to be an abstract pleasure for the vast majority of us for the foreseeable future.

But watching in absentia is a lot better than not having any to watch at all. I think the benefits of having elite sports happening (it is only the top level games) needs to be weighed very carefully against the risks involved – the less travel and overnight stays the better for everyone (look, Kerry having to travel to high-risk Monaghan for what is essentially a warm-up game....I'm honestly unimpressed at the notion). It must be done carefully and it must be done right. The Government have made it clear that at the moment, even in the event of a full lockdown, these games will be going ahead. Everyone accepts that there are positive benefits in terms of mental health in having topics other than the all-pervading pandemic to discuss; I hope that the balance of risk versus reward has been weighed very carefully.

That said, the rewards are very real. There is a host of sporting action involving Kerry teams next weekend. To be honest, I've never eaten in a really high class restaurant (sure, none of them could compare to mammy's cooking anyway, says I diplomatically), but I imagine this is what perusing one of their menus is like. Less the multiplicity of forks and other such complications. It's not something I or too many other people have said in recent months, but I really cannot wait for this weekend.

GAA

Kerry's long delayed game against Monaghan in the 2020 National League is scheduled for this weekend. Kerry (7 points) are in second place behind Galway (8 points) in the table, Tyrone and Dulin are each a point behind. Monaghan are in 6th place, two ahead of Mayo in seventh place. Meath are pointless and look like relegation certainties (they are a hugely improving side, though, I'd have been interested in watching their Leinster Championship. They wouldn't have beaten Dessie Farrell's Dublin, but I actually think they could have rattled them. Alas, it's all just speculation now!).

Allow me to be candid. I have very little interest in the conclusion of the National League as an end in itself. These are warm-up games for the Championship, no more, and I don't think anyone is pretending anything else. Kerry are completely safe from relegation and can't be promoted higher than the top division. We might sneak some medals, I suppose, with table-toppers Galway facing tricky last games against Dublin and relegation-threatened Mayo (some truths are eternal; Galway would love to consign their neighbours to the drop!). I sympathise with Ryan McMenamin's



Kerry Manager, Peter Keane.

Fermanagh, for whom relegation is on the line, but his request for a postponement simply isn't viable in the time-frame.

At the very least, I would have thought it was obvious that the 'home and away' game format be forfeited and games like this be played in neutral venues – reachable within one days journey – for both teams. It would reduce risk and expense considerably.

Peter Keane attended a zoom press conference last Friday. Many people are familiar with zoom meetings in recent times. Not me. I still think some unholy practises are involved; I may have watched too many horror movies. I am comfortable with the concept of phone technology – I can text message, and even use their 'instant fax' ability called email, but that's my outer limits. I can log in to a zoom call, just about, but there's no way I'm speaking aloud during the ceremony. What if my soul gets trapped on the internet? Braver, or possibly more gullible people than me, did venture over the cosmic rays to relay questions to Peter, and these are his replies regarding the game.

PETER KEANE

"In terms of training, this week it's been fine. Prior to that, it's been dribs and drabs. We had County Championship up to the previous weekend. Since we started back training, we've only had three or four training sessions with everybody available to us in that period of time, it's been limited enough. The lads seem in good form. I have been touring around and watching the games, the ones that I could get to in that period of time. I think Kerry did a wonderful job in getting the games played and getting the County Championship finished. I'd

have to compliment Peter Twiss, he got a lot of football played for club players. I think the lads benefited from that and I think that they are coming back to us fairly healthy and relatively ready to go."

Kerry have brought in three players to the panel – Joe O'Connor (Austin Stacks), Kevin O'Sullivan (Kenmare Shamrocks), and Mike Breen (Beaufort and Mid Kerry).

"It's logical to think that there isn't much room for experimentation in these games (given the time frame) but if you get a fella who is hot, you will run with him. If I had a closed mentality to say that we will only go with the tried and trusted, there would be no point in bringing any fella in. Sure I might as well only keep twenty and send the rest of them home. Look, we are going to have knocks, you have next weekend, then you are coming down the road and you have Donegal, they are two tough games, then you have a week free to get ready for Cork. It's fast and furious."

"Peter Crowley did his cruciate in the club month last year in April – it's almost two years now when you think of the calendar – he did that. We were confident enough that he would be back before the end of the League, that didn't happen because of covid but here we are, I suppose in way he is back for the end of the league anyway! Jack Barry has taken a crack, but he's working towards recovery. He won't be ready for Monaghan, but he's on the mend."

I'm not going to make any predictions; I simply don't know enough about Monaghan. I know that they have always battled well above their weight when it comes to Kerry. I know that their minors gave Kerry an awful rattle in the 2018 minor semi-final, and I maintain that they would have won an All Ireland that year if the occasion hadn't overwhelmed them for the first twenty minutes of that game. Dangerous players, but probably too young for this level yet. Nor can I speculate much about Kerry selection. Jack Barry joining Liam Kearney on the injured list means that I will be watching midfield closely – David Moran to re-stamp his credentials as the second-best midfielder of the last decade (Fenton, who has never lost a championship match, wears that crown very lightly), Adrian Spillane to nail down a berth (personally, I wouldn't mind seeing his cousin thrown into the mix; Kevin O'Sullivan has comfortably proven recently that he can mix it with the big guns), Diarmuid O'Connor? I'd like Burns, an attacking player rather than a pseudo-defender, wearing number ten. I'd prefer Sherwood over Morley against Conor McManus – horses for courses in this case. I'd prefer.... But sure, my main preference would be for champagne and oysters being served at half-time. And in my house, I'm pretty sure that won't be happening.

CORK WOES

It isn't good news, and I know that Peter Keane and any of the Kerry panel would agree with me. The news that Cork's Ciarán Sheehan, Tomás Clancy, and Kevin Crowley will be absent from the championship clash with Kerry because of injury might increase our chances of winning it, but it would be vastly preferable to have them on the field. Great players enhance any game and I can only wish them the absolute best in recovery, knowing that Kerry supporters will fully agree the sentiment and it would be reciprocated in Cork were the position reversed.

MCGUINNESS TO JOIN GALWAY

It was briefly a filler for the sports headlines in a time when they were scarce enough. Jimmy McGuinness, who was famously winning matches with Donegal with a duvet defence (not pretty, but effective) was photographed leaving a Galway training session. Cue loads of rampant and wild speculation. It has since been revealed, and really should have been obvious from the start, that his ITT team-mate (back when it was the less pretentious-sounding Tralee RTC) Padraig Joyce (whose managerial tenure has been phenomenal so far) had him invited to do a session. This is common practise, bringing in outside coaches and speakers for perspective. Being the greatest amateur association in the world, no money would ever be exchanged, of course. It certainly didn't deserve the headlines it received.

KERRY U20S IN ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

The Kerry U20s are also out this weekend, and that one has a lot more meat on the bones. John Sugrue was also kind enough to participate in one of those magic 'zoom' conversations. Like Peter, he detailed the precautions being taken all along in regards to covid, and they are both thorough and impressive. Fingers crossed. This is a big one, much bigger than the senior game. Kerry have laboured at U21/U20 level for a long time now. We did reach a final under Jack O'Connor, but didn't perform on the day and the enforced absence of the likes of Sean O'Shea, David Clifford, and Diarmuid O'Connor from the grade in recent years because of their rapid progression into senior ranks remains a short-term gain, long-term pain strategy that has cost Kerry immeasurably. Dublin left their better players playing at the grade, won All Irelands, and reaped player harvests after. We didn't. It is that simple and that obvious to me. I don't like the age change (I consider it hugely detrimental to players at minor as well; I think the drop-out rate at U18 is going to double as a result) but impressive manager John Sugrue can only play the hand he is dealt, and is doing so admirably. These are some of his observations before the game. The Gaelic Grounds as Opposed to Croke Park: "I think the pitch is irrelevant. Both teams would lay in Banna Beach if they got the chance if that was the only option available to them.



John Sugrue, Kerry U20 Manager.

It doesn't make any difference whatsoever for the guys at this age. I'm sure the Galway lads are chomping at the bit also. The pitch and location is irrelevant, it's a great occasion for these players."

Galway's Form: "This year has no form guide. They are a good Galway side; they disposed of Mayo, a very good Mayo side. Then in the Connaught Final, in rough conditions, they made light work of Roscommon, so we are under no illusions as to where we are going to sit when it comes to these guys.

Everyone is on a level playing field here. I just think that we have to take this as Kerry versus Galway, both teams going at it as hard as we can, and let's see what happens. There's no advantage either way. I'm pretty sure it's a level playing field and let's just play them."

Much has been made of Kerry's unprecedented five in a row of minor success. But Cork, whom we beat twice last year at minor, are the reigning minor champions and gave us an awful rattle in the first half of the Munster U20 Final (Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaíoch was incandescent and Darragh Lyne close behind him in the second half).

Over that five year spell, Galway were always right up there at minor and they lost last year's final. They won three of the last four Connaught titles and beat us well in our last meeting at the grade. The corresponding minor team (to this year's U20s) gave us an awful battle in the All Ireland Minor Final I honestly thought we were gone at half-time, but Kerry held their nerve). Let's forget all the surround sound and the circumstances. This one should be an absolute cracker between two great teams and I am hugely looking forward to it.

HURLING

Fintan O'Connor's Kerry face Antrim in the Division Two decider this weekend, and that's a big one. The truth is that we are lucky enough to be there – Offaly slipped up, conceding two late goals to Antrim to allow Kerry to slip past them. Ironically, Antrim would probably have preferred to be facing Offaly in the decider!

Let's face it, though, Antrim were always going to be favourites regardless, having always looked the best team in Division two. They beat us by 2-20 to 2-14, and the truth is that it was a little bit flattering to us. Kerry will be without the Boyle brothers, and they are huge losses. I remember being sceptical when Mikey Boyle was switched to centre back from the forwards – which shows you how little I know. His long, raking deliveries have been a key part of Kerry's game ever since, while Padraig when he gets going is a deadly shooter from range and goalscorer inside.

I know hurling isn't exactly a huge thing around Killarney – the hard truth is that Crokes had to battle outside ennui among other things to win that Intermediate title – but I know a few lads with Division Two medals, I had the privilege of chatting to one recently, and this is a big one for me. And win, lose, or draw, it'll set up the Joe McDonagh Cup nicely.

Incidentally, the news that yellow sliotars will be used in this year's championship is a very welcome one for me. The fact is that white is a colour that can easily get lost in natural backgrounds, as well as obscured by the white goalposts. Yellow (I'd actually go for lurid pink, but I'm not sure the GAA is ready for that!) should be much easier for the eye to follow.

ROWING

Killorglin RC made all the headlines at the National Coastal Rowing Championships in Portmagee recently. They've kept up that momentum and are welcoming a European medal back to the club this week. Monika Dukarska's former doubles partner Sanita Purspure was the headliner, successfully defending her 500m single schull title to become a double European and World winner. Killorglin's Aileen Crowley, a gold medallist in Portmagee, came home with bronze in the women's fours alongside Aifric Keogh, Eimear Lambe, and Fiona Murtagh. We're big into celtic crosses in these parts, in all fairness, and nothing wrong with that. But

there aren't a lot of European medals lying around here, and it's a stronger currency to me. After all, rowing on Killarney's lakes, as the late and great John Kelly (himself a giant in Kerry GAA circles) used to tell me, predates gaelic football by just a handful of centuries!

BASKETBALL

As an indoor game, it was the one I was most afraid would be dead in the water. As it is, it's going to be a bit strange – basketball games in front of spectators have a closeness about them that generates my favourite sporting atmosphere. It isn't afraid to bring razzmatazz – it's probably the best local sport to bring kids to, including big ones like me. I and mine will be watching them streamed rather than in person (let's get real here, I wouldn't be attending an indoor game as a spectator these days even if it was allowed) but I'm looking forward to it all the same.

MEN'S DIVISION ONE

St. Pauls Lakers versus Killarney Cougars. It's not that long ago that Killarney had no team in the National League; now we have two of them. Acorns and oaks with a huge dollop of human heart and resilience. I'll be watching this one as a neutral, but not in a Switzerland in WWII kind of way. More like a toddler watching that 'Frozen' movie, to be honest. Of course the more established Lakers will be favourites, and their US namesakes have done alright recently as well. But Cougars will be looking to set a mark, to show that they can compete at this level. It's self-evident that they are looking to set foundation stones while Lakers will be looking to push on from their tremendous battles with

Andre Nation's Ballincollig last year. I'll be watching Ballincollig's Superleague debut with interest as well – they take on Tralee warriors in their opening game.

LADIES DIVISION ONE

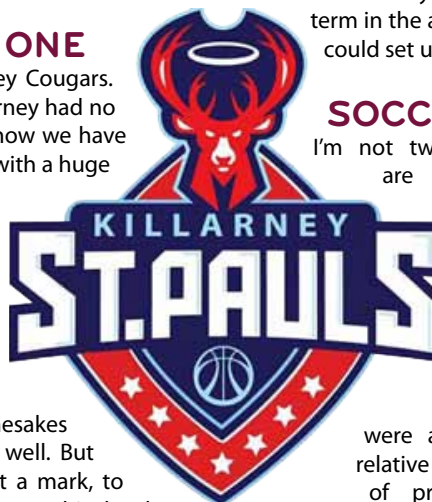
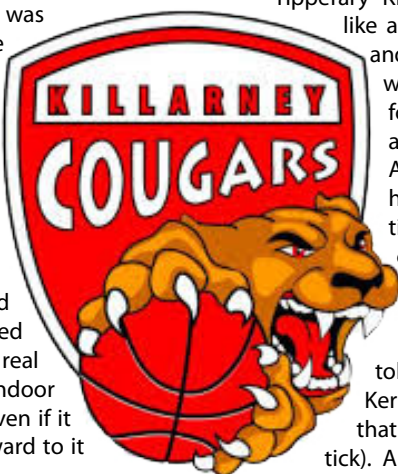
A relatively new-look St. Pauls take on Tipperary Knights. St. Pauls look like a great blend of youth and experience to me, with Jenna Kaufman the former Ulster Elks player a big addition on court. A lot of these players have won national titles in the past, while coach James Fleming should need no introduction to anyone with even token knowledge of Kerry basketball (yes, that's the box I generally tick). A home win (although 'home' may be a slightly devalued term in the absence of supporters) could set up the season perfectly.

SOCCER

I'm not twisting the knife. We are where we are. FAI maladministration has left our development system exposed and the decline is clearly showing. In fairness, Jack Charlton's exploits were an outlier, given our relative population, lack of proper investment in national league pathways or coaching over years, and the presence of hugely popular alternative GAA codes for

young talent. But any claims that we have turned the corner or that Stephen Kenny's positive attacking approach will transform everything are obvious nonsense. Not because he doesn't have the know-how or willingness (he does), but because he simply doesn't have the players. Be honest, Jeff Hendrick is a decent hardworking midfielder; playing him at number 10 was like asking a house painter to do the Sistine Chapel. That fish out of water did his best but there was never going to be goals created on that canvas. Alan Browne actually fitted the role much better later on and it gave Doherty a chance to push into Slovakia's very, very tame midfield and McGoldrick to show some limited attempt at creativity. None of them were going to trouble even limited Slovakia, whose midfield endeavours looked as convincing as Donald Trump's tax returns. Brady from set-pieces or a cross was still our best chance of a goal, and Brady isn't an international winger by any means.

Ignore the guff about how this was a great performance by Ireland and they deserved more; it's absolute nonsense. We lorded possession by a whopping 46%; Slovakia could only muster up a mere 54%. We committed 22 fouls, they committed 13. They completed 610 passes; we completed 489. 960 touches to 824. Again, our complete and utter lack of a goalscorer was shown up against Spain. Granted, we have been unlucky with enforced absentees, but this is not a new problem or recent circumstance. The simple fact is that since Robbie Keane retired, we don't have a real scorer. McClean's late red card could have real implications for us – by the time you read this, we may well be consigned to pot three in the World Cup draw. That would have worse implications than missing the European Championships for me; that's a hard morass to climb out of. Kenny isn't to blame here for creating any of this mess, and I hope supporters will remember that. Managers are mortal and the problems lie far deeper.



AMERICA'S SAD CHOICE – BY Nicky Barry

*Am I the only one watching, who thinks this man is mad,
As he bums and boasts up there, acting like a cad?
He's standing at a podium, like a chat show host expounding,
Surrounded by fanatics, who find him entertaining.
Like a dud comedian, his punch lines are pure crass,
As he demeans Joe Biden, as a geriatric ass.
He is in his comfort zone, live on television,
Boasting of achievements, to help win the election.*

*Hey! Maybe he's just a warm-up man, to drive the crowd demented,
But he looks just like that guy, the White House resident.
Oh my God, it's Trump alright, acting like a clown,
Can nobody stop him, for this shouldn't be allowed.*

*Leaders should have dignity, and a modicum of class,
And not sound like lunatics, jeering people wearing masks.
'Four more years,' the fools cry out, and they seem to believe it,*

*For the man who said of Covid, 'Can't get it, and can't give it'
You'd be inclined to wonder, what stuff the man is on,
Some it is steroids, and they all can't be wrong.
America has a choice to make, and it is rather sad,
For one is ineffectual, and the other one is mad!*



CELTIC NOT CONTENT WITH DOMESTIC DOMINANCE



What a season: Celtic's haul of trophies on display in front of the John Doyle Stand which is dedicated to the memory of one of the club's greatest ever players. PICTURES: MARIE CARROLL O'SULLIVAN

All that glitters might not usually be gold but the silverware currently on display at Celtic Park in Ballydrineen certainly reflects a truly golden season in the proud 44-year history of Killarney Celtic Football Club.

In terms of dream achievements, it just couldn't have got any bigger or better for the club at all levels with a haul of trophies and successes that was totally unprecedented in Kerry soccer. Leading by example, the senior team won the Premier A Championship and the Greyhound Bar KO Cup double for an incredible third year in a row, once again proving absolutely invincible under the direction of astute manager Brian Spillane.

In addition to that remarkable achievement, Celtic clinched the Munster Champions League – having competed against some of the top sides in the province – and in a novel all-Celtic final, the club's A team overcame the challenge of the B team in the Celsius Menswear Cup decider.

And it didn't end there.

Having won the Jimmy Falvey Memorial Cup and the keenly contested Denny Youths League in convincing fashion, the club's swashbuckling youths team created their own wonderful chapter in the annals of Kerry and Irish soccer when they registered a dramatic FAI Youth Cup final victory over fancied Cork side Douglas Hall in a tension-filled penalty shootout. The season that has just ended will be remembered as the greatest ever in the history of Killarney Celtic with so many triumphs to celebrate, so many cups to hold aloft and so many achievements to be proud of. Progressive club chairman, Paul Sherry, said the success story is due mainly to the priority given to the underage policy over the years with several hundred players, in all age groups, turning up for training.

"There is great dedication shown by everybody involved in the club, from the officials, the coaches, the backroom teams, the parents and, of course, the players and the enthusiasm



Celtic Youths players Evan Looney (right) and Terry Sparking with senior A team captain John McDonagh and some of the trophy haul.

with the Franciscan Youth Club and we decided over a few pints that we'd form a club," Mikey, later recalled.

A common belief that the fledgling club took its name and its colours from Glasgow Celtic are well wide of the mark, however.

"Killarney already had an Athletic and a Rangers so Celtic was the first name that came to mind," Mikey said.

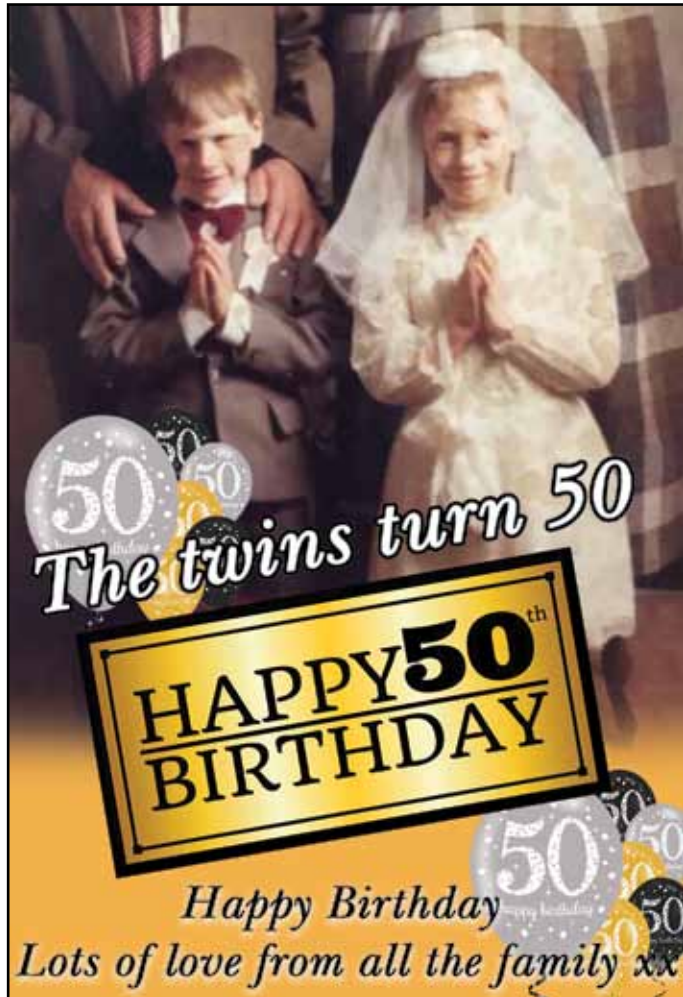
The first set of jerseys weren't green and white hoops either, rather a fetching shade of yellow. "We bought them in Jimmy O'Brien's sports shop for 33 pints. We went for yellow simply because it was all he had," Mikey said.

Renting playing space in local fields for years, Celtic eventually acquired its own base and Celtic Park is now one of the finest grounds in the south west, befitting of the most successful club in Kerry soccer.

And such is the progress that is being made, it's safe to assume that the best has yet to come.



Senior A team manager Brian Spillane (left) with team captain John McDonagh and vice chairman and assistant manager Tim Jones celebrate a great season for the senior side.



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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader "....therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands you sinners; and purify your hearts you double minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up." (James 4:7-10) With all of the misery and turmoil raging from the fear of the virus very few voices are being heard calling out the real culprit - the fact that there is no fear of God. People have gotten used to giving God the two fingers living how they want to. There is no acknowledgement of sin either in government or in the media. No mention of prayer for deliverance, and certainly no voices calling for repentance and humbling ourselves before God.

There is a co-relation in the above Scripture between the influence of Satan and subsequent separation from God. As people delve further into sin fuelled by lack of knowledge of God and His Word, they come out from under God's protection and come under the devil's domain. This is a dangerous place to live friend. The laws that have been brought into this nation where God's plan for marriage and family have been totally altered, and the life of the unborn is seen as dispensable in favour of another, have opened up our nation to curse and judgement. The way to escape the threat of the virus, and every other delicacy that Satan is serving upon his table, is true repentance for our sins and for the sins of our nation (2nd Chronicles 7:13-15).

As we flagged previously – once abortion was voted in, the law would change from abortion in limited cases to abortion on demand. This is now here. Next would be euthanasia. This is now going through our governments' consideration in the right to die bill. They will tell you it is only for people who choose to die, but watch and see – it will afterwards be the weak, the helpless and those who have no voice that will be targeted. Something similar to abortion really – because who is speaking up for the thousands of babies that are being aborted every year in this country alone? Friend, it's time to quit playing around and blindly believing what you're being fed. Inform yourself. Ask the Lord Jesus to reveal the truth of His Word to you by His Holy Spirit. Draw near to Him through repentance and prayer, and find mercy, protection and Salvation.

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Pastoral Message from Bishop Ray

Our New Situation

All of us are saddened by the new restrictions in place in our region, the whole country being placed on Level Three. It makes things so difficult for so many. It is upsetting that once more we do not have congregations at Mass. Thank God, we have streaming and parish radios in so many of our parishes, Mass on Sunday on Radio Kerry, and daily on television with RTE News Now.

Many people and priests feel that it would be good to allow congregations to gather, however small, in Level Three. A small congregation can represent all of us. Our hearts go out to families who are postponing baptisms or having funerals and weddings with very small numbers.

The Blessing of prayer

Our faith is not confined to the church. Let us not forget that God is ever with each of us through the Holy Spirit, received in baptism and in confirmation. Christ's final words on earth were: Know that I am with you always. When we turn to God in prayer, we unite with each other in Christ. Wherever we pray, we pray with, and for each other.

Our daily prayers, alone or as a household, have always been important for us. Have time for God on Sunday and daily. Especially pray with young children each day. They have beautiful prayers from the 'Grow in Love' programme. In October, pray to Our Lady, pray as she prayed. Pray the Rosary. Reflect on the truth of the words of Jesus in St John's gospel:

*The Holy Spirit whom the Father will
 send in my name,
 will teach you everything.
 Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
 Peace I bequeath to you. (chapter 14)*

*Prayer soothes troubled hearts; prayer reminds us to be thankful
 for the positive things in our lives and prayer calls on us to be there
 for each other. Be assured that God is with you always. Turn to God
 often, especially when you are feeling down, troubled, or worried.
 "Le Cúnamh Dé", with his help we can cope well with the months
 ahead.*

An Appeal

One great appeal I make to all in the diocese. This is the most important part of my message. Please, let us all give 100% cooperation with what our country asks of us regarding the Public Health Guidelines: social distancing; face covering; washing / sanitising our hands. As a united, loving, caring people let us give full cooperation to NPHET and our Government. It is the key to controlling the virus.

We know how deeply any further deterioration in the current serious situation will affect the lives of all of us, young and old. Think of how important the hospitality and tourism industry are to employment in our region. Think of all front-line staff.

United in Prayer

I will remember all in our communities, in the prayers and Masses I offer in the days and weeks ahead. Thank you, for all the good you are doing. Let us pray for each other.

Our Lady health of the sick, pray for us.

+ Ray Browne Diocese of Kerry 8 October 2020

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.
Amen.
Say this prayer for three days. Publication of prayer and favour will be granted.
A.M.T.

NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.
Miracles that waited on your word, which you were ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety.
Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (request) the favour that I seek.
O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be held in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.
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THANKSGIVING

Praise and thank you Father in heaven your loving son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for all the blessings you have given me and my family. Praise and thanks to our Lady of the Sacred Heart, our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Padrio Pio, St. Martin, St. Anthony, St. Theresa of

the little flower, St. Faustina, the Holy Souls, our Guardian Angel and all the Angels for their inter sessions to the good Lord for us.
I trust in this wonderful Prayer, O Jesus I surrender myself to you, take care of everything, thank you Jesus.
I believe in the power of prayer.

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16TH OCTOBER 2019

As we lovingly remember Mary on her first anniversary, we her family would like to sincerely thank everybody who expressed sympathy and support following Mary's death.

Many thanks to those who attended Mary's funeral, sent mass cards and messages of condolence. We greatly appreciate the support offered by family, friends and neighbours.

A special word of thanks to Mary and the wonderful staff of Heather Lee Nursing Home for all their care and compassion shown to Mary during her illness.

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr Padraig Kennelly and Fr Jim Lenihan assisted by Deacon Thady O Connor who celebrated Mary's funeral mass. We would also like to express our gratitude to O'Connors Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions

*MAM
Wonderful memories
woven in gold.
This is a picture
we will tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts
a memory is kept.
To love, to cherish,
Never to forget.*

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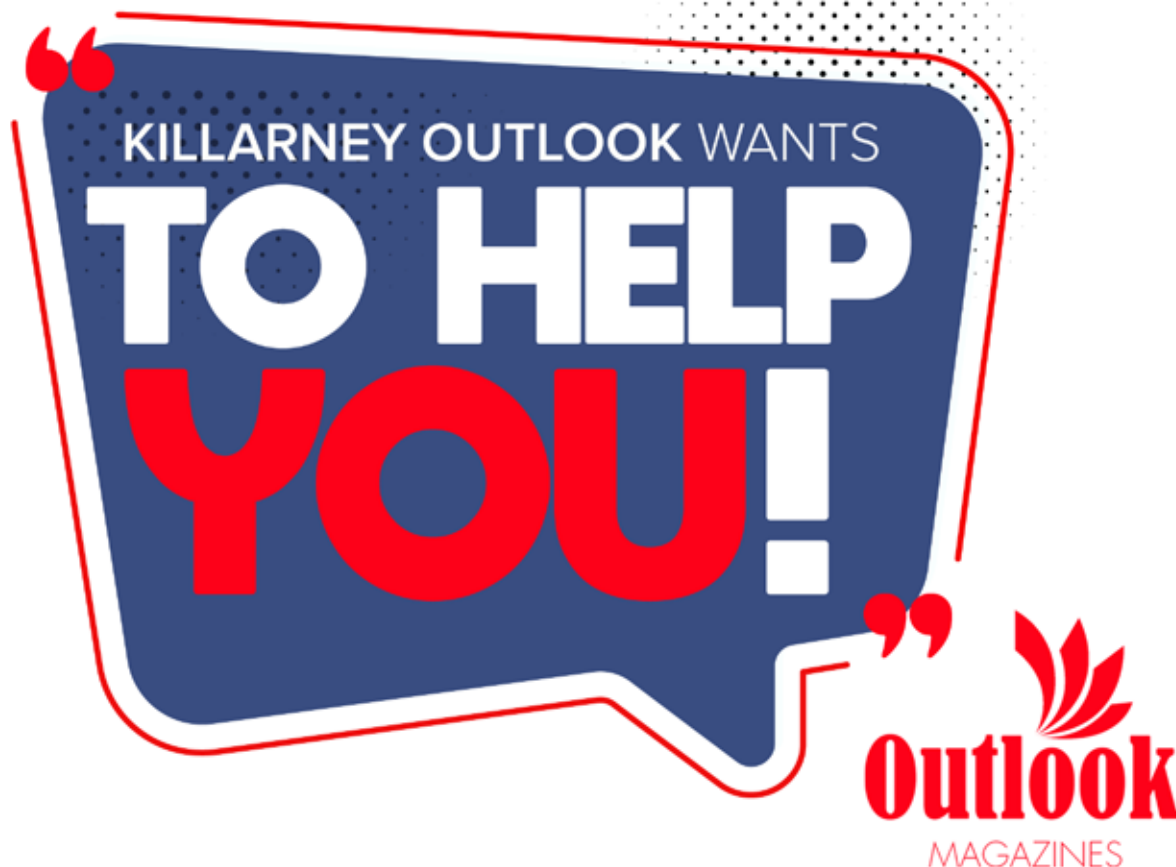
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Oh gentle and loving St. Anthony in whose arms the infant Jesus love to linger, one word from you and my prayer will be answered oh speak that word and the gratitude of my heart will be yours.

PRECIOUS MOTHER OF JESUS

Mother of Divine Grace, you can find a way, where there is no way. Please hear my prayer and grant me my request. (Say 6 times daily and your request will be granted).



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