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FROM THE EDITOR

Killarney has pulled out all the stops to ensure the everyone has the best St. Patrick's Festival ever as we celebrate our Patron Saint with a double Bank Holiday. The theme for this year's parade is Earth/An Chr  - a celebration of the planet we occupy, the land that sustains us and the world we live in.

Local shops, hotels and business premises have all supported the festival by lighting up their buildings and workplaces in the most amazing shades of green with locals also joining in on the fun by lighting up their home. The organisers have ensured that they will be in a position to present a safe and spectacular event for everyone to enjoy. Marching bands, spectacular floats, community groups, sports clubs, businesses and so many more will join in the fun as the parade slowly winds its way through the streets on the greatest day of all to be Irish.

As we look forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day for the first time since 2019 - we wish you all "L  F ile P draig sona duit!"

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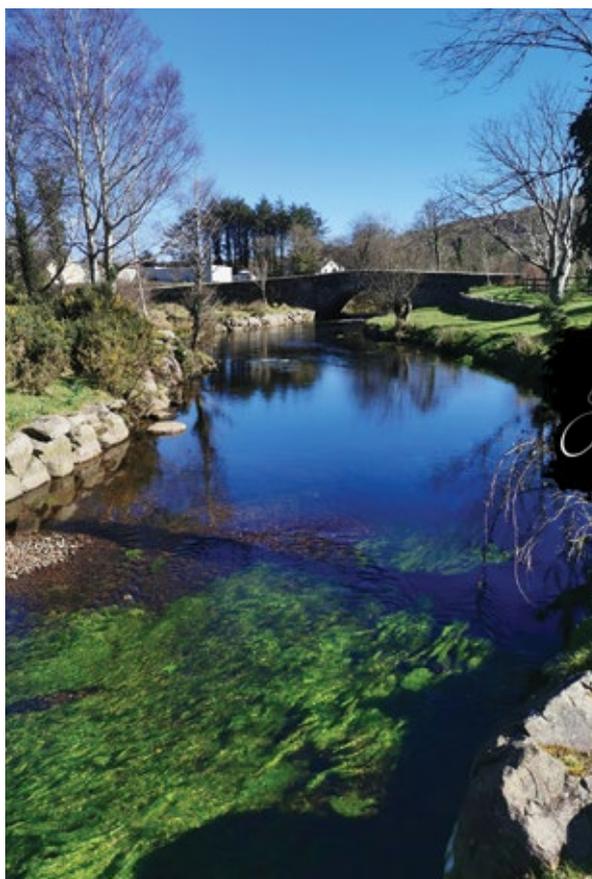
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Gap of Dunloe in glorious sunshine.

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GRAND MARSHAL HONOUR FOR MARGARET

The honour of leading the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Killarney this year has been bestowed on Internationally renowned tourism administrator Margaret Cahill.

Ms. Cahill is a vastly experienced ambassador for the industry having headed up operations for the then Bord Fáilte and, later, Tourism Ireland in North America, Canada and the UK.



Now retired, Ms Cahill, who divides her time between Killarney and the UK, managed the mainland European market for the tourism body having joined the then Bord Fáilte in New York in 1970, rising to the position of promotions and marketing manager.

She was appointed General Manager, Britain, with Bord Fáilte in 1987 and, in September 2000, Bord Fáilte appointed her to head up the mainland European markets, a post she was subsequently appointed to on the formation of Tourism Ireland.

As part of the festivities, a giant creative sunflower – the national flower of Ukraine – has been installed on the steeple of the landmark St Mary's Church of Ireland in Killarney as a gesture of solidarity with the people of the war-torn country.

The spectacular artistic display can be viewed as Killarney extending a warm hand of welcome to the refugees from Ukraine who are arriving in the town this week.

An initiative of the St Patrick's Festival Killarney committee, the 15m high sunflower has been designed and created by Kilgarvan-based artists Sophie Lodge and Maitiu Gray who are part of the creative design team for the world

famous Notting Hill Carnival.

Emerging from the stalk of the decorative sunflower on the church steeple are several shamrocks – the national symbol of Ireland –

and creative butterflies in the colours of the national flags of Ukraine and Ireland.

The sunflower is deeply embedded in the culture of Ukraine and the flower can be found in the yards of village houses or woven into the dresses of women during celebrations.

The Killarney sunflower will be illuminated after dark and the festival team has thanked the Venerable Simon Lumby of St Mary's Church of Ireland for his enthusiasm and cooperation.

The parade, organised and funded by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland, will commence on Mission Road at 2.00pm on Thursday.



KILLARNEY CANCER SURVIVOR URGES **SUPPORT FOR DAFFODIL DAY**

Killarney woman, Anne Dolan who lost two siblings to cancer before coming through her own diagnosis has urged the public to support Daffodil Day on Friday March 25.

Proud grandmother Anne [59], who lives in Killarney but originally hails from Fermoy, says she is glad to be able to spend time with her grandchildren after receiving treatment for breast cancer in 2016, during which she reached out for support from the Irish Cancer Society.

"It was an awful worry after losing my brothers to cancer – Tommy in 1997 and then Donie in 2004 – when my own mammogram picked up a lump", Anne said,

"My daughter was expecting our first grandchild during my chemotherapy treatment. It was such a terrifying time, not knowing if I'd be around to see the little child grow up.

"Thankfully it was a good outcome for me. She is nearly five now, and is the love of my life. We also had our second grandchild last July, and it was so different this time. I'm determined to see both my grandchildren grow up."

A long-time supporter of Daffodil Day given her own family's history, Anne was able to call on the help of the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Centre in Cork University Hospital during her

time there.

"I was always one of the first to get my daffodil every year and wear it with pride. Especially after the experience with my brothers, we've always been very supportive of it.

"The Daffodil Centre nurses referred me for the Look Good Feel Better programme and it was amazing. At the time you have no hair and you're feeling like crap but it makes you feel like a million dollars, it's a fabulous service."

On top of supporting life-changing cancer research, the Irish Cancer Society provides vital services to patients and their families in Kerry each year, including supporting over 1,000 counselling sessions, over 360 nights of in-home Night Nursing for patients in their final days, and nearly 300 Volunteer Driving lifts to get patients safely to and from their hospital appointments in 2021.

As Daffodil Day returns to the streets of Ireland for the first time since 2019 on March 25, the Irish Cancer Society is calling on the public to take part in any way they can to show solidarity and support for anyone affected by cancer.

Every day cancer takes so much from so many families and Daffodil Day is a chance to come together and take something back, giving hope and raising funds so that one day cancer

will take no more.

People are being asked to take part and take back from cancer in any way they can this Daffodil Day. As well as donating at Cancer.ie and volunteering to help fundraise, they can purchase items from the Daffodil Day online shop and take part in a steps challenge.



Anne Dolan with husband Kevin, grandchildren Thomas & Ellie Casey



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task of contacting every tourism provider in the County of Kerry and listing them free of charge on the Official Kerry App. The students are learning and experiencing the behind-the-scenes of this user-friendly, all-in-one pocket guide to Kerry.

Currently, the students are in Phase 1 of the project and on March 8th, International Women's Day the students were visited by Elin Sorensen the Chairperson of Kerry Business Network and Maraget Cahill the President of Skal Ireland - who shared their own personal stories as women in

As part of a special collaboration between The Official Kerry App and St. Brigid's Presentation Transition Year Students, plans are afoot to raise funds for the school's furry friend Zoomer.

Zoomer is a specially trained school therapy dog and one of only a handful in the country. He is part of a programme designed by My Canine Companion.

"We are excited to announce our collaboration with St Brigid's Presentation Transition Year Students to raise funds for My Canine Companion charity", Alexandra Bozic creator of The Official Kerry App told Killarney Outlook.

Alexandra is mentoring the TY Students as they set about the mammoth

business.

This year when you list your business on the iOS & Android App, businesses will have the opportunity to donate to Zoomer the gorgeous therapy pup in training, provided to the school by My Canine Companion To officially list your business on the App please go to www.theofficialkerryapp.com

Once your business is listed and you are happy with your online presence on The Official Kerry App, we will send you a link for the fundraising page for Zoomer, St. Brigid's Canine Companion.

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Students enjoy their training with The Official Kerry App as part of Transition Year in St. Brigid's as part of plans to raise funds for the school's therapy dog "Zoomer".

PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR THE REOPENING OF MUCKROSS TRADITIONAL FARMS

Mind the Dresser...members of Staff from Muckross House Library, Killarney, David Lynch and Joan O'Connor, dressing the dresser at Kissane's farmhouse at Muckross Traditional Farms, ahead of the season opening on March 19th, this year. The working farms aims is to preserve in real life the farming traditions of rural Ireland prior to electrification. The kitchen dresser became one of the most important pieces of furniture in an Irish country home. Usually made of painted pine, the housewife used its shelves to proudly display her colourful china and willow pattern ware.

Below members of Staff from Muckross House Library, Killarney, David Lynch and Margaret O'Donoghue, dress the bed at Kissane's farmhouse at Muckross Traditional Farms, in preparation for the season opening on March 19th, this year the aim is to preserve in real life the farming traditions of rural Ireland prior to electrification.

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MOODY THEMED COMPETITION SEES TERRY SNAP THE WINNER

Killarney camera club had a huge response to its recent 'moody' themed competition.

It attracted an eclectic creative mix of moody portrait and landscape images.

Congratulations to all the top 3 entrants in both the unrestricted and novice categories and especially to Terry Mc Sweeney and Conor Healy, the winners in these respective categories.

Here are the top three in the Unrestricted category :

1st Place: Terry MacSweeney, Image 20, Storm Brewing, 168 points

2nd Place: Julia Deady, Image 21, Moody Arthurs, 160 points

3rd Place: Conor Healy, Image 14, Ross Castle Pier, 158 points

Terry gave an insight into the photographic process of his sublime winning image of the iconic 1903 Sunbeam wreck on Rossbeigh strand, with its ghostly skeletal ribs jutting out from the sands.

"Following storms in the winter of 2017 the Sunbeam wreck was washed away from the beach at Rossbeigh and I was resigned to thinking that I would never get to photograph it again. Luckily I met a friend who told me that it had actually been washed down to the island at the end of the beach. The island was only accessible at low tide and my friend



and I took some photos of the wreck when the tide came in. It was quite atmospheric, with distant ominous storm clouds creating a fitting backdrop to the wreck, as it floated on the incoming tide. I didn't mind getting soaked by the sea as I took my photographs, which were to be the last ones I would take of the Sunbeam. A few days later, storms broke the wreck up even more. A small fragment of it can still be seen at low tide at the far end of the island", Terry said.

Check out all the competition entries on www.killarneycameraclub.ie. The Club continues to meet fortnightly on Thursday night via Zoom. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining can email secretary@killarneycameraclub.ie.

AKOS DESIGNS WINNING LOGO

A Hungarian native who has made Killarney his home has won the Kerry Biosphere Reserve logo competition.

Designer Akos Csontos submitted his winning logo to the open competition earlier this year and it has been selected by popular vote as the new logo to represent the Kerry Biosphere Reserve.

The open competition received over 30 entries from designers all over the world. These were shortlisted by the Kerry Biosphere Management Committee made up of representatives from South Kerry Development Partnership, Kerry County Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The three shortlisted designs were then put forward to a public vote held via social media in October 2021.

Receiving 55% of the votes submitted we are delighted to announce our new logo designed by Akos Csontos. A native of Hungary who has been living in Killarney for over 14 years. As a thank you for his work on the logo Akos won a €500 cash prize that was kindly donated by the Killarney Hotels Group.



Akos Csontos, 3rd left, whose logo design submitted to Kerry Biosphere Reserve, in an open competition, has been selected by popular vote as the new logo to represent the Kerry Biosphere Reserve. At the presentation which took place at the Europe Hotel and Resort Haven, Killarney, were from left, Eleanor Turner, Kerry Biosphere Reserve Officer, Noel Spillane, CEO, South Kerry Development Partnership, Adrian Steher, Managing Director, Killarney Hotels, Ltd., Sponsor of the winning logo design. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

You can see the detail on the logo described in the picture above, as it represents several key elements of the Kerry Biosphere Reserve.

Akos moved to Killarney a little over 14 years ago. "I have been always captivated by the natural beauty surrounding us here in Killarney and together with my beautiful wife Julia, our 6-year-old son Logan and now

nearly 3 months old new-born Layla, we always try to spend as much of our family time as possible in the Killarney parklands and Muckcross woodland areas", Akos said.

"Up until December 2020 - when unfortunately, due to the pandemic my position has been made redundant - I had the pleasure to work as an in-house graphic designer and online content creator in one of Killarney's five-star hotels. Due to its location right in the heart of Killarney National Park, I always felt even that much closer to nature as well and I think it is fair to say that all of Killarney and even greater Kerry residents are so lucky and truly privileged to call this little piece of heaven a home", he added.

Needless to say, I was only delighted to come across the competition details online and I instantly felt connected with the call. In my approach to the logo - apart from the official requirements - I hoped to fit in as much of the core values as possible while maintaining a clean and modern look.

I hope the Kerry Biosphere and its rebranding will be successful in raising more awareness on their mission to protect and preserve all this natural beauty, especially after some of the devastating events of last year with woodland fires or not to mention their ongoing battles with rhododendron. If my logo design aids just even that small step in achieving more visibility through their representation, I will feel truly honoured to have helped them along the way. The competition was sponsored by Killarney Hotels limited who donated the prize money awarded to the selected entry.



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MINISTER SIMON HARRIS VISITS ST. BRENDAN'S

There was a warm welcome for Minister for Higher Education Simon Harris when he visited St. Brendan's College last week to meet students, members of staff and board of management.

The minister spoke to the senior students about the options available on <http://cao.ie/options> for third level.

Minister Simon Harris with Students Council members Ethan Slattery and Kasper Bogalecki, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal, Sean Coffey Principal, Lorna Larkin, Chairperson Board of Management and Deputy Brendan Griffin during his visit to St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Minister Simon Harris addressing the senior pupils with Deputy Brendan Griffin during their visit to St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Minister Simon Harris with Students Council members Ethan Fleming and Kasper during his visit to St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE AND REFLECTION

Kerry County Council will host the Kerry Local Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection on Sunday, 20 March 2022

The ceremony will take place at the front of the Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee at 11.00am. The ceremony is one of a series of nationwide events this weekend which will remember those who have died during the pandemic and acknowledge the role of the various individuals and organisations who led the response to COVID-19. Members of the public are invited to attend the ceremony.

The Kerry ceremony will feature music, song, reflections and prayers and will be led by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Jimmy Moloney. The gathering will be addressed by the principal response agencies, hear prayers from main churches and denominations in Kerry and will include the laying of a wreath in remembrance of those who lost their lives. It will conclude with a performance by the Siamsa Tíre choir.

Cllr Moloney said: 'As we slowly emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is fitting that we take time to reflect and remember across the country this weekend. Here in Kerry, this is an opportunity to remember those who lost their lives in our county but also to remember those who led the response and showed such dedication and resilience at such a traumatic and challenging time.'

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH ÁRUS PHÁDRAIG?

It being the week of St Patrick, it may be appropriate to have an update on the Árus Phádraig - whose slow progress is something of concern for what will soon be a second generation of Killarney stock.

Plans outlined in November were for a 1,000 sq metre theatre for Killarney, educational facility, cafe, offices, underground car park, and a performance plaza, with 11 million Euro to come from the Killarney Urban Regeneration Development Fund, topped by around five million euro from the council.

The project is to be done in phases and may eventually include a primary care centre, and who knows a much needed multi-storey car park.

It is five years now since "the feasibility study" (what happened to common sense ideas all brought together?) on what to do with the building and land so generously donated by the Friars.

The most up to date information is town management is awaiting approval of "the Preliminary Business case" from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

"Once approved, we can move to the planning stage," the spokesman said.

There is no time frame, but let us hope the logistics do not get even further bogged down.

The once a busy theatre and teenage hop space was last used as a count centre for the 2009 town council elections.

The meeting in November, before the Ukrainian War and the end of Covid, was told that costs were set to increase because of current building inflation.

One wonders five months later how much bang for the buck will be in the grant aid that is approved in principle for Killarney, that is if it arrives at all.

What will the cost the war in Ukraine and the whole refugee crisis mean for projects such as this?

The civic space and theatre is long, long, overdue and even in November we were told it may be 2026 before that phase is up and running.

This writer, and she was not alone, was heart-broken at the sale of the fine maple floored town hall in the late 1980s. The old hall with

its fantastic acoustics, its great stage, size - it was so designed to be divided - and its central location in the oldest part of Killarney, alongside the holy well and St Mary's Church of Ireland and the new entrance to the Killarney National Park, not to mention the proximity to the car park meant the town hall was a civic gem in terms of location alone. While much has been accomplished in the last half century by the local council in its various forms, the sale of the town hall, because of financial constraints in the awful 80s was a huge mistake.

Let us keep our fingers crossed, and the pressure on, but the case for a small theatre in the refined town of Killarney, which has a fine and long tradition of drama and the arts, but has too few facilities, can hardly be stronger.

A DOG CENSUS

Something that may have "slipped the lead", given the attention on the human census in April is the call for a dog census which

was made in Killarney recently. A full census of all dogs is being called for, amid an outcry about dog fouling and out of control dogs.

Independent councillor Maura Healy-Rae, told the last meeting of the council in Killarney, "there is a dog for every human". Dog numbers hugely increased in recent years because "it is the fashion," the councillor said.

The trend now is to have two, three and four dogs and this is something councillors have come across when canvassing for elections, the poll topper said when I spoke to her after the meeting. (I heard of one councillor who bought a pair of high leather boots to stave off the dogs on the canvass)

"It is not just one dog. People have up to four dogs in some houses," Ms Healy-Rae said.

There is no breakdown for dogs per Municipal District, officials tell me when I requested the figures.

However Kerry, with a human population of 147,707, in 2016 has consistently among the highest number of dogs per head of population licensed under the Control of Dogs Act, according to statistics from the Department of Rural and Community Development for 2020.

Officially, the county has 9.57 individual dog licenses per 100 persons in other words one dog for almost every ten people - exceeded only by Monaghan, which has ten licences

per 100 in population..

But the numbers of dogs licensed in Kerry - 14,344 in 2020 and 15,145 in 2021 is not the full story, Ms Healy-Rae believes.

Some are for the lifetime of several dogs and there are also numbers of unlicensed dogs, Maura thinks.

There is frustration with the lack of progress on dog fouling on walkways and this is an escalating problem in Killarney, raised by them continually.

Mayor of Killarney Labour Councillor Marie Moloney, said when she rolled her out recently, her own grandchild's buggy wheels were destroyed and it was grossly unfair on people with wheelchairs and buggies.

"This is not good enough," Ms Moloney said. The highest ever number of fines for dog fouling, 22 fines, had been issued last year, Director of Services for the Environment Ger O'Brien said.

There has yet to be a court case for dog fouling.

Joint litter and dog warden patrols are being undertaken, and an anti-dog fouling campaign was being rolled out across 147 schools, the meeting was told.

The patrols involve wardens stopping dog owners and asking them how they disposed of the dog waste and seeing if dogs are under effective control.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their pooches on public paths where children, buggies and wheelchairs were getting ruined, several councillors said.

Perhaps when the number of dogs is established, there will also be called for a dog park. Killarney has land enough for a park. A dog park will enable dogs to run around and owners to socialise with their lovely pooches.

TOURISM FORECAST REMAINS OPTIMISTIC

Meanwhile despite the winds of war, the forecast for the tourist season remains better than optimistic. Bookings in guesthouses particularly are very strong, I am told. And with numbers of rooms now going to facilitate refugees a bumper season can be expected. The War years in Killarney were good years historically, with the hotels packed with soldiers on leave and visitors from nearby UK availing of rest and the good home grown Irish food. Numbers of English and French are already up on other years and until last week at least, the indicators were good.





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LITTLE BLUE HEROES ARE THE STARS OF THE DAY

The Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney was the venue for a stage of the 2022 Bumblebee 1000 in aid of Little Blue Heroes and Kerry Liaison Officer, Killarney Garda Gillian O'Donoghue was there, with five of her Little Blue Heroes to greet the cavalcade. "I have been working with the charity for the last 4 years as their Kerry liaison along with Garda Mary Gardiner in Tralee" Gillian told Killarney Outlook.

The Little Blue Heroes are Kate Lehane, Frankie O'Sullilvan, Sean Kearney, Alannah Foley and Alexis O'Mahony.

The event began at Barberstown Castle Hotel with the spectacular parade of supercars taking part in a VIP charity drive covering two days on a road trip covering Kildare, Laois, Limerick and Kerry.

The event was held in honour and memory of Little Blue Hero Anthony Lannucci and his mam Janet, sisters Leann and Sandra were present to wave the starting flag to send all the cars on their way.

At each location our local Little Blue Heroes were treated as the VIPs to inspect each of the cars with their colleagues.

Little Blue Heroes Foundation is a not-for-profit charity operated entirely by volunteers (no paid staff) made up of Garda members/staff, retired Garda members, their families, friends and civic minded people from communities. It aims to help families in need from local communities in Ireland who have children undergoing long-term medical treatment for serious illness.

"The name 'Little Blue Heroes' came about when we found that the vast amount of the children we support have a strong fascination with police uniform, equipment, vehicles, Garda units, etc.. This has even led some of the children to make a wish to become an Honorary Garda and become



The Little Blue Heroes with members of An Garda Síochána and cartoon characters at The Gleneagle Hotel

part of the Garda family. As heroes to us with the battles they face, these children have become our Little Blue Heroes".



Frankie O'Sullivan pictured with Garda Gillian O'Donoghue



Kate Lehane pictured with Minnie Mouse

LIMERICK TRIP FOR VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

Three teams from Fossa National School made the trip to Limerick to take part in the volleyball regional qualifiers.

The boys, girls and mixed team all showed great skill, determination and teamwork in their games and each of the three teams qualified for the All-Ireland Championship in the University of Limerick. The boys qualified as champions winning each of

their three games. The girls also qualified as champions winning all of their 5 games. The mixed team were unbeaten through to the final and lost out in a tight contest. All three teams will continue their training as they get ready for the National Finals on the 21st March.

Girls: Fiona Brunner Zoe Daly
Kate Lyons Lauren McCarthy Tara
O'Sullivan Milly Spillane



Boys: Charlie Griffin, Brian Horgan,
Paddy Myers, James O'Meara,
Samuel Scoope, Dara Whelton



Mixed: Kelsey Cummins, Ben Kavanagh,
Faye Lynch Naoise O'Connor, Thomas
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME AT KERRY HOSPICE FOUNDATION

The KERRY HOSPICE FOUNDATION, KILLARNEY BRANCH are holding their AGM at The Heights Hotel, Killarney on Tuesday, 22nd March at 8pm. Kerry Hospice has been providing hospice care for the people of Kerry for over 30 years. New members would be most welcome at this time. Please contact Pat at 085 1543514.

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Speaking about the programme, Liebherr's Managing Director – Engineering, Mr Charlie McCarthy said "For us at Liebherr it is an honour to lead the way and be the first to introduce an Industrial Coating apprenticeship to Ireland. Industrial coating, is typically a multistage process involving shot blasting, priming and painting. We have made significant investments in both our shot blasting and painting facilities and now have the most advanced and sophisticated facilities in Ireland. Many of our container handling cranes are destined for port environments and are subject to harsh corrosive coastal conditions, with expectations that the coating protection will last entire life time of the crane. With this in mind, we have recognised that the introduction of an accredited trade which can provide the necessary skills and knowledge is long overdue.



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To apply, applicants should send an up to date CV, and a cover letter specifying why they are interested in this apprenticeship to apprenticerecruit.lcc@liebherr.com.

Further documents such as academic results, training certificates, references, project details and awards etc. should also be included. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is March 25th 2022.

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HOMETOWN GIG FOR GREYWIND

Killarney rock band Greywind will be playing their debut hometown headline show at the INEC Club next week on Saturday March 26th. Greywind have been called "The best band to come out of Kerry" by The Irish Times and have achieved playing at some of the biggest festivals in the world, including Reading and Leeds Festival, Isle of Wight Festival, Download Festival, Rock Am Ring and have supported the likes of The Coronas in a sold out INEC Arena so it's going to be a special night to finally have them headlining in their hometown for the first time. Formed by Killarney siblings Steph and Paul O'Sullivan, Greywind's debut album 'Afterthoughts' was recorded in Texas with Grammy-Winning producer Jason Perry and charted in the Official UK Rock Chart. Greywind have been heavily praised by the likes of BBC Radio 1, Zane Lowe and MTV and in 2021 released their acclaimed newest single 'Am I Asleep?' with the track being described as "a stadium-ready alt-rock anthem" by Record Of The Day.

"We're so excited to finally be headlining in our hometown for the first

time. We wrote all these songs at our home in Killarney and we've been lucky enough to have been able to play them at some of the biggest festivals in the world so it's going to be such a special night to finally play them where we started", Greywind guitarist/songwriter Paul O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook.

Greywind will be supported by Killarney singer-songwriter Donal Lucey on Saturday March 26th at the INEC Club. Tickets are €20 and are available now from ticketmaster.ie



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Evan Murphy with some Kerry College students on the day.

The students at the Clash Campus of Kerry College, Tralee showed their true caring nature when they organized a fundraiser on International Women's Day for ADAPT Kerry Women's Refuge and Support Services.

The WEAR AND SHARE event saw current students and staff donate some of their fabulous clothes on the day. Everyone was free to take as many items home with them as they wanted and there were some really great finds on the day. The college promotes sustainability in line with Kerry ETB Sustainability policies and this event was a living testament to this. Catherine Casey, General Manager of ADAPT Kerry spoke with students on a range of our care related courses about the impact of domestic violence on women and children in society and how to assist those who may confide in them in their future employment.

There was over €400 raised from this event and this along with all clothes left over were donated to the ADAPT Kerry Women's Refuge and Support Services.

Our thanks to all those who supported the event and in particular to

Evan Murphy and the Applied Science students who led the roll out of the event.



Dorothy Kerry Teacher, Science
Evan Murphy, Applied Student, Case, General Manager of ADAPT Kerry Women's Refuge and Support Services.



Lauren Flynn, staff at Kerry College
Martha McGrath, staff at Kerry College
enjoying the event.

Ceili Mór at St. Brendan's College

Students from St Brendan's College, St Brigid's Secondary School Killarney and Killarney Community College gather for a big Ceili in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. [Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin](#)



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CAO INTERIM APPLICATION STATISTICS LOOK PROMISING FOR COLLEGE APPLICANTS



By Billy Ryle

Interim figures from the Central Applications Office (CAO) suggest that the rush to college may be easing. 78,012 applications have been lodged with the CAO, down 1,164 on the same time last year. With the economy flourishing, it seems that more Leaving Cert candidates are seriously considering the 'world of work,' apprenticeships, traineeships and further education as alternatives to the CAO route. It's likely that the final number of CAO applications, which will be released later in the year, will be less than last's years record number of 84,526. The significant decrease in mature applicants (23yrs or older) is indicative of the growth in employment. In total, there are 6,587 mature applicants, down by 2,140 or 24.5% on last year's number. The interim data will change slightly when late applications are considered and when the Change of Mind facility closes on 1st July at 5pm. The majority of CAO applicants will be permitted to use the Change of Mind facility when it opens on 5th May to add, remove or re-order course choices, which will result in changes to the 1st March figures. Late applications are also accepted up to 1st May at 5pm.

Despite the decrease in CAO applications, competition for prestigious courses will again be intense if grade inflation is allowed for a third consecutive year. The points race will be further fuelled by the promise to Leaving Cert students that the overall grades will be no lower than the past two years. The guarantee was given after students argued that they would be at a disadvantage in competing with applicants from 2020 and 2021 if the playing field was not levelled. On average, the 2022 Leaving Cert class can expect at least 60 CAO

points more than they would have achieved in 2019. It will bring more CAO applicants up to very high, if not maximum, points levels, putting pressure on high points courses. One wonders if it wouldn't be wiser to return to the pre-Covid marking schemes and accept that 2020 and 2021 were abnormal years. The relatively high number of 2021 applicants who deferred their place until 2022 could cause less places to be available this year in competitive courses. Applications from other EU countries and from Northern Ireland and Britain are also up. The Russian invasion of Ukraine may deter Irish students from accepting third level courses in mainland Europe. On the plus side, Minister Harris plans to provide extra places in competitive courses to ease the pressure on points. For example, there will be about 60 extra places in first year undergraduate medicine. Extra places in 2020 and 2021 ensured that 50% of honours degree applicants received their top choice and up to 80% received one of their top three choices. Disciplines that have increased in first preference applications include arts/humanities, up 6%, architecture/construction, up 11%, computing up 6%, with 3,829 applications. As expected, a staggering 4,025 first preference applications have been lodged for engineering, much the same as last year. There is a 7% drop for primary education, compared with a 2% rise for post-primary. Interest in health-related courses is down 12%, including a 27% fall in nursing after two difficult years of front-line care. But, against that, dentistry is up 12pc and medicine is up 1pc. The 'green wave' of applications for environment courses is up from 393 first preference applications to 532, a 35% increase. Business/Administration is down by 3%, although it still registered a massive 8,492 first

preference applications. Applications are very much on par with current employment trends. Applicants are keeping a very close eye on the jobs market and are acutely aware that a good qualification is a passport to a successful career. Prospects for the 2022 Leaving Cert class look very promising. Except for a few very competitive quota-based courses, there will be a third level course on offer for the vast majority of CAO applicants. That's how it should be!

CHECKLIST

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Congratulations to past pupil of St. Brigid's Presentation Niamh Coffey who received a UL Sports Scholarship at a ceremony in Limerick during the week. The UL Sports Scholarships are designed to support top athletes in pursuing and excelling in their sport whilst also undertaking their academic study.

Niamh is currently a 2nd Year Physiotherapy student in UL and excels in many sports. She has been awarded the scholarship as she is on the Irish U23 High Performance squad for Rowing. St. Brigid's wish Niamh the very best in her academic studies and sporting career.



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Eabha Healy receives the Overall best club award for Glenflesk with East Vice chairman John Dineen and East Kerry Scor Officer Ann Holland.



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The Tour & Taste experience includes a guided tour of Killarney Urban Farm with one of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection sustainability champions, as you sip on a hand-curated hyperlocal cocktail. The tour will explore the technology that powers the reclaimed space that is now host to the hydroponic towers, Killarney Urban Farm. You will savour a taste of a plethora of hyper-fresh ingredients in the form of canapés, see first-hand all that the Killarney Urban Farm represents - hyper-local freshness, sustainability and innovation.

The experience continues to The Tan Yard for a 3-course meal, exclusive only to the Killarney Urban Farm Tour & Taste attendees. Each of the dishes on the menu features an array of ingredients produced in Killarney

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Councillor Michael Cahill has expressed his delight that Kerry County Council has announced funding to support St Patrick's Day festivities throughout the county on their return following a two year absence due to Covid restrictions.

The Rossbeigh based Councillor had previously called on Kerry County Council to be extra generous this year in their support of these Festivals and to make them extra special for the organisers, participants, local families, visitors and the business community.

"The funds provided will support many worthwhile projects including Éigse na Brídeoige Festival in Uíbh Ráthach and the St Patrick's Day Festivals in Killarney €8,000, Killorglin €750, Cahersiveen €500, Waterville €500, Castlemaine €500 and Castleisland €1,000, events much missed



over the past two years of restrictions. These organisations do fabulous work annually but because of the recent pandemic, will require a little boost to get off the ground once more" stated Councillor Cahill, the Deputy Mayor of Kerry and Cathaoirleach of Kenmare Municipal District. "I would like to thank Martin O'Donoghue, Director of Services, Housing and Human Resources and Siobhán Griffin, Development Officer at Kerry Community & Voluntary Forum for their cooperation and understanding in making this possible" added Councillor Cahill

KELLEHER RAISES NEED FOR VAT FLEXIBILITY AT EU LEVEL TO DEAL WITH HOME HEATING OIL PRICE SURGES

"Greater flexibility must be afforded to national governments to reduce VAT rates on home heating oil by the European Union," said Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher.

Kelleher, an MEP for the Ireland South constituency, was speaking during a debate on fair taxation in the Parliament in Strasbourg.

"While taxation is usually a matter of national competence, where each government sets their own rules, the issue of VAT is dealt with as an EU competence where we have agreed rules and rates, with little flexibility, across the whole of the 27 member states.

"In the Dáil this week, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin raised the EU's Energy Directive as a barrier to reducing the cost of heating. I used my opportunity in the European Parliament to directly ask the Commission

to intervene.

"The Irish government, and indeed the governments of the other 26 Member States, need more flexibility to help ease the burden on hard pressed households who are struggling to pay for home heating oil and other fuels to heat their homes.

"Home heating oil has doubled in price in the last year, but incomes haven't. Families are now making decisions about whether they can afford to fill up their tanks or fill up their fridges.

"The EU needs to give Member States flexibility to, at the very least, reduce the VAT on these fuels. It will not completely deal with the wholesale price increases but it will help," concluded Kelleher.

KERRY CAMHS



The Deputy Mayor of Kerry, Councillor Michael Cahill has repeated his frustration at the way patients and their families have been and continue to be treated under the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service of the HSE.

"While their CEO, Paul Reid refuses to address the members of Kerry County Council, who are elected by the people of Kerry and represent these patients and their families, the HSE continue to plead that it cannot source a Consultant Psychiatrist to work in Kerry. I would query how the

remuneration package being offered relates to, say that of the CEO himself" asked Councillor Cahill.

"They also say they are 'actively recruiting for' four further posts for Kerry CAMHS which begs the question, why are these positions vacant? I don't believe sufficient resources are being made available to Kerry CAMHS to provide a proper service to the people of Kerry and this is why Paul Reid, CEO of the HSE must make himself available to answer the concerns of the members of Kerry County Council" added Councillor Cahill.

SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE MUST BE ADDRESSED

- PA DALY TD

Pa Daly, Sinn Féin TD for Kerry, has highlighted serious issues with the National Ambulance Service, citing an incident where a crash victim had to be transported to hospital by her own family as the ambulance service was taking too long.

Teachta Daly said:

"I was very concerned to hear about a recent incident where a family member had to transport a car crash victim to University Hospital Kerry themselves due to the unavailability of any ambulance.

"This person was involved in a car accident at approximately 8:30pm and suffered serious injuries. An ambulance was called and paramedics from the fire service attended.

"After waiting for 90 minutes, and having received oxygen, a family



NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE IRELAND

member was obliged to transport the patient to University Hospital Kerry directly themselves.

"Upon arrival at the hospital, they were informed that the ambulance was en route to collect the patient.

"These delays can mean the difference between life and death or life-altering injuries.

"The Minister for Health and the HSE must address the ongoing problems with the National Ambulance Service."

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Members of the 450 strong team of The Gleneagle Group gathered together in the INEC on Wednesday for the highly-anticipated Gleneagle Group Employee Awards. The awards made a welcome return after a two-year absence due to the pandemic. The Gleneagle Group Employee Awards aim to appreciate and celebrate the hard work and dedication of the whole team with nominees chosen from across 2020 and 2021. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Speaking at the ceremony Gleneagle Group CEO Patrick O'Donoghue said: "Our last Employee Awards took place back in February 2020, little did we know then what the next two years had in store. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all we achieved in this time, despite the many challenges our industry faced."

The Gleneagle Group Employee Awards aim to appreciate and celebrate the hard work and dedication of the whole team with nominees chosen from across 2020 and 2021.

The top accolades of Employee of the Year were awarded to Pat Sheehan from The Gleneagle Hotel, Leopoldina Jancarova Nyvltova from The Maritime Hotel and Aaron McCann from The Gleneagle Group.

In The Gleneagle Hotel categories Serge Nimzuk won Manager of the Year, Chido Mukambi won Best New Starter, Nora Carroll won the Leadership Award, Neda Glavis won World's Best Colleague and Con O'Connor won the Excellence in Customer Service Award. Tamir Ishmend, Teresa Collum and Rossana Guiao all received special recognition awards.

In The Maritime Hotel categories, Noel O'Donovan won Manager of the Year, Elvis Apenitis won Best New Starter, Zsuzsa Marjaiwon the Leadership Award, Roisin Daly won World's Best Colleague and Pauline Murray won the Excellence in Customer Service Award. Alan Brooks,

Philly Spillane and Krzysztof Chojna all received special recognition awards.

In The Gleneagle Group categories Orla Steinbeck won the Leadership Award and Clare Grimes won the Excellence in Customer Service Award. Fiona O'Connor, Sheena Cahill, Cariosa Fleming and the entire Call Centre team all received special recognition awards.



Gleneagle Group CEO, Patrick O'Donoghue, Gleneagle General Manager, John Doolan, Employees of the Year Gleneagle Hotel Group, Aaron McCann, Serge Nimzuk, Pat Sheehan, Leopoldina Jancarova Nyvltova, Noel O'Donovan, Elaine Dempsey, Manager Maritime Hotel. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

CASTLEMAINE ALL SET FOR THE PARADE

Castlemaine Events Committee have pulled out all the stops to ensure that their 8th St Patrick's Day Parade which takes place today, Thursday, March 17th 2022 at 11:15am is a great success.

The Parade will be led by Lord Mayor of Castlemaine Mike Flynn and The Killorglin & District Pipe Band.

As a committee we are extending an open invite to local community groups and organisations, as well as clubs, schools and businesses to take part in what is always a fantastic day of celebration and entertainment. The assembly point is Flynn's Yard, Castlemaine for all participants.

Medals will be awarded to ALL those partaking in the Parade and there will be Trophies awarded by the Judges on the Main Stage to the Best Groups/Floats. There will be Kids Entertainment on the morning of

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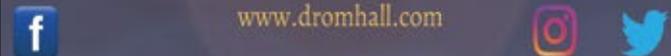
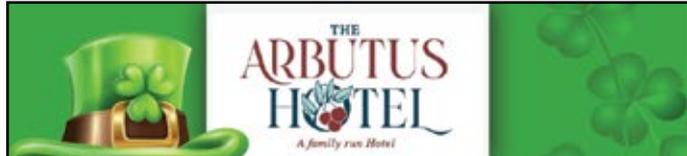
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AGM OF RETIRED NURSES ASSOCIATION KERRY BRANCH

The AGM of the Retired Nurse Association Kerry Branch will take place in the Killarney Golf and Fishing Clubhouse, Meeting Room on Tuesday 29th March 2022 commencing at 11.00am.

All members are requested to make a special effort to attend this important meeting, and to assemble at 10.30am when complimentary tea, coffee and scones will be served.

The National Secretary, Mr. Joe McGill will attend the meeting to update members on pensions and other matters.

As we emerge from the Covid Pandemic it is important that the branch plans a re-launch of the much-appreciated social activities programme and the meeting will also shed some light on this.

The Association issues an open invitation to any new members who may wish to join.

FUNDRAISERS FOR UKRAINE

A fundraising concert hosted by the Moriarty School of Music and Dance in aid of the people of Ukraine will take place on Saturday 2nd April in the Killarney Avenue Hotel commencing at 8pm. Fear an Tí for the night will be no other than the legendary Seán Ó Sé. Performers on the night include Patrick O'Sullivan along with his son Conor, Elle Marie O'Dwyer, Alan Finn and friends, Conor Moriarty and the Kilcummin Set Dancers. Tickets which will be limited are €20 per head and will be on sale at the East Avenue Hotel and from John at Kilcummin Rural Development Office. Raffle on the night. All proceeds will go to Trócaire for the Ukrainian fund. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

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TRATH NA gCEIST SCOR NA NOG FINALS 2022

The Centre Of Excellence, Currans on Friday evening last March 11th was the venue for the 2022 County Finals of Trath Na gCeist where all participating clubs throughout the County battled it out for a place to represent both their club and County at this years Munster Finals. All clubs acquitted themselves very well and after 10 rounds of six questions it was a special occasion for the Tralee Parnells, club of Donnacha Buttimer, Oisín O Sullivan, Dan Moloney and Brian Reidy who scooped 1st place and with 56 marks out of 60 they were the clear leaders on the night who afterwards were presented with their medals by Oifigeach Cultura, Criostoir O Cillín who was also Question Master for the occasion. Next stop will be the Munster Finals in Halla na Feile, Cashel, County Tipperary Sunday April 3rd at 12 noon. Na Gaeil came in second place with 46 marks and their team members were; Iarla O hAinifein, Liam Cooper, Cillian O Griffin, Fionn O Dalaigh.

UPCOMING COUNTY FINALS

With all District Boards having completed

their competitions the way is now clear for the first of our three competitions (Scor Na nOg, Under 17, Scor Sinsear for 17 years and over and Scor Na bPaisti Primary Schools level) and getting the years competitions at County level underway will be the Scor Na nOg County Finals with the Glenbeigh/Glencar Sports Hall the venue on this Sunday March 20th; with a starting time of 4 30pm. Our young members have been starved of action since March 2019 due to the pandemic and they will be all out to showcase their many talents once again. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening and a huge crowd expected; medals for both first and second with the winner in each of the seven categories going forward representing their County to the Munster Finals in Halla na Feile, Cashel, County Tipperary Sunday April 3rd. The days programme will get underway at 4 30 with; Figure Dancing opening proceedings followed by Solo Singing, Recitation, Ballad Group, Nuachleas/Novelty Act, Instrumental Music and Set Dancing in that order.



Winners of the County Scor na nOg quiz team 2022 that took place in Currans, representing Tralee Parnells are Damien Kissane, Mentor, Oisín O'Sullivan, Brian Reidy, Christy Killeen (Coiste Chiarraí Scor Officer), Donnacha Buttimer and Dan Maloney. Picture: Anne Holland.

CENTENARY COMMEMORATION TAKES PLACE THIS SUNDAY

The Centenary Commemoration of the Headford Ambush unfortunately had to be postponed last year due to Covid Restrictions. It will now go ahead this Sunday, March 20th at 3pm. The guest speaker, historian Dr Tim Horgan, will speak about the events that occurred on the 21st March, 1921, at Headford Junction. On the day there will also be a performance by some local musicians as well as a rendition of the song, 'The Headford Ambush', by Jim Kelly of Headford.

Extensive work was carried out on the Monument last year with funding provided by Kerry County Council. The Monument had originally been unveiled in 1971 but had fallen into disrepair. A local committee of Tina Healy, Liz Spillane, Seamus Moynihan, Jimmy Kelly, Derry Healy & Mike Scannell helped ensure that these works were carried out and the Monument is now looking great.

In addition to this, Iarnród Éireann have provided a new walkway to allow visitors to safely walk beside the old platform to a safe viewing point of the actual ambush site. Huge thanks goes to Niall Lynch, Infrastructure Manager Limerick Junction, Joe Johnson, Cormac Walsh, Timmy Teahan and Liam Bartlett without whom this fantastic project would not have come to fruition.

The committee who refurbished the monument in 2021: Dr. Tim Horgan (Historian), Derry Healy, Mike Scannell, Tina Healy, Liz Spillane, Seamus Moynihan and Jimmy Kelly. Picture: Seamus Healy.



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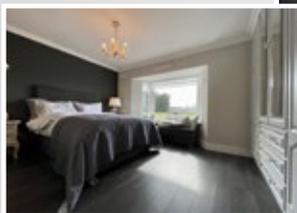
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In response to the invitation of Pope Francis to be part of the largest consultation exercise in history, St John's Parish, Tralee will be holding a listening session at the Rose Hotel, on Monday 21st March 2022 at 7.30pm. The parish is extending an invitation to everyone – whether they feel distant from the Church or are active parishioners – to come along to express their own point of view and to listen to the voices of others.

This event is part of the preparations for a 2023 Synod in Rome when bishops and Church representatives from around the world will be reflecting on how the Church can listen better to the voices of her members and respond to the challenges of the day in a way that allows people to take part more fully in the life of the Church. However, this meeting is more than about preparing a report that will be sent to Rome. Fr Bernard Healy explains that it is also about learning to “listen better” at a local level. “When Pope Francis launched this initiative last October, he made it very

clear that he wants local parishes – clergy, staff and parishioners – to be better at listening to each other in order to make decisions locally that take everyone's perspective on board. He wants everyone to get into the habit of better listening in a non-confrontational and thoughtful way. Our listening exercise is a first step in responding to that challenge.”

The parish also sees the listening exercise as being a useful opportunity to re-establish connections as COVID restrictions are unwound. After two years when many of the usual gatherings where parishioners catch up with each other have been cancelled, this will be an opportunity to catch up with fellow parishioners. Anyone is welcome to show up on the night, and further information can be found at www.stjohns.ie

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Approved Retirement Funds: You may be entitled to keep some of your money in an approved retirement fund, money can be taken from the fund to give you a regular income, usually monthly. This is subject to taxation also. Taxation at retirement is often much lower than when you are working.

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

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>2022 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Spa is open online on www.spagaa.com or the registrars will be at the clubhouse again this Wednesday March 16th from 7pm-8pm for anyone that wants to register in person (cash, card or cheque accepted). All players (senior & juvenile), Scór competitors etc must be registered before training, playing games or using the gym. *Registration deadline is March 31st*

>KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

Tickets for the Spa GAA Killarney Club 7s are now on sale online on www.killarneyclub7s.ie. Open to everyone, this will be a huge event at the Spa GAA grounds over the June Bank Holiday weekend (June 4th & 5th) with mens and ladies teams from around Ireland competing, with live music each day and a Rockshore marquee. To be in with a chance to win entry tickets and accommodation for 4 people in Killarney that weekend, visit the website and social media pages (killarneyclub7s) for details!

>CO LEAGUE RDI

Best of luck to our senior team and management as they begin their 2022 Co League campaign next Sunday March 20th against Ballymacelligott (2pm in Ballymac).

>SPA LADIES DONAL CURTIN CUP

Good luck to our Spa senior ladies this weekend in Rd1 of the Kerry LGFA Donal Curtin Cup. They play Austin Stacks this Sunday March 20th (away).

>CO MINOR LEAGUES

Spa were due to play Rathmore on Saturday in Rd2 of the Co Minor Leagues but the game was called off due to an unplayable pitch. Details of the re-fixture to be confirmed. Our minors play Ballyduff this Saturday March 19th in Rd3 (4pm in Spa).

>U14 LADIES CO LEAGUE DIVISION 5 ROUND 1

Spa U14's hosted Inbhear Sceine Geals 'b' last Friday evening. It was their first outing this year and for a few girls their first time playing a match on a full size pitch. Spa were slow to start and at the first quarter Spa were down 2 points to 1-3 but then the girls really found their stride and were a point ahead by half time with a score of 3-5 to 3-4. A big thank you to the u12 girls that helped us out on the day and contributed greatly. It was a very close and exciting game until the final quarter when the Spa girls started to tire and due to injury were down to 14 players for a lot of the second half and Spa suffered as a result. ISG 'b' came away the victors with a final score 4-5 to 8-11. Scorers for Spa were: Ciara O'Sullivan 1-01; Clodagh O'Connor 1-0; Ava Brosnan 1-03; Kirsten Kenny 1-01

>SCOR NA NOG

The East Kerry finals for Scór na nÓg were held over the weekend and Spa Set Dancers are through to compete at the county finals this Sunday March 20th (4.30pm in Glenbeigh). Scór na bPaistí will be starting soon and if any club member who is still in primary school wishes to participate in any of the disciplines, please contact Eileen Aherne on 087 9940594. Disciplines are set and figure dancing, instrumental music, solo singing, ballad group, Recitation, Léiriú and Tráth na gCéist. If any parents would like to get involved in coaching any of the above, please also contact Eileen.

>MERCHANDISE SHOP

The Spa merchandise shop (top of the stairs in reception) is open on Saturday mornings from 10am - 11am or for any enquiries or other opening times please contact Mathilda directly on 087 6487356.

>SPA AWARDS NIGHT

Tickets for our Spa Awards Night are now almost completely sold out. Last chance to purchase this Wednesday March 16th at the clubhouse reception between 7-8pm. The event takes place on Saturday March 26th at the Killarney Heights Hotel with music from Super Céilí.



Spa U14 Ladies who opened their Co League campaign against ISG 'B' on Friday



East Kerry Scór na nÓg Set Dancers from Spa GAA Club with East Kerry Board Vice-Chairman and East Kerry Scór Officer Anne Holland (picture by Seamus Healy)

>HOGAN CUP SCHOOLS FINALS

Best of luck to Donagh Fahy, Dr Gary Stack and the St Brendan's Killarney team and management in the Hogan Cup All Ireland Schools Final against Naas CBS this Thursday March 17th (2pm in Croke Park).

>KERRY LADIES

The Kerry senior ladies will play Monaghan this Sunday March 20th in the semi-final of Division 2 of the Lidl Ladies Football National League. Fixture details to be confirmed. Best of luck to coach Cassandra Buckley and the team & management.

>NATIONAL LEAGUE

Well done to Dan O'Donoghue, Dara Moynihan, Arthur Fitzgerald and the Kerry team & management on their Rd5 National League win over Mayo on Saturday night. Best of luck next Sunday March 20th against Armagh in the penultimate round (2pm at the Armagh Athletic Grounds).

>KERRY U20S

Well done to coach Niall O'Mahony and the Kerry U20 team and management on their win over Dublin last Saturday in the John Kerins Cup Final.

>SPA LOTTO

Spa lotto results 07/03/2022: Numbers drawn 13, 19, 22, 26. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to the Wickham boys, Ger Mangan, Lucy O'Mahony and Julie McGowan. Annual ticket holders monthly draw winner is Kay Dalton. This Monday's jackpot is €3,800 and tickets on sale online on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto.

>CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Spa's Andrew O'Sullivan and senior player Aisling O'Mahony who got engaged recently.

>GAA CUL CAMPS

GAA Kellogg's Cúl Camp will take place in Spa from August 1st - 5th 2022. Details to be confirmed closer to the time.

>ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 085 1216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

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Collectively, we have all been through extraordinary changes over the past few years. This maybe on top of any other personal changes that we have experienced in our life. Many people are feeling sad, off kilter, fearful and anxious about the future. However, it is now that we need to bring ourselves into the greatest balance and harmony that we can so that we can be a positive force for good.

Follow these three simple steps to help connect you with your inner harmony and peace...

- When you find yourself looking at all of the upsetting things that are happening in the world, also focus on all of the great and wonderful things that are being born from this. Look at all of the people who have opened their hearts and their homes to others. Look at the outpouring of kindness and the unity of countries and people coming together.
- Take a loving action that affirms your trust and belief in the goodness of yourself and others. It might be as simple as smiling at someone you meet during your day, offering your assistance, meditating or giving thanks for being able to be with those you love.
- Place your hand over your heart and imagine a beautiful white dove nestling just under your palm. Gently breathe in peace as you softly remove your hand from your heart area and imagine this beautiful bird flying free and spreading peace across the world.

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INJURY PREVENTION

WRITTEN BY B WELLS NEWEST TRAINER TO THE TEAM, ADAM MC MAHON

This part of the year is where many injuries can occur with many sports and activities halfway through their season and the beginning of others so the correct preparation for any physical activity is done correctly to prevent injury. Stretching correctly keeps the muscles flexible, strong, and healthy, which is needed to maintain a range of motion in the joints this reduces the risk of muscles becoming tight leading to different muscular and joint injuries. Always alternate exercise regimes as you don't want to overwork the same muscles as it can lead to overload on the muscles which leads to injury. Staying hydrated is also key for the muscles in injury prevention to prevent cramping and tightening up of the muscles. Taking into consideration all of this it is important for everyone to help themselves when it comes to taking care of yourself as you are number one priority.

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Stage 1: Background retinopathy

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Stage 2: Pre-proliferative retinopathy

More severe and widespread changes affect the blood vessels. These include more significant bleeding into the eye.

Stage 3: Proliferative retinopathy

Scar tissue and new blood vessels, which are weak and bleed easily, develop on the retina. This can result in some loss of vision. If a problem with your eyes is picked up early, lifestyle changes and treatment can stop it getting worse.

Risk of diabetic retinopathy

Anyone with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes is at risk of developing diabetic retinopathy. You're at a greater risk if you:

- have had diabetes for a long time
- have a persistently high blood glucose (blood sugar) level
- have high blood pressure
- have high cholesterol
- develop a serious illness such as sepsis or

- pneumonia
 - are pregnant
 - are of Asian or Afro-Caribbean background
- Reduce your risk of developing diabetic retinopathy or help stop it getting worse. Keep your blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol levels under control.

Symptoms of diabetic retinopathy

You will not usually notice diabetic retinopathy in the early stages. It does not tend to have any obvious symptoms until it's more advanced. Early signs of the condition can be picked up during an eye examination.

Treatments for diabetic retinopathy

Treatment is only necessary if screening detects your vision is at risk. If the condition has not reached this stage, you should continue to manage your diabetes. The main treatments for more advanced diabetic retinopathy are:

- laser treatment
- injections of medication into your eyes
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The Kilcummin GAA club fund-raising walk held in conjunction with Irish Red Cross raised a sum of 2,400 euro toward the Ukrainian Refugee Fund. On Sunday last over 100 people braved the cold wintry conditions to show help the beleaguered people of Ukraine. Pictured are Carmel O Riordan, Brid Fleming, Marie Moloney and Susan Healy

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Ingredients

- 80g dates
- 80g ground almonds
- 40g porridge oats
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons smooth peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon of honey
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 100g chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon of nutella

Topping:

Coconut flakes



Method

1. Blitz the dates in food processor, or chop on a chopping board
2. Pour all the ingredients into a large bowl and mix together.
3. Spoon out a large tablespoon of the mixture and roll into a ball.
4. Pour the coconut flakes into a bowl
5. Put the ball into the coconut flakes and roll around to coat with coconut flakes repeat for rest of the mixture

This recipe make about 12 balls

The energy balls with keep for a week in a sealed container

LISTRY

>**MILLTOWN LISTRY CCE** are calling trad fans to Faha Court on March 18th for craic agus ceol. Younger musicians invited to join in a few tunes from 7pm to 8:30pm, and all welcome from 8:30 till late. Come join in and celebrate the St. Patrick's festival as we get back to enjoying the craic agus ceol.

>**LOTTO RESULTS**

Numbers Drawn:11, 14, 24, 27. €100: Senan, Estelle, Ellie and Amelia Wrenn. €50 x 2: John Rice, Kilbonane. Colin Miller, Faha. €25 x 2: Damo Coffey, Dromin. Danny Wrenn, Lissivane East. Next Sunday Jackpot €5,250

>**EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE DIVISION 1A**

Final score in Listry Gaa pitch on Sunday 13th: Listry 0.08 Gneeveguilla 0.13

>**KERRY U20**

Congratulations to Ruairi Murphy, Kerry Team and management winners in the 2022 Joe Kerins Cup U20 Football Development League Final Dublin 1.09 Kerry 1 12 in Nenagh last Saturday 12th.

>**HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY**

Wishing all our members, players, Listry Community at home and abroad a Happy St Patricks Day

>**MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 ROUND 3**



R. Collins, Gneeveguilla Captain Jimmy O'Connor ref. Paudie Lehane, Listry Captain at East Kerry League Division 1 A

U17 Keel/Listry V Kenmare Shamrocks on Saturday 19th at 4pm in Listry Gaa Grounds.

>**SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND 1**

Listry V Laune Rangers on Thursday 17th March at 1pm in Listry Gaa Grounds. Please come and support.

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

GLENFLESK

>**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

A reminder for everyone that membership for 2022 is now due for renewal and can be paid online via the Clubforce link below: https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp... Any queries please contact James Furlong, Club Treasurer.

>**MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE RD 3**

Sat 19 March @ 4pm Glenflesk V Moyvane in Glenflesk Best wishes team and management.

>**SENIOR FOOTBALL DIVISION 3 RD 1**

Senior Football Division 3 Rd. 1 @ 2 00 PM March 20th. Renard v Glenflesk in Renard Referee: Brendan Twiss. Best wishes team and management.

Senior Football Division 5. Glenflesk take on Asdee in Rd.1 at Glenflesk 2pm on March 20th. Best wishes to Team and management.

>**LOTTO**

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place tonight 07/03/22 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €6,400. The numbers drawn were 3, 4, 10, 15. There was no winner. Consolation prizes of €50 each to: 1. Edward O'Connor, Droum. 2. Headford PO (Sellers' Prize). 3. Mary Cahill (Yearly Ticket). 4. Mike and Mish O' Donoghue (Yearly Ticket). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 21/03/22. Jackpot will be €6,600. Tickets can be bought online at: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor

>**HOGAN CUP FINAL**

Masita GAA Post Primary Schools Hogan Cup (Senior A Football) Thursday 17 March 2022 Final - Páirc an Chrócaigh St Brendans Killarney v Naas CBS @2pm Referee: Paul Faloon. Best of luck to all our Glenflesk players involved; Killian O'Sullivan, Luke Crowley, Cian Lynch, John Kelliher, Jack

O'Donoghue and Micheal Mullane.

>**GLENFLESK SENIOR LADIES**

Our Senior Ladies are in division 4 of this years Donal Curtain Cup, fixtures are as follows: Rd1 March 20th: Glenflesk vs Rathmore B (away). Rd2 April 10th: Glenflesk vs Southern Gaels B (away). Rd3 April 24th: Glenflesk vs Dingle (home). Rd4 May 8th: Glenflesk vs Beale (away). Rd5 May 15th: Glenflesk vs Kerins O Rahilly's (home). Rd6 May 22nd: Glenflesk vs St Pats (home). Rd7 June 26th: Glenflesk vs John Mitchell's (away)

>**GILES CUP**

Congratulations to Emma Dineen & MIC, Giles Cup winners on a final scoreline of: MIC 3-08 TUD 1-09

>**CUL CAMP 2022**

Glenflesk Cul Camp will take place From July 11th to July 15th.

>**EAST KERRY SCOR NA NOG**

East Kerry Scor na nog took place in Fossa on Saturday last. There was a great air of excitement in the Hall with a large attendance of supporters from all the local clubs. Glenflesk again took the award for Best overall Club. Eabha Healy accepted the shield from East Kerry Scor Officer Ann Holland and Vice Chairman John Dineen. We had winners in the recitation, (Gobnait Ní Chróinín). Ballad Group, (Máirín Ní Dhonnchú, Aoise Ní Dhonnchú, Eilis Ní Mhaoláin, Muireann Ní hEalaithe & Gobnait Ní Chróinín). Instrumental Music, (Gráinne Níc hAingleoint ,Cailín Níc hAingleoint, Oilibhín Níc hAingleoint, Séan Mac Aingleoint & Breandán Béir). Congratulations to all who took part and best wishes to all going on to the County Finals on Sunday.

Written by: Seamus Healy

BEAUFORT

>**FIXTURE**

Good luck to Beaufort senior men who will be home to Annascaul, Thursday, 17th at 1pm in rnd 1, div 2, Co League.

Division 6B team home to Gneeveguilla, Sunday, 20th at 2pm also in round 1.

Minor men home to Fossa, Sat, 19th at 4pm in rnd 3, Co League.

Senior Ladies scheduled away to Corca Dhuibhne, Sunday 20th in round 1, Donal Curtin Cup.

>**GOOD LUCK** to Mikey Moriarty, St Brendan's College team and management in the Hogan Cup Post Primary Schools senior final against Naas CBS on Thursday, 17th March at 2pm in Croke Park.

>**CONGRATULATIONS** to Seán O'Brien and Jack O'Connor on their success in the John Kerins, Under 20 Cup final last weekend.

Seán also captained the Kerry team which defeated Dublin in the final. Congratulations to our senior Ladies, Fiadhna Tangney, Hannah O'Donoghue and Tara Breen on winning their College finals at the weekend. Fiadhna was also captain of the UL team which won the

O'Connor Cup Colleges final.

>**LOTTO**

Next draw for jackpot of €7,000 will be on Sunday, 20th March. Tickets available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

>**MEMBERSHIP**

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Payment can be made online on: www.foireann.ie or www.beaufortgaa.ie If you want to pay by cash, please contact Patie at 087 2515311 for information and a membership form.

>**WIN A HOUSE IN KILLARNEY WITH KERRY GAA**

Kerry GAA is having a fundraising draw with first prize of a house in Killarney. There are also monthly prizes until the main draw for all purchased tickets. Tickets are €100 and can be purchased at www.kerrygaa.ie. Tickets also available in the Club from Neil Doherty at 087 2114059

By Bridget Hartnett

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KILCUMMIN

>FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

A fundraising concert hosted by the Moriarty School of Music and Dance in aid of the people of Ukraine will take place on Saturday 2nd April in the Killarney Avenue Hotel commencing at 8pm. Fear an Tí for the night will be no other than the legendary Seán Ó Sé. Performers on the night include Patrick O’Sullivan along with his son Conor, Elle Marie O’Dwyer, Alan Finn and friends, Conor Moriarty and the Kilcummin Set Dancers. Tickets which will be limited are €20 per head and will be on sale at the East Avenue Hotel and from John at Kilcummin Rural Development Office. Raffle on the night. All proceeds will go to Trócaire for the Ukrainian fund. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

>KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kerry CCÉ will hold a church gate collection on the weekend 26th & 27th of March in aid of the County Fleadh. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

>PRE SCHOOL OPERATOR AT KILCUMMIN NS

The Board of Management of Kilcummin National School, subject to the agreement of the Patron and Trustees, intends making part of the school premises available for the provision of pre-school services by an independent, external, third-party operator. The successful applicant will be granted a licence to use a section of the school premises for specified days and times for a period of one school year and shall be responsible for the independent operation of the facility and the employment of all staff in the facility. The arrangement will be subject to a number of terms and conditions. Interested parties should in the first instance submit a written expression of interest, made by post and addressed to the Chairperson of the Board of Management of Kilcummin National School, Kilcummin, Killarney, Co. Kerry, no later than 4.00 pm on Friday, April 1st, 2022. Further information will issue to all parties that submit an expression of interest. If any interested party has an objection to the proposal to make the school premises available to an independent, external, third-party pre-school operator, such objections should be (i) made in writing; (ii) sent by post addressed to the Trustees of Kilcummin National School, C/O Chairperson of the Board of Management of Kilcummin National School, Kilcummin, Killarney, Co. Kerry; and (iii) reach the school by 4.00 pm on Friday, April 1st, 2022. Any such submissions must be made on objective grounds.

>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care continues every Tuesday from 10.45 to 1.00pm at the GAA Club house. New members are always welcome. For more information please contact the Rural Development Office 064 6643357.

>CENSUS 2022

Census 2022 is taking place on Sunday 3rd April. Census enumerators are calling to every home in your area to deliver census forms from now up to census date. Enumerators can help with any queries that you may have. Visit the website census.ie for more information and our contact details if you wish to contact the census office. Please ask to see their ID badge when they call. Census enumerators will not enter your home. The census is carried out by the Central Statistics Office.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

Minor Co League Fixture Kilcummin v Laune Rangers Saturday 19th March 4pm in Kilcummin

>LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 28th February 2022 of the Jackpot for €4,500. Numbers drawn were 4,6,9,18. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Margaret Brosnan, Mastergeeha; Helen Healy, Knockancore (online); William Herlihy, 81 Woodlawn Park; Seamus O’Sullivan, Barradubh Village. Next Draw is Monday 14th March 2022, for a Jackpot of €4,750.

>UKRAINE FUND RAISER

Ukraine fund-raiser held in conjunction with Irish Red Cross realised €2,400. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed.

>HOGAN CUP

Hogan Cup Best wishes to our club players involved with St Brendans College in the Hogan Cup (all Ireland) final.

>GOLF CLASSIC

Kilcummin GAA golf classic is scheduled for April 30th in Kenmare. More information to follow.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

There was no Jackpot winner on Friday 11th March. Numbers drawn were 8,12,17,19. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Tina Aherne, c/o John Lenihan, Kilcummin; Eileen, Jimmy & James Devane, Mastergeeha, David Myers, On Line, Danny O’Donoghue, Kanturk. Next Draw is Friday 18th March. Jackpot will be €3,000.

Written by: John Moriarty

RATHMORE GNEEVGUILLA

>GNEEVGUILLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SHARE THE BUCKET

Night 1 of our Ukraine Appeal and Pat Brosnan is the lucky winner of €500. Congratulations Pat and thanks for supporting our fundraiser. Guaranteed jackpot of €500 weeks in aid of the Ukraine appeal. Every cent raised going to the Red Cross Ukraine appeal.

>RATHMORE GAA LOTTO

Many Yearly tickets due for renewal now. Those who pay in full for a yearly ticket will be entered into two special draws the first on April 18th for a cash prize of €1,000 and a second draw on July 18th with a prize of two All Ireland Tickets plus two return train tickets and one nights accommodation at a city centre hotel.

Tickets can be purchased from our Lotto Officers Donal O’Connor, Kieran O’Keefe or George O’Keefe. Payment can be made by cash or cheque. Also see social media for further updates & information on yearly ticket renewal.

>RATHMORE GAA ASTRO TURF is back after Covid and bookings for the Astro turf are filling up fast. Open Monday to Friday, 7-8, 8-9 & 9-10pm. Ring Noreen for best rates @ 087 1144100 Good rates for Birthday parties.

>DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Rathmore GAA Club presents “Make Up Master Class” at the Wallis Arms Millstreet on Friday April 1st Ideal Mother’s day (March 27th) present Tickets from The Wash Basket or contact Emma on 0879004101. See Facebook & Twitter.

>TUREENCAHILL COMMUNITY GROUP

As you know Ukraine is under fierce attack at present with horrendous consequences for its people. Many thousands are fleeing to neighbouring countries. Irina is one of our fitness instructors here at the centre who comes from the Ukraine. Irina provides Tai Chi classes and previously held Yoga classes. Irina has family and friends in the Ukraine. If you would like to help please contact Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal on 01 6424600 or to donate click on the following link: <https://www.redcross.ie/latest-appeals/ukraine-crisis-appeal/?fbclid=IwAR3-JT6ojdKDuclrNY69Od9-tkaPdlhEmF0mYSMROCShYd2Uj84q83X8sU>. You can also donate to the IRC appeal for Ukraine on your Revolut or Paypal App.

>NOTES

if you would like to add to the notes please email Michael O’Mahony (momahony14@gmail.com) or ring or text 087-6676817. Before 6pm

By Michael O’Mahony



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**Statement by Cllr Marie Moloney
Mayor of Killarney**

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As Mayor of Killarney and Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy St Patrick's Day and want to extend a huge welcome to all our visitors from overseas and to those who have travelled from within Ireland. It has now been three years since our last St Patrick's Day Festival and parade. We are just emerging from two very difficult years due to the pandemic, however I would urge people to still be cautious as Covid 19 is still around and people are still contracting the disease and to do what is comfortable with them to stay safe. With that being said it is great to see things returning to some normality.

We look forward to the celebrations of St Patrick's Day, the parade promises to be as big and as colourful as ever. We also have a number of visitors who have come to march with us some from overseas. It will be great to see the children back on the streets, those participating in the Parade and those who have come out with their parents to watch and enjoy.

I want to thank the St Patrick's Day committee for their extremely hard work to make this year's festival a reality and I also want to invite the people of Rathmore who unfortunately could not go ahead with their parade last Sunday to come and join us in the Killarney parade this year.

People will have noticed by now that the town has lit up in green to celebrate the joy of being Irish so come out everyone and enjoy the celebrations and the extended Bank Holiday Weekend.

*Wishing everybody as safe and very happy St Patrick's Day.
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LOTTO 04/03/2022: No winner of our lotto draw 04/03/2022, numbers drawn were 4, 12, 13 & 19. Sellers prize winner Mairead Carmody. €50 Y/T prize winner Tom Fleming Scartaglin, €50 to Mary O' Sullivan Scartaglin, €40 each to Timmy Brosnan Turrenamult, Jerry Dwyer Kilcummin & Malachy Scannell Clonkeen. Bonus not won, numbers drawn were 4, 12, 13 & 19. Next week's jackpot €4,600 plus €1,000 bonus.

LOTTO 10/03/2022: No winner of our lotto jackpot draw 10/03/2022, numbers drawn were 7, 9, 25 & 28. Sellers prize winner Danny O' Sullivan, €50 y/t prize winner Tadhg Collins Gneeveguilla, €50 to Derry O' Sullivan Cue Club Killarney, €40 to Eugie O' Leary Leam, Tommie Brosnan Bounard & Gerard O' Connor Lisheen. Bonus not won numbers drawn were 2, 12, 23 & 26. Next week's jackpot €4,800 plus €1,000 bonus.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Well done to our KVAC distance crew Oisín Lynch, Ted O'Gorman, Jason O'Reilly and William Lyons who were part of St. Brendan's College Schools Team which finished 8th in the Intermediate Boys Cross Country National Finals in Belfast last Saturday.

The Athletics Ireland U20 & U23 National Indoor Championships was held in Dublin last weekend. Congratulations to Ciara Kennelly on her silver medal for the U23 High Jump and also to Jordan Lee who came 2nd and equalled his indoor PB with a jump of 1.90 in the U23 High Jump. Well done also to John O'Connor who came 2nd in his 200m heat with a new PB of 23.37secs.

There are still some spaces left on our Kids Easter Fun Multi activity Camp which can be booked online via our website. The camp is open to both members and non-members ages 5-12.

Email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com for any queries.

MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

MUCKCROSS HOR

It has been a long hiatus for our own Muckcross Head event, but the current weather forecast suggests that we are in for a great day of rowing on Saturday at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. The Muckcross Head Of the River has received over 360 entries from 17 rowing clubs across three provinces. This weekend will see rowers converge for the 3km time trial for the first time since December 2018. Weather conditions forced the cancellation of the event in both 2019 and 2021 while the 2020 staging fell victim to the pandemic and lockdown. We are very grateful to all our members and supporters who have offered their time to volunteer at the event and look forward to seeing you all there. A reminder to everyone to wrap up well for the cold but calm conditions!

REGATTA SEASON

The Muckcross Head will bring the flatwater season of time trials to a close for 2022 with



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club Killarney monthly competition sponsored by Randles Bros were front from left, Mark Rohan, Mike O'Donoghue presenting first prize to Donnagh Crowley, captain of winning team and John McCarthy. Standing from left are Mike Crowley (Chairman), Jack Moran, Rob O'Sullivan, Arthur Murphy, Tim O'Leary, Matt Fleming and Brendan Coughlin. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

regattas kicking off in April and through the summer months. The Neptune and Commercial Regattas will be held in Islandbridge, Dublin on the first weekend of April while Skibbereen RC will host a 1km regatta for junior crews at Drinagh lake on Sunday 10 April. Coaches will be in contact with crews regarding the club's attendance at upcoming events.

BADMINTON

The Kerry badminton division 2 and 4 doubles championship was held in Tralee Sports Complex on Friday March 11th.

The division 4 women final saw Adele O'Brien and Aoife Bowler take the win over Sonia Smith and Jessica Galvin in two sets with a score of 21-13 and 21-6

The division 4 men final went to three sets with Brendan Carroll and Mike Lucid playing against Mike O'Shea and Alvin Rahman. Mike and Alvin took the first game 21-19 but Brendan and Mike came back with a win of 21-14 and 21-9.

Jack McElligott and Ethan Tritschler played against Aidan McCarthy and Brendan McGovern in the mens division 2 final. Jack and Ethan beat Aidan and Brendan 21-13 in the first game and a very close 21-17 in the second game.

The match of the night had to be the division 2 ladies doubles. Sam Hayes and Helen Browne played together against Deina Vesko and Jeab Workman. Deina and Jeab won the first set 21-17 but Sam and Helen weren't going to let that stop them and came back to win the second set 21-19. The third set was as close as could be and all four women played brilliantly but Deina and Jeab just came out on top with a win of 27-25

Well done to everyone that played on Friday night and congratulations to all our championship winners.

Thank you to Lee Strand and CPC.ie for their continuous support for the Kerry Badminton Association.

KILLARNEY RFC NOTES

U16 GIRLS THROUGH TO MUNSTER CUP FINAL

A huge congrats to our U16's girls who triumphed over a very strong Ennis side in Ennis yesterday in the U16 Girls Munster Cup semi final. Following on from their U16 league win, the girls now face Shannon in 2 two weeks time to create history and win the double! Very well done to the girls, coaches and team management.

MINIS ENJOY TRIP TO TRALEE

Last Saturday our Minis enjoyed a trip to O'Dowd park for matches at all ages. Some wonderful rugby on display by our teams and the coaches were very, very proud of the hard work done by their charges on the day. Thanks to all at Tralee for the fantastic games and hospitality. Training as normal this Saturday at Aghadoe.

RESULTS

U16 Girls: Ennis 0 - 10 Killarney

U18 Boys: Killarney 12 - 22 Old Crescent

Seniors: Killarney 15 - 24 Castleisland

FIXTURES:

U14 Girls: Waterpark V Killarney, Friday @ 1pm

U18 Girls: Waterpark V Killarney, Sunday @ 12pm

Seniors: Douglas V Killarney, Sunday @ 2:30pm

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL

SENIOR NEWS Basketball Ireland National League Div 1

Killarney Cougars 88 IT Carlow Basketball 79

A thrilling finish to a very entertaining National League Div 1 game saw the Killarney Cougars season the finish on a high note to overcome IT Carlow at the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening in a game Sponsored by Aghadoe Physiotherapy Clinic Killarney.

As both teams were going all out for the win it produced great entertainment with Cougars having to come from behind in the last quarter

having led for most of the game. The visitors were quickly on the board to lead 4-0 with Nate Shafer and Armand Vailkuls on target but two quick scores had Cougars in front with a two and a big three pointer by Mark O'Shea to excite the home support. Cougars took the quarter 17-12 with three pointers by Rich Dunham and Tommy Bowler as Cougars grew in confidence a massive second quarter saw the teams offence play saw the teams sharing 54 points with Cougars holding the advantage 47-36 with Conor Flynn and Rich Dunham scoring some big scores in an exciting spell. The visitors continued their revival early in the final quarter as IT Carlow had good momentum to take the lead with Mateo Plaza Reino hitting three big threes coming off the bench. Cougars were struggling with foul trouble leading to Andrew Fitzgerald and Patrick O'Regan all leaving the game with 5 fouls. But the big home support played its part as Cougars regrouped and responded with the introduction of Jack Lynch who added with a big basket too give new energy to the team and begin the revival and two threes by Mark O'Shea saw Cougars lead restored. The game was on the line with both sides going for the win the sides were tied again at 76 76 with just over two minutes remaining but Cougars were to finish the stronger in the closing stages with an MVP performance by Rich Dunham who was in top form with 8pts down the stretch as IT

Carlow had no answer as Cougars took the win with a thrilling finish to complete the season on a good run of form at the Presentation Gym. The Cougars finish the season on a good run of form with the team recording three consecutive home wins with IT Carlow the Conference runners up presenting tough challenge which the Cougars met with one of their best performances as the club can now look forward to next season with confidence. The club appreciates the generous support of our Gameday Sponsor Aghadoe Physiotherapy Clinic Killarney. Best for Cougars on this occasion were Conor Flynn, Jack Lynch, Mark O'Shea and Rich Dunham with American Nate Shafer in top form for the visitors. Top scorers Killarney Cougars Rich Dunham. 49, Mark O'Shea. 20, Conor Flynn 10. IT Carlow Basketball Nate Shafer 27, **JUVENILE NEWS KERRY AIRPORT LEAGUES.** U12 Boys Killarney Cougars 35 Kenmare Kestrels 23 Killarney Cougars travelled to Kenmare on Sunday morning and secured the win with a strong third quarter in an entertaining game with the Kestrels. Cougars led 18-13 at halftime thanks to good scores by Eoin Bennett, Mark Bowler and Setanta Hurley. Cougars had a big third quarter

to lead 28-15 going into the last quarter and finished the game strong with Luke Clancy and Callum Cox finishing some good scores despite a good effort by the Kenmare boys. Top scorers Cougars Luke Clancy 12pts, Callum Cox 11pts **U16 BOYS** St Annes 42 Killarney Cougars. 31 A good game saw St Annes take the points in Farrenfore on Sunday afternoon in a well contested game with little between the side's Cougars produced a strong effort with St Annes making home advantage count as they finished the stronger in the closing minutes. Top scorers..... Cougars Andi Casthasaigh 18. **U18 GIRLS** Killarney Cougars 44 Tralee Imperials 31 A strong first quarter by the Cougars laid the foundations for the win over Tralee Imperials at the Presentation Gym. Cougars led throughout the game proving to be strong on this occasion for the visitors. Best for Cougars were Chloe McCarthy, Aimee Coffey, Thi Que Kennedy and Olivia Gaffey. Top scorersCougars, Olivia Gaffey 16 Aimee Coffey 13 For the latest information follow us on Facebook or go to our website www.killarneycougars.com

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GARVEY'S TRALEE WARRIORS 81

Garvey's Tralee Warriors will take on UCD Marian in the Super League playoff quarter final in Tralee next weekend following the final round of Conference games over the weekend. Defeat to C&S Neptune on Saturday night mattered little as the final standings in the South Conference were already determined ahead of the game. What wasn't known was the final order of the first four of the North Conference following the dramatic withdrawal of Belfast Star owing to an 'inadvertent error' made by the club in registering their outstanding player this season Max Cooper altered the final standings. The fallout from the Belfast withdrawal is that C&S Neptune are set to face Killester, DBS Éanna will host NUIG Maree and Griffith College Templeogue travel to play Tradehouse Central Ballincollig next weekend.

To the action on the court and C&S Neptune were into their stride straight away racing to a 13-3 lead early on after Nils Sabata opened their account followed by two threes from Alex Tarradellas and one from Richaud Gittens with the Warriors response limited to an effort from outside from Darragh O'Hanlon. The Warriors chipped away at the Neptune lead through Nikola Roso, Keelan Crowe, Daniel Jokubaitis, Fergal O'Sullivan, and Brandon Cotton but Neptune would finish the quarter as they started it with another run of threes from Gittens, Miles Washington and Scott Hannigan to extend their comfortable lead to 29-18 at the end of the first quarter.

Two threes from Roso and Aaron Calixte cut the Neptune gap early in the second quarter, but the hosts looked much more in tune and Cian Heaphy and Washington combined to push the lead out to 12. The impressive Sabata hit two scores before Gittens added his second three to edge Neptune further ahead but baskets from Calixte, Roso and Elksnis kept the Warriors just about in touch. The Tralee side got into foul trouble and Sabata made five trips to the line and fortunately for the Warriors shot just 5 from 10 but his side still led 52-36 at the long break.

The Warriors dug deep in the third to stay in the contest and a hat trick of threes from O'Hanlon, Calixte and Eoin Quigley brought the hosts back within range. But Neptune responded with a major score from Washington followed by another from inside from Sabata and a huge trademark dunk from Heaphy to maintain their double-digit lead. Keelan Crowe found the target from distance to keep the Warriors revival going but the momentum shifted back to Neptune when Gittens fired in a three following the lead of his player coach Colin O'Reilly and was on the mark again with a contested buzzer beater that the officials allowed to stand that left the Cork side with a 72-59 as the sides headed into the final quarter.

The Warriors to their credit embarked an impressive scoring run in the final quarter to

keep their hopes of an unlikely win alive. Five consecutive threes from Calixte, O'Hanlon, Fergal O'Sullivan and Jokubaitis with two had the Warriors bench on their feet as they cut the gap to 82-74 with 2 minutes left on the clock. However the Warriors late run was halted when Sabata fired in and then profited from a turnover to lay up uncontested to steady the Neptune ship. It was left to Cian Heaphy to underline the score line with a three for Neptune right on the final buzzer.

Next up for Garvey's Tralee Warriors is the last chance for the Warriors faithful fans to see them in action in Tralee this season when they host UCD Marian in the SuperLeague playoff quarter final at the Tralee Sports Complex on Saturday night with tip off at 7.30pm.

KABB KERRY AIRPORT ACTION

Girls' Round-Up: The u12 Girls Division 3 Group A clash was the all St Colman's battle of the Ravens and the Sparks with the former winning narrowly 26-22.

As expected every ball was fought hard for by the club mates but the Ravens were the first to get their offence going and led 8-0. But the Sparks hit back to trail by just one basket at the half 10-8.

However the Ravens offence again got on top of the Sparks defence and they went 22-10 up going into the final quarter. The Sparks showed great spirit and cut the deficit to two points inside the last minute. However a late Ravens basket saw them take the four point win.

For the Ravens Meabh Kennedy led the scoring on 10 points followed by Lauren O'Sullivan on 8 and Ciara McLure on 4 while for the Sparks Leah McCarthy and Katie Bell both hit 8 and Aisling Quirke 4.

In the same age group Kenmare Kestrels held on to defeat St Mary's 18-13 thanks to a strong defensive effort in the final quarter. They held St Mary's scoreless while they added four to take the game.

Molly O'Regan and Nessa McAuliffe opened the scoring for the home side while Sadbh O'Mahony and Adele O'Sullivan hit back for the Kestrels to level matters a 4 each at the end of the first quarter. St Mary's opened a three point gap in the second period to lead 11-8 by the Kenmare girls took the third quarter by 4 to open a 1 point lead. And they came out on the right side in the fourth quarter after a great battle by both sets of players.

For St Mary's Molly O'Regan hit 7 and Adrianna Zebrowska 4 while Adele and Emma O'Sullivan both ended on 4 points for the Kestrels.

The u14 Girls Division 2 clash of St Mary's and Ballybunion Wildcats was a tight affair for most of the game with the Castleisland side proving the stronger in the second half.

St Mary's led by 9 points to 6 at the end of the first quarter but the Wildcats won an exciting second quarter 15-12 to leave the sides tied at 21 points each at the half.

St Mary's offence was now on top and they were 8 points better in the third quarter and pushed on to take the win.

For St Mary's Clara Kerins and Rasha Dolata both ended with 11 and Chloe O'Donoghue hit 8. Clodhna Buckley and Abbie Elbell both hit 8

for the Wildcats followed by Aoife Moriarty on 7.

TK Bobcats 16's have been crowned Division 1 champions after a hard fought 43-36 point win over Tralee Imperials. Imperials made the better start and led 12-5 and were still ahead at the break leading by 5 points 23-18.

The Tralee side were able to keep the Bobcats at bay in the third quarter and were 34-27 up with the last period to play. But the Bobcats came back strongly and went 1 point ahead 35-34 inside the last three minutes. A strong showing from Laura Sugrue who hit 9 in the final period set the Bobcats up for the win.

Boys' Round-Up: In the u12 Boys Division 2 Kenmare Kestrels overcame a slow first quarter start to defeat St Mary's 33-25. The Castleisland side were 7-2 up at the end of the first period but the Kenmare boys took over in quarters two and three. Kevin Touhy was giving the St Mary's defence lots of problems hitting 15 of their 19 points in the second period.

Brian McShane was doing his best to keep St Mary's in touch but they trailed 21-13 at the half and they pushed on to lead 29-15 going into the final period.

St Mary's tried hard in the final quarter to close the gap but the gap proved to be just too wide to close.

For Kenmare Kestrels Kevin Touhy hit 19, Noel O'Neill 6 and Ronan Hussey 4 while for St Mary's Emmet Hickey ended with 8 followed by Brian McShane and Charlie Tarrant on 6 each and Sean Kerin 4.

In the u14 Boys Division 1 St Brendan's defeated St Anne's 48-40 in a game that could have gone either way until the visitors finished the stronger.

For St Brendan's Gearoid White ended with 18 points followed by Ryan Sheehy hit 12 and Paddy Lucid 8 while Pdraig O'Sullivan top scored for St Anne's with 11 followed by John Henderson on 10 and Anthony Cremins who shot 6.

Staying with the same age group and in the u14's Division 3 St Paul's made the trip to Rathmore Ravens a winning one taking the game on a 25-20 point score line. The Killarney side led 10-4 at the end of the first quarter and were 13-8 up at the half. The Ravens fought back in the final quarter which they won by 3 points but it wasn't enough as St Paul's took the victory.

For St Paul's Mikey Moroney top scored with 12 points followed by Cillian O'Leary on 5 and Morgan O'Brien on 4.

SCOTTS LAKERS SAVE THE BEST

UNTIL LAST

SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS 99

IT CARLOW 72

Considering the opposition and the task in hand it could be argued that the Lakers definitely saved the best till last as the performance, especially in the first half, was their most complete of the season and any thoughts IT Carlow had of a hospitable stay in the Kingdom were certainly put to bed in a devastating 20 minutes of basketball. Playing on the Friday night of the last weekend of the regular season the Lakers knew that only a win



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OUTLOOK BASKETBALL

would keep them in the play off conversation and they set upon their task with great gusto and determination. In a direct opposite to last weekend's victory over Killarney Cougars, everything the Lakers touched turned to gold and the normally clinical Midlanders were left reeling as they found themselves on the back foot straight from the tip off.

The Carlow side started solidly enough as Nate Schafer attempted to set the tone with some spectacular basketball but Paul Clarke was having none of it as he set the Lakers response in motion with some nice baskets. It goes without saying that Godwin Boahen would start exerting his influence on proceedings and so he did with a big three pointer. Emilian Grudov followed suit as did David Gleeson while Schafer ploughed his furrow with some help from Kevin Donohue and Ben Kelly Flynn. Boahen put the Lakers 21-12 ahead and the capacity attendance were then treated to an exhibition of shooting as five three pointers were shared between the sides, Boahen with two and Bencic with one for the Lakers while Irish underage International Jack Kehoe responded for the visitors to leave the score at 32-20 to the Lakers.

Carlow started the second quarter intent on eating into the Lakers advantage and Eoin Hackett certainly carried his weight hitting three quick fire three pointers but Boahen, Grudov and the increasingly influential Marco Bencic were having none of it as they shared 26 points between them and Rui Saravia got in on the act as well to guide the Lakers to a 60-39 half time lead.

Not surprisingly and understandably the Lakers scoring rate dropped in the third quarter but they still outscored Carlow with Rui Saravia leading the way and the reliable duo of Boahen and Grudov chipping away. Kehoe was still getting joy from behind the three point line but the zonal defence of the Lakers and the physicality of Mark O Shea and David Gleeson meant they got little joy inside. This helped the Lakers to stretch their lead out to twenty-four points ,77-53 at the three quarters stage.

With the wind to their backs there was little chance that the Lakers would let their huge advantage slip and so it proved as Jamie O'Sullivan had a productive final quarter, nailing six points, and Grudov used his dexterity to great effect to add to his burgeoning total. Coach Lee had the added luxury of running his bench and Lorcan Keane and Daniel Carroll got some well deserved court time as Bencic hit another three to contribute a season high 18 points. The Vaikuls brothers, Armand and Roland, battled away for IT Carlow but their race was run and Senan O'Leary put the icing on the cake to give the Lakers a 99-73 victory. The game was also notable for the inclusion of the latest young guns from the St Paul's Academy as teenagers Brian and TJ O Sullivan and Eoin Carroll were part of the teams match day plans.

With both Limerick sides, the Celtics and the Eagles ,occupying 3rd and 4th place this win saw the Lakers leapfrog, albeit temporarily, into a play off berth. The Eagles had a routine win over Waterford IT Vikings on Saturday evening

and this secured their play off berth. So all was down to the Limerick Celtics/Fr Matthews clash. The Cork side knew a comprehensive win would swing the play off odds in their favour and they duly obliged with a 90-76 victory. What this meant was Scotts Lakers, Limerick Celtics and Fr Matthews were all tied in the table.

Basketball Ireland interestingly don't differentiate position by points difference in the case of a three way-tie, instead using the head to head between the sides. When all this was taken into account the Lakers agonisingly came up short with Fr Matthews clinching the final play off berth by a hair's breadth. This meant huge disappointment for the Lakers but they can look back on their season with great satisfaction.

For a side whose average age was 22, they defeated every team in the conference bar one, UCC Blue Demons, and remained unbeaten at home in the final three months of the season. When the Club decided to embark on a policy of nurturing young talent it was to lay a foundation and certainly those young players now belong in National League Basketball. This season has been a huge stepping stone for the Club and the support from the people of Killarney is very much appreciated. Scotts Lakers are one of the best supported teams in the whole country and this gives the young squad a huge boost.

Coach Jarlah Lee had two hats on after the weekends action.

"Obviously we didn't make the playoffs, it was always the teams goal to make it. The whole team is gutted but I am super happy the way we finished the season."

On the Carlow win he added "We played a complete game and we showed our quality in a dominant first half display and the experience weve picked up all season to kill the game off. Our goal was to be competitive this year but next season we will be pushing for the top of the league."

"The Club committee headed by Paul Sheehan and Padraig Weldon put in so much work as do my coaching team (son Jordan Lee, Adrian Flynn and Theresa O Neill) so its important we build on this momentum and keep progressing." He thanked the fans " they are superb, even coming from Milltown where I coach an U14 team" and finally the players who have great throughout the year.

"We have some young elders ,Paul Clarke and Mark O Shea at 24 years old, complimenting the young lads. David, Jamie, Senan are great young players with the right attitude and the Club Academy is also producing some real prospects. Rui Saravia has been very important and our two signings Godwin and Emilian have been superb off the court and around the community ,helping with coaching in schools and are a credit to the club."

WATERFORD WILDCATS TAKE THE WIN

It was Waterford Wildcats who took the win when they travelled to Castleisland to take on Team Garvey's St. Mary's last evening. It was

always going to be a mammoth task for the St. Mary's girls who lined out with just six players. Rheanne O'Shea, opened the scoring hitting an early basket and added two more from the line. Lorraine Scanlon added another before the visitors registered their first score of the game through Rachel Thomson.

Waterford hit several unanswered scores and went ahead by 10 but Team Garvey's made a huge come back as the quarter progressed. A three from Rheanne O'Shea accompanied by baskets from Paris McCarthy and Meabh Barry saw them reduce the gap to three points by the end of the first quarter.

Waterford increased the gap early in the second quarter but Emma Sherwood, assisted by Meabh Barry, brought it back once again but Waterford's defence was strong and Rachel Thompson was on fire for her side. Denise Dunlea and Paris McCarthy both made contributions for their side but at the half time interval Team Garvey's trailed, 28 points to Waterford's 43. Rachel Thompson had netted 22 points for Waterford in this half while Rheanne O'Shea was on 12 for St. Mary's. Wildcats continued to build on their lead throughout the third quarter. St Mary's were unlucky in that they put up some great outside shots but could not get them to fall. The pace of the game was fast, this continued into the final quarter and with just six players to choose from this was tough on the Castleisland side and Waterford went on to take the win.

Final Score: Team Garvey's St. Mary's 49 WIT Waterford Wildcats 71

Team Garvey's St. Mary's play the last game of the season this coming Sunday in Carlow. Tip off at the Barrow Centre is at 2pm.

TEAM GARVEYS FINISH ON A WIN

Team Garvey's St. Mary's finished the Superleague season with a win on the road at the weekend. I.T. Carlow got off to a strong start, they hit four threes in the first quarter. Rheanne O'Shea and Lorraine Scanlon were in fine shooting form for St. Mary's who finished the quarter just six points behind on a score-line of 24 points to 18.

A spread of scores from Team Garvey's saw them match their first quarter score and good defence resulted in holding Carlow to just six points. It was the outstanding third quarter performance that sealed the win for Team Garvey's, all team members playing superbly. Three's came from Paris McCarthy, Denise Dunlea and Rheanne O'Shea, while Lorraine Scanlon, Meabh Barry and Emma Sherwood controlled the game under the boards. Team Garvey's hit 31 points in this quarter and once again strong defence saw them hold Carlow to nine points. St. Mary's led by 28 going into the final quarter and went on to take the win comfortably. Final Score: IT Carlow 62 T e a m Garvey's 83

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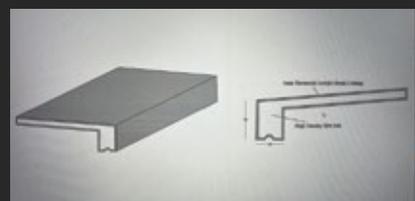
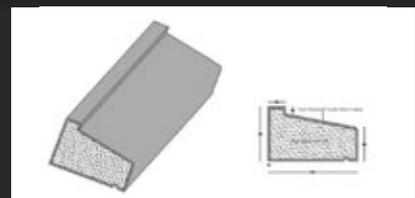
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12's Division 1

Listowel Celtic B 0-1 Castleisland

13's Premier

Killarney Celtic 0-0 Killarney Athletic

Camp Juniors 2-3 Fenit Samphires

13's Division 1

Killarney Athletic 0-5 MEK Galaxy

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St Brendan's Park 2-2 Dingle Bay Rovers

Boys Leagues

John Murphy 12's Cup Last 32

Killarney Celtic Green 4-0 Fenit Samphires

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Listowel Celtic 1-1 St Brendan's Park

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13's Division 1

Tralee Dynamos B 1-2 Killarney Athletic B

Inter Kenmare 5-2 Dingle Bay Rovers

Iveragh United 4-1 Killarney Celtic B

13's Division 2 North

Camp Juniors B 5-1 Fenit Samphires B

LB Rovers B 1-2 Castleisland B

13's Division 2 South

Killorglin B 5-4 MEK Galaxy B

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Camp Juniors 0-3 Inter Kenmare

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15's Division 2

St Brendan's Park B 3-5 Tralee Dynamos B

Inter Kenmare B 7-0 Iveragh United B

REPORTS

ROUND UP FROM THE SFAI BOY'S INTER LEAGUE ROUND 1

It was a busy day on Sunday when four KSBGL teams lined out in the opening round of the SFAI Inter Leagues at 12's, 13's, 15's and 16's.

Kerry 2-2 Clare SSL: The Kerry North 12's (the League's South side are in action next week) were the only side who were at home as they welcomed Clare SSL to Georgie O'Callaghan Park. They led 1-0 thanks to a Daniel Collins goal. Clare levelled from the penalty spot and then went 2-1. Danny Gazi pulled Kerry level and that's how it ended with both squads giving their all as they set out on the Inter League career.

Limerick County 2-0 Kerry North: The KSBGL are also represented by two sides in the 13's and the North went down 2-0 away to Limerick County. Both Leagues also had a Development Squad in action with this game ending in a 2-2 draw. Daniel Farmer and Sean Clifford got the Kerry goals.

Cork SSL 1-0 Kerry: This game in the 15's Inter League was decided by a goal in the 50th

minute in favour of the home side and while Kerry created a number of chances they just couldn't find the coveted equaliser.

Clare 3-3 Kerry: The Clare and Kerry 16's were involved in a cracker in Newmarket on Fergus. Kerry open the brighter and went ahead on the 10th minute when Jack Slattery scored (again) directly from a croner. Bruno Browzy then put the visitors 2-0 ahead but Clare fought back to draw level.

Eldion Topalli then put Kerry ahead again before the home side scored to see the game finish level after a six goal thriller.

KILLARNEY CELTIC 16'S GIRLS INTO NATIONAL CUP LAST 8

Killarney Celtic welcomed Killivilla from Tipperary to Celtic Park for this Last 16 clash in the SFAI Girls 16's National Cup. The tough conditions didn't bother both sets of players who gave everything to reach the Last 8.

Killarney Celtic opened the scoring in the 22nd minute through Aideen O'Brien and the same played doubled the home sides lead seven minutes later. However with the change of end the visitors hit back to level the game in the second half.

Clodagh Moriarty then got the vital goal in the 67th minute to put Celtic back in front and O'Brien wrapped up the scoring when completing her hat trick in the 76th minute to put Killarney Celtic into the Last 8.

LISTOWEL CELTIC 14'S RUN COMES TO AN END IN NATIONAL CUP

Listowel Celtic's great run in the SFAI National Cup came to an end at the Last 16 stage going down 2-0 at home to Shelbourne from the MGL Dublin. The Dublin side led 1-0 in the second half and got the second late on as Listowel Celtic pushed for an equaliser.

TWO GAMES IN THE BOYS CUPS

Killarney Celtic first team into 12's Cup Last 16: The first game of the Round of 16 in the John Murphy Cup saw Killarney Celtic going through in Celtic Park against Fenit Samphires thanks to first half goals from Stephen Shine after 10 minutes and a long distance effort from Ross O'Gorman. Patrick McCarthy hit two more for the home side in the second half.

KILLORGLIN A PROGRESS IN 14'S CUP

Killorglin A will play Killarney Athletic B in the Last 16 of the Tom Hayes 14's Cup after their win over St Brendan's Park D who are a team playing up an age in the Cup. The Killorglin A goals came from Giovanni McCarthy, Brian



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GIRLS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Away win in 12's Division 1:

Katie Crowley got the only goal in the 12's Division clash as Castleisland won 1-0 away at Listowel Celtic B.

WIN AND A DRAW IN 13'S PREMIER:

Goals from Elisha Deady, Siofra Murphy and Sarah O'Sullivan saw Fenit Samphires come away with the points from their trip to Camp Juniors. Leah Courtney and Caoimhe Skinner were on the mark for the home side.

No matter what the age a Killarney derby will always be hotly contested and in the latest one the girls shared the points at Celtic Park following a 0-0 draw.

TWO AWAY WINS IN 13'S DIVISION 1

The opening game in this Division was in mid-week and ended up being a 9 goal thriller. A Grace O'Shea hat trick and a goal each from Catherine O'Sullivan and Abbie Bradshaw saw Inter Kenmare win at Kilbrean Park. Amy Brosnan hit a hat trick for the home side with Ellie O'Sullivan getting Mastergeeha's other goal.

Goals from Izzy Lyons, Louise O'Donoghue, Anna Allen, Elise Brunner and Lia Walsh saw MEK Galaxy win in Woodlawn over a hard working Athletic B side.

POINTS SHARED IN 16'S DIVISION 1

This was another game played in the tough afternoon conditions and Dingle Bay Rovers had the wind in the first half at Christy Leahy Park. Goals from Hannah NicGearalt and Ciara Kennedy put them 2-0 up. However in the second half The Park drew level thanks to two Mollie Duggan goals to earn a share of the points.

BOYS LEAGUES

BUSY DAY IN THE 13'S PREMIER

Listowel Celtic and St Brendan's Park shared the points after a 1-1 draw with Edison Jahiri equalising for the Tralee side who were 1-0 down at the break.

Fenit Samphires had a big second half to take the points at Mastergeeha after the side were tied 2-2 at the half time whistle. Roan Guerin and Liam O'Mahony got the Mastergeeha goals. Mikey Corridan and Luke O'Carroll got two each with Dara Hurley and Tom Lenihan also on the mark for the away side.

MEK Galaxy were another side that made the most of the conditions as they scored all their goals in the second half after a scoreless first period. Two from David O'Shea and one each

from Cillian O'Donoghue, Leo Allen and Danny Murphy from the penalty spot saw them win away at Camp Juniors.

With goals from Odhran Buckley and Liam Lynch, who both scored twice, and Brody Mulvihill LB Rovers had a 5-3 win in Woodlawn over Killarney Athletic. Alex Doolan hit two for Athletic with Finn O'Donnell getting the other goal.

MID-WEEK AND WEEKEND ACTION IN 13'S DIVISION 1:

The action in the 13's Division 1 began in mid-week with Killarney Athletic B defeating Tralee Dynamos B 2-1 under the lights in Mounthawk Park. Eoin Bennett and Cian Hegarty scored for Athletic with Eoin Carmody on the mark for Dynamos.

There were two games on Saturday. Inter Kenmare had goals from Dillon Tagney, Matty Miles, Colum Kelliher, Ruairi Daly and Finn O'Byrne in their home win over Dingle Bay Rovers. Fionn Dowd and Eoghan Morrison were on the mark for the Dingle side.

Goals from Kieran O'Dwyer, Jack Moran, Harrison Andrews and Mike O'Sullivan saw Iveragh United win at home to Killarney Celtic B.

HOME AND AWAY WINS IN 13'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

An Addy Nolan hat trick and one each from Eoin Mangan and Jeff Power saw Camp Juniors B win at home to Fenit Samphires B whose goal came from Rory Clifford.

Two goals from Adrian Walsh saw Castleisland win away at LB Rovers B whose reply came from Evan Mannix.

GOALS GALORE IN 13'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

In a high scoring derby Killarney Celtic C took the points with a 5-3 win at Killarney Athletic C. Sean Horan, Rafsan Bhuiyan 2, Tobias Itheme and James Murphy were the Celtic scorers with Ryan Kissane replying with a hat trick for Athletic.

There was one more goal in the Killorglin B versus MEK Galaxy B game as the home side won 5-4 after leading 4-1 at the break.

Luke McGillicuddy and Mikey Hayes both scored twice and Peter O'Shea once for Killorglin with Ivan O'Shea, Eoin Casey 2 and Charlie O'Reilly getting the MEK goals.

The Mastergeeha B versus Iveragh United B was



Photographer Michelle Cooper Galvin is congratulated by Tim Jones Killarney Celtic Chairman on her retirement from The Kerryman after 42 years.

another of the wind and rain affected game of two halves. Iveragh United B led 4-0 at the half but goals from Cathal O'Keeffe, Liam Breen, Sean Fleming and Jack Cooney saw the home side fight back to share the points at Kilbrean Park. The Iveragh goals came from Darragh O'Shea 2, Jack O'Shea and Jonah Murphy.

HOME WINS IN 15'S PREMIER

Goals from Endjis Maurins and Shane Crossan plus an own goal saw St Brendan's Park take the points in Christy Leahy Park over Killarney Celtic whose goals came from Shane Doolan and Oisín Fleming.

Killarney Athletic were 3-1 down at half time at home to Listowel Celtic but came back to win 4-3. Keyan Moloney and 2 from Conor Sweeney were the Listowel scorers in the first half with Luke Doolan on the mark for Athletic. In the second half Nathan Cronin scored twice with the third being an own goal giving the Woodlawn side the points.

ONE GAME IN 15'S DIVISION 1

MEK Galaxy took the points in the only game in the 15's Division 1 thanks to a 3-0 win over Ballyhar Dynamos in Mort Scott Park.

Home and away wins in 15's Division 2: Inter Kenmare B had goals from Jack Wiggins 2, Darragh Sweeney, Noah Granville, Oisín Healy, Diarmuid Healy and Michael Casey in their win over Iveragh United B.

Francis O'Brien hit 4 and Cillian Griffin one as Tralee Dynamos B defeated their neighbours St Brendan's Park B who had Jerry Lynch 2 and Markus Kora on the mark at Christy Leahy Park.

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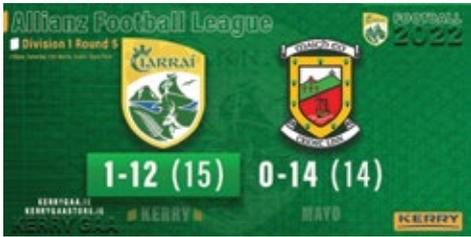
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KERRY SURVIVE MAYO TEST

National Football League:
Kerry 1-12 Mayo 0-14

Kerry's unbeaten run since last year's semi-final continues, and there were more very encouraging signs after a hard-fought victory over fellow table-toppers Mayo in a rain-swept Austin Stack Park. I'm always cautious about these things – March in the National League is never as revelatory in July as we pretended back in March. I also think that the idea that Kerry have proven that they have 'overcome their difficulties in winning a tight game' is vastly exaggerated. This was a wet, wild, and windy National League game against nearly full strength All Ireland finalists (granted, Jason Docherty, Tommy Conroy, and Cillian O'Connor would be real aces missing from any deck), but the football never really hit the heights for me. Championship beats to a faster pulse and that's where we'll find out about winning tight games.

More interesting to note was the fact that Kerry had players rested – some by choice and some enforced – and showed that they had players really challenging for places. In the absence of the likes of Dan O'Donoghue (surely already a first choice starter in his debut year), an entire half back line of Paukl Murphy, Mike Breen, and Gavin White, David Moran, Seán O'Shea, and Paul Geaney, Kerry proved that they have real strength in depth on a night where they needed it. Dylan Casey slotted in admirably, I especially admired his no nonsense defending, showing a mature head. There was one dangerous ball that he hit out for a '45; that needed a player to make a fast and practical decision; a lot of debutants would have tried to do too much there. Graham O'Sullivan, perhaps unlucky not to have seen more game time in the past few years, showed that he is another real option for wing back. Midfield laboured a bit under Mayo's high pressure game – it has to be said that Kerry's kick-out strategy and decisions looked awry overall – and I'd have liked to see what Greg Horan could have done earlier or had Joe O'Connor to put into the mix. Such opportunities for game-time are beginning to rapidly dwindle.

It didn't work out great for Jack Savage – starting ahead of modern superstar Sean O'Shea was bound to draw unfair expectations and comparisons, while half back is probably Mayo's strongest line and they were able

to nullify him for the most part. Inside, the Cliffords were top quality as always. The real revelation was Tony Brosnan. Probably the deadliest forward in the County Championship over the past few years, his inter-county career was stalled early by injury, but last Saturday he was as assured as any veteran and simply tore a hapless Mayo defence to shreds.

Mayo actually made the better start. Mattie Ruane, understated excellence all night, sent over a real beauty. David Clifford replied with one of those difficult scores that he makes look easy, and a foul on Paudie saw Jack Savage put us in front. Tony Brosnan slipped ghost-like through the defence and fisted over – he could have slipped it off to David Clifford but I have no problem with a forward making sure of the score – I actually thought both teams had a couple of players too quick to pass when they should have been capable of kicking over. Another foul on Paudie saw Jack make it 0-4 to 0-1.

A foul on Aidan Orme by Jason Foley – who is growing into one of Kerry's missing ingredients, a quality full back – saw Ryan O'Donoghue fire over. O'Donoghue just about pipped Tony Brosnan for the man of the match and I'll agree with that, he was a constant menace. A lost kick-out – both sides were guilty of turnovers in this half, but the amount of surface water was clearly a big factor – saw Fergal Boland fist over. Back to a one point game.

Kerry's goal was a bolt of lightning. Mayo had plenty of Kerry players back, but rapid reactions saw Tony Brosnan offload to David Clifford, who in turn slipped it to Adrian Spillane. Tony had continued his run and gathered from Adrian to confidently shoot past a hapless Rob Hennelly. It was all one seamlessly rapid movement, obviously born of hard work reading each other's movements on the training ground, and almost indefensible. A special mention for Adrian Spillane, he and Dara Moynihan once again were eschewing headline plays but causing endless problems for Mayo with their constant harassment and workrate.

Kerry were starting to look assured here. Ryan O'Donoghue was inches wide from the Kerry goal; a minute later David Clifford was calmly shooting over from distance. 1-5 to 0-3.

Mayo responded well. Ryan O'Donoghue swung over a free and Fergal Boland kicked a really superb score. A loose kick, though, saw David Clifford intercept and kick it over.

Real danger. Mayo open us up with some direct play (it's still a bit of a worry for me that teams seem to profit by going for our jugular) and Shane Murphy gets down well to just barely deflect a Diarmuid O'Connor effort – that should really have been put away. Rob Hennelly kicks a great '45.

Half-time Kerry 1-6 Mayo 0-6. Mayo will have the wind behind their backs for the second half,

and it's definitely worth three points. This one is still very much in the melting pot.

Tony Brosnan opened the second half with a fantastic score to put the gap to four. Ryan O'Donoghue replied with a free and Fergal Boland hit his third point of the day.

David Clifford once more rebuffed the attentions of a hapless Oisín Mullin – Mayo's man-marker was sticky and focussed but just couldn't match David for sheer strength – and swung another beauty over the crossbar. Ryan O'Donoghue pointed another free but Dara Moynihan, a tireless dynamo all night, instantly replied.

Aidan Orme gathered well and fired over on the turn. A great piece of skill – but why not take the mark and make it easier? Still, he got the score and (speaking as one who dislikes the forward mark; it takes a lot of skill out of the game) it was great football to watch.

Jack Barry, who was working hard without great obvious effect, had the confidence to shoot over on his left. A foul on Tony Brosnan was taken, surprisingly, by Paudie, but he put it wide.

Rob Hennelly misses a '45, but the referee Brendan Cawley deemed Dara Moynihan too close to it and it was moved forward to within comfortable range for the unerring O'Donoghue. One point game with time getting tight.

Level pegging. Aidan O'Shea was named on the forty but played in a roving commission and his physical game caused Kerry a fair few problems (nothing at all wrong with that, it's a physical game), and good work by him saw Mattie Ruane kick his second point. O'Shea always seems like a grizzly bear in a lean and lithe wolfpack when he's playing for Mayo, I don't think they know how best to utilise him. Mayo, though, looked like the side that were hunting now.

Paudie Clifford won a free and this time his brother took it – it hit the woodwork but bounced in. Kerry back in front.

Mayo pressed forward for an equaliser, but I thought Kerry defended superbly. That en masse defending in sync is harder to achieve than many people think. Mayo were pushing and probing for any slight weakness but Kerry worked hard to close all the gaps. Eventually, though, the referee spotted an infraction and Ryan O'Donoghue kicked his seventh score of the night. Level pegging.

In the dying seconds, Stephen O'Brien gathered a great pass by Micheál Burns but strayed a little close to Aidan O'Shea's orbit. I've been an admirer of the big Mayo man (we have half a Kerry claim on him, given his Caragh roots!) but even Mayo supporters would agree that his tackling technique is not the most refined. This was an effort that reminded one of King Kong on movie screens swatting at fighter planes, and a free in was the inevitable result. It was a

difficult one but David Clifford (and he isn't the most adept at precision tackles either) is a real master of this art. That put Kerry back in front and, after a good Mayo effort swung further than intended to drift wide, that was enough to see Kerry win it.

That puts Kerry in pole position, two points clear of both Mayo and Armagh, with two games left. They have also blooded a lot of new blood successfully and conceded just one goal, that penalty to Monaghan. The concession of bad goals has been our Achilles heel in recent years – Mayo could have had two and probably should have converted one. But Kerry's defence looks more consistent than of yore, especially with Foley and Enright beginning to show real quality in their respective roles in the spine.

Next up is an away trip to Armagh, who looked world-beaters in their opening game against Dublin and have one of the most exciting players in the country in Rian O'Neill. Kerry have a big cushion behind them (to be honest, I don't see Tyrone going all out in our last game) but this one will be interesting.

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Two games in particular held the attention besides Kerry last weekend. I don't know if you can call it a mini-revival by Dublin, but it seemed to be the first time that there was a rumble of intent from the behemoth of yore. They didn't just beat Tyrone, they tormented them on their home ground. That's the All Ireland champions, remember, but Dublin moved with a hunger, intensity, and purpose that Tyrone never really got to grips with. Now, I'm sceptical about Tyrone in League football, but this was certainly a real contest. In fact, of the games I saw over the weekend, this one had the hardest belts of all. Dublin did drop off a bit in the second half, but you never felt like they were in danger of losing – especially after Pádraig Hampsey's uncharacteristic and honestly unedifying rush of blood to the head. James McCarthy, looking as fit and fresh as ever (he is second to Michael Murphy as my footballer of the past decade) was back in harness by the finish as well, that's a big gun back in the fold. It wouldn't surprise me if Con O'Callaghan is back fairly soon as well – I certainly put no credence whatsoever in the current rumours that he is switching to the hurlers. He was always a great hurler (like a number of that Dublin football team) but that old chestnut seems to bounce around Dublin players with regularity, and never with substance. With Kildare losing last weekend, Dublin now have two games left to overhaul Monaghan (who beat Donegal) and avoid the trapdoor. If they achieve that in the circumstances, I think it'll give them impetus for the summer. We'll see, it's early days yet.

The other game of note was Meath versus Cork, two great rivals of ours of old. And I do mean 'of old'; I wouldn't fear either of them at the moment. Meath are not the great force that they once were (they were the one team that just always seemed to come back at you, right until the final second). It looks like they will still be a distant third to Dublin and Kildare in the Leinster Championship, assuming that they do

end up playing for the Sam Maguire this year. And Meath still won this game comfortably. Listowel native Joe Grimes did come off the bench to score a good goal, but it was a futile gesture at that late stage.

That speaks volumes about Cork. Whether the likes of Luke Connolly and Ruairi Deane walked away or were pushed, the absence of a few battle-hardened warriors is being keenly felt. Apart from one shock victory with a late goal, Cork have struggled against Kerry for most of the last decade. That in itself isn't always a big problem in the Munster Championship, where underdogs tend to bite that little bit harder. But the issue isn't Cork's recent record; it's the blunt and ugly truth that they appear to have gone backwards rather than improved.

As things stand, Cork are in real danger, very real danger, of slipping into Division Three. And that means that they might not even be playing in the All Ireland Championship per se, they might be contesting for the Tailteann Cup. As things stand, the Kerry v Cork Munster Championship game is fixed for Pairc Uí Rinn because of a clash with an Ed Sheeran concert in Pairc Uí Caoimh (I'm less incensed than many; I sympathise with the need to pay off that big debt on a stadium that vastly over-ran its costs). Looking at the disparity in the two teams at the moment, you'd almost expect more Kerry fans than Cork fans in the ground. It's not good for the GAA. And just in case anybody thinks that I enjoy putting the boot into Cork football, it's the exact opposite. Cork being relegated would be a disaster for us. They are traditionally our biggest test in Munster for decades. They are also our greatest sharpening stone by far. We need Cork to put it up to us, we need a competitive Munster Championship, we need that bite and that hunger.

KERRY U20S TAKE TITLE

John Kerins Cup Final:

Kerry 1-12 Dublin 1-9

Let nobody be kidding themselves; this is not a competition designed to make big headlines or stay long in the memory. It has never pretended to be anything other than a precursor to the U20 Championship proper. It's not quite the same as formalised challenge games, but you are definitely in that kind of ballpark. For me, in fact, a lot of the excitement and public interest has been sapped from the U21 and U18 minor competitions once the drop in age came in. That's something I am disappointed in – I don't like the age change either, it's been disastrous as far as I can see, but U20 is a grade where Kerry have been somewhat disappointing for several years now and it's an area that I feel really should be prioritised in terms of player development. Do not misunderstand me, I want an important part of that development to be playing senior football with their clubs, that's as tough and testing as inter-county training.

All that said, this has been a good competition for Kerry and their last game in it was arguably their best performance. Dublin were a good side and a real test. Both sides played very good, and very positive, football in very testing

conditions, especially that hard, cold wind. It wasn't sturm und drang weather by any means but nobody had bothered bringing sunscreen either.

Kerry opened the scoring with a well-worked point and a great finish by Dylan Geaney, surely the overall player of the tournament. He quickly doubled his tally before Dublin opened their account. Kerry were actually defending very well, including pressuring Dublin players in possession out the field, but that's a good Dublin team and they struck for an excellent goal, Conor Tyrell drilling it neatly past Devon Burns, who made a great attempt at a save. The move had started with Jack Lundy at centre forward, and in fairness Lundy was superb to watch, a pacy, direct attacker with a fine array of skills. We'll hear that name again.

Kerry responded well, with Dylan Geaney slotting a free and a piledriver by Kevin Goulding going over the crossbar. Dublin nudged back in front by a point, 1-2 to 0-4, and the middle of the first half was a hugely entertaining contest. Cillian Burke and Dylan Geaney were Kerry's main sharpshooters, with Ruairi Murphy and Seán O'Brien doing very well in midfield, it was nigh on point for point. Dublin drew level, 0-8 to 1-5, with five minutes to go and Kerry, needing a half-time lead in light of that very testing breeze, responded brilliantly. Dylan Geaney picked off another score before Thomas O'Donnell burst through on goal. His thunderbolt was parried, but Kevin Goulding reacted very smartly to knock it back to Cillian Burke, who gave the keeper no chance at all from close range. Dylan added another before the whistle.

Half-time Kerry 1-10 Dublin 1-5

That was a much better lead to carry against the wind. Moreover, Kerry emerged like lightning after the break, with Armin Heinrich and Thomas O'Donnell both sending over superb scores. In actual fact, and quite understandably in the conditions, Dublin took over completely. Kerry didn't score again – but Dublin just couldn't break down Kerry's great defensive work, with Seán O'Brien and Armin Heinrich leading the way. They picked off four points, but never really looked like getting the scores that they needed. Even if a goal had thrown the game into the melting pot, you always felt a certain assurance about Kerry's control and decision-making.

MEDIA STRIFE

I hadn't realised until after the games last weekend that the GPA had asked players not to give interviews after Round 5 of the National League. A number of managers joined with their teams in solidarity (Jack O'Connor had not been aware of the issue when he gave



interviews after Kerry's victory over Meath). There seems to be a lot of right and wrong on both sides.

GPA Chairman Tom Parsons has pointed out that the players had agreed to a reduction of mileage from 65c to 50c during covid (trust me, with the miles that these lads put in, often at unsociable hours and often after a full day's work behind them, that's a decent chunk of money for any young lad). GPA Chairman Tm, Parsons has said that quite a few counties (not all) haven't received any expenses at all this year.

On the GAA's side, they did last Thursday act to speed up the payment of outstanding expenses and the return to the 65c per mile rate. The sticking point seems to be that they will only pay mileage (it's actually a subvention of county board expenses) for four sessions a week. Their argument is that if counties want more than four sessions per week, that's between the player and the County Board. And to be honest, I'm extremely sympathetic to that point of view. I don't think that amateur players should have to be doing five sessions a week – at that stage, I believe that there should be a real conversation about burnout.

Regardless of the ins and outs of a complicated matter, hopefully it can be resolved quickly and post-match interviews (I'm a bit sceptical on how much information managers are willing to spill at such interviews anyway; the experienced are always keeping a wary eye on the future and speaking very carefully to leave no wayward crumbs) can resume.

RUGBY

Ireland Win A Thriller

Six Nations: Ireland 32 England 15

The funny thing is that I had a twitchy feeling in my bones coming into this one. Not out of any superior knowledge or analysis, far from! There are few things that grate on me more than Irish pundits making Ireland favourites in rugby. And especially at Twickenham – England supporters really do make their presence felt (they are a really friendly crowd as well). England are aristocrats laced with a trace of arrogance. Ireland are underdogs and defiers-of-odds. The role reversal doesn't suit me at all. Ireland opened at pace and it seemed to catch England slightly by surprise. The game was barely on when Charlie Ewels slammed into James Ryan, leaving one of our key players concussed, and Ewell was sent off on a red card. I have to admit that I thought at first glance that it was a harsh decision, but looking at it again, it was late and it was high – rugby has serious problems with concussion, and that needs to be a red card all day long. Tough on Ewels, I don't believe he meant it, but you cannot have any grey area in these situations. Johnny Sexton slotted the penalty and Ireland were in front.

Ireland made a good defensive turnover and move with rapid synchronicity, Sheehan and Van Der Flier combining to send James Lowe over for a really great try. The conversion drifted just right and wide, but Ireland had an 8-0 lead and a man advantage. They were also

playing fantastic rugby. Caelan Doris burst over for another try, but this time it was disallowed for a knock on – again, I needed to watch the t replay to see it. James Lowe is almost in again – his pace down the left caused England endless problems – but England win a penalty and clear the danger. This is great rugby to watch by Ireland.

Marcus Smith gets England on the board with a good penalty. I know very little about the guy (England look to be building a strong team for the World Cup, I'm not sure that the same can be said about us) but he has been outstanding in this championship. After their slow start, England are growing into this game, and are rewarded with Smith's second penalty. 8-6.

Brilliant response by Ireland. A quick and clever tap by Jamison Gibson Park catches England slightly on the hop and Ireland move at pace, with Hugo Keenan going over for Ireland's second try. Johnny slots the conversion and Ireland are deservedly nine points clear. Just before the break, Marcus Smith slots another penalty.

Half-time Ireland 15 England 9

England are faster out of the blocks for the restart, but Ireland manage to clear their lines – an all hands on deck situation – and another quick short pass by Gibson Park again sends Lowe racing into England's territory. He couldn't quite offload it, though, and England regain possession. Ireland won another penalty. Again Gibson Park is the fastest thinker on the pitch, tapping and going, and only stopped just short of the England line. Ireland batter the England line and Tadhg Beirne nearly opens a gap, but Max Malins does well to intercept his offload.

England get their fourth penalty scrum – England are very much testing the officials with their approach to the scrum and it's working for them. I have no problem with it, I'd expect an Irish team to be doing the same thing. Ellis Genge, in particular, was absolutely brilliant.

Andrew Conway with a brilliant kick makes the ball bounce out in England's 22 – I had no idea that Conway had that kind of thing in his locker. This is a dangerous position, but Sam Simmonds manages to get a good tackle in on Tadhg Furlong before he can offload to Bundee Aki – the Connaught legend, for the first time that I can remember, looked his age in this game. Sadly – I've always been a huge admirer of Aki – he may not have too many more days in the jersey.

England win another penalty off a scrum and go on the attack. Smith slots a penalty and now there's just three points between the sides.

You really have to admire England here – despite being a man down, every single one of their players is lifting their game. Ireland are starting to look rattled. Hugo Keenan is super under the high ball and has to be as England launch monsters down on him. Keenan gathers superbly repeatedly, but England are on him before any Irish support can arrive and it's keeping us very much on the back foot. One smashing hit by Maro Itoje on Johnny Sexton illustrates the point. This is brilliant rugby for any

neutral to watch - but I'm not neutral.

Oh, lads. Irish hands in at the ruck, and another penalty. Smith, to my surprise, opts for the lineout instead of going for it, but another penalty quickly follows and he puts that one over. We are really starting to flounder here.

We've conceded 13 penalties to 6 and our pack are getting a hard lesson in how to do it, and all that while England are a man down. Penalty number fourteen, once again won off the scrum, and Smith once again does the business. This guy is superb. It's level pegging, and you'd have to fancy England at this stage.

Another good kick by Conway relieves the pressure as Ireland get to attack the English line, coming up just barely short. Good effort though, and it helps to lift Ireland.

Then disaster almost strikes as Johnny is intercepted far too easily and Freddie Steward looks to burst clear for a very soft try. Thankfully, it's called back for offside, but that was a very close-run thing!

Irish penalty. We needed it. Johnny may not have had a great game overall, but he's the master of this craft and makes no mistake. Ireland back in front by three points.

It settles us. This one is clearly going to be a dogfight to the wire (says I, being no relation to Nostradamus). Caelan Doris makes a great burst, but his offload to Conor Murray is a bit of a hot potato and it comes to nothing. Lowe almost finds a gap on the left after good team play, but England manage to bring him down. Conway has a chance, but England close him down. We're re-asserting ourselves here, but I need to see it on the scoreboard.

At last. Conway into contact, a good offload to Murray, who finds Jack Conan to power over. Ireland moved it a fraction too fast for England that time and deserved the try. It also finally puts real daylight back between us, with Johnny's accurate conversion putting us in front by 25 – 15.

It's the closing minutes now. Johnny kicks beautifully to the corner. From the lineout, Murray finds Finlay Bealham and he crashes over for another try. Johnny again does the business. It's 32 – 15, and that's how it ends. In fairness, it's a hugely flattering scoreline for Ireland.

Right now, it looks like France's championship to lose. If they beat England, it's a Grand Slam. Mind you, looking at them with fourteen men, England will be tough enough to beat. And if England win, Ireland could sneak the championship against Scotland. Interesting times!





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MKL NEWS

WELL DONE to Roisin Daly and Naoishe O Donoghue who were playing in the Munster LGFA Championship RD 2 with the U14 Kerry Team on Saturday against Tipperary in Fethard. The game ended in a draw. **2022 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATIONS** are now open and can be done online via the GAA/LGFA portal <https://returntoplay.gaa.ie/>.

There are five options available:

- Adult Player (players born before 2004): €70
- Youth Player (players born 2004 to 2012): €55
- Family - 2 Youth Players: €100
- Family - 3 Youth Players: €140
- Non Player / Coach: €27

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

EAST KERRY WINNERS of Scor na Nog 2022 Held on Saturday night in Fossa community Hall

- AMHRÁNAÍOCHT AONAIR - SOLO SINGING
 - DR CROKES GAA - Saoirse O'Sullivan
 - BAILÉAD GHRÚPA - BALLAD GROUP
 - GLENFLESK GAA - Máirín Ní Dhonnchú, Aoise Ní Dhonnchú, Eilís Ní Mhaoláin, Muireann Ní hEalaithe & Gobnait Ní Chróinín
 - ATHRÍSEOIREACHT - RECITATION
 - GLENFLESK GAA - Gobnait Ní Chróinín
 - CEOL UIRLISE - INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
 - GLENFLESK GAA - Gráinne Ní hAingléoint, Cailín Ní hAingléoint, Oilibhín Ní hAingléoint, Séan Mac Aingléoint & Breandán Béir
 - RINCE SEIT / SET DANCING
 - SPA - Roisín Ní Suilleabhain, Isibéal Ní Uaitéir, Gráinne Ní Conchubhair, Aoife Ní Donnchú, Dara Ó Brosnachain, Diarmuid Ó Donnabháin, Colm Ó Conchubhair & Oisín Ó Shuilleabhain.
- Overall Winning Club: Glenflesk

RESULTS

The sponsored Frank Doran Safeguard Security East Kerry senior League back games this Sunday March 13th. Division 1A: Listry 0-8 Gneevguilla 0-13 Gneevguilla

Division 2: Firies 1-08 (11) Fossa 0-09

REFEREES COURSE

ST Brendans College TY students completed Young Referees course during the week. Seventeen students completed the well delivered course by Pat Sheehy (Referees Committee). All East Kerry clubs have been given the names of all students completing the course to support the running of Go Games blitzes and Cumann Na mBunscoil games during the year. It is important to note all students can referee up to U11 grade in Football. Thanks to PJ Lucey (St Brendans College) for his support on the day. Students have made the effort to do the course clubs should support the young referees during the playing season.

GOOD LUCK

Best wishes to Michelle Cooper Gavin who has called time as press photogater with Kerry man Good friend to East Kerry GAA Board over many years. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Michelle a long and happy retirement.



Launch of the Chapter 23 Credit Union County Leagues were Christy Killeen Kerry County Board Cultural Officer and Chapter 23, Tom Lawlor Chapter 23, Mary O'Shea Tres Chapter 23, Patrick Tatler O'Sullivan Chairman Kerry County Board, John O'Regan PRO Chapter 23, Tom Keane Tres. Kerry County Board (back from left) David Moran, Gavin White, Sean O'Shea, Pat Spillane, Paul Murphy, Terence Houlihan Training and Development, Ger McCarthy Hurling Officer and Joe Costello Coaching Officer at the Kerry GAA County Officers, Austin Stacks Park, Tralee on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to families of James Chassis Cronin RIP Castleisland & Duagh. A former County Referee. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

JOHN KERINS CUP (U-20 FOOTBALL LEAGUE) FINAL

Kerry 1-12 Dublin 1-9

BEST WISHES to team & management at Croke park in Hogan Cup Final on St. Patricks Day. St Brendan's College - The Sem V Naas CBS

EAST KERRY ALL-STAR Gala Night held every year. SPONSORED BY The Kerryman, The Aquila Club & East Kerry GAA. PRESENTATIONS TO THE All Star players, 2020 senior, Young & players (U21), Hall of Fame Presentation 2020 & Person of the years Award 2020. On Friday 25th March 2022 at Glenagle Hotel. Tickets €30. Available from board officers & clubs Officers

HAPPY ST PATRICK DAY to all our GAA followers and to every body

LEGION GAA CLUB NEWS

AWARDS NIGHT

Our Awards Night is looming on the horizon as it takes place on Friday March 25th in the Killarney Avenue Hotel. Last week we announced the Ladies Players of the Year, both Junior and Senior, and the Senior B Player of the Year. Now we move onto the Senior Men's Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year. This year's Senior Men's Player of the Year is Danny Sheahan. 2021 wasn't a great year for our Senior Team but very often it's during the roughest storm that you find your strongest anchor. Danny was ever present in the defence and throughout the year he put in a series of combative performances. Brian Kelly in goal can attest to the protection Danny gives while the other five defenders are always kept on their toes by the strong and authoritative full back. Often tasked with marking the oppositions best forward Danny went toe to toe with three All Stars, namely Tommy Walsh, Paul Geaney and Kieran Donaghy, and never wilted on any of those battles. As the Senior team look to bounce back to the top table

there is no doubting that Danny will once again be to the fore.

The winner of the Jim Trant Trophy for Young Player of the Year made huge strides in 2021. It started with the Covid delayed 2020 All Ireland Minor Championship where Will Shine was an integral part of the Kerry forward line that agonisingly lost out in the final by the bare minimum to Derry. Will then went on to establish himself in the Club Senior panel where his performances belied his teenage years and in the latter stages of the year he was called up to the Kerry Under 20 panel. As if that wasn't enough he is one of the big driving forces behind St Brendans path to the Hogan Cup Final which will be played this St Patrick's Day. A man of the match performance in the Corn Ui Mhuiri Final win over Tralee CBS, Will is looked upon as being a real prospect in the future.

Tickets for the Awards Night are available from Sharon O Grady, Orla Culloty and members of the Social Committee. They are also available from Paul in Keanes Jewellers and Enda in Quills Menswear.

U17 BOYS

Our Minor Boys, deprived of the services of several regulars, made the trip down south to play St Michaels Foilmore last Sunday March 13th. The South Kerry side are fancied to top the Division so the task was always going to be onerous even with a full squad. St Michaels made the most of a strong breeze in the first half to open up a healthy lead but credit to the lads they played to the last whistle. When the final shrill was heard Foilmore had emerged victorious on a 2-22 to 3-4 scoreline. The boys are at home this Saturday March 19th when they face the Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane combination. All support is welcome.

SENIOR MATTERS

Our Senior Men kick off their County League campaign belatedly with the Round 1 game against Kerins O Rahillys now being played on Friday March 25th in Direen with a 7.30pm throw in.

Our Senior Ladies are away to Listowel this Sunday March 20th in their opening round game in the Donal Curtin Cup with a 12 noon



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COMHAIRLIÚCHÁN PHOIBLÍ / PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Traffic Calming and Enhanced Cyclist and Pedestrian Facilities on the N72 at Fossa

Public Notice in Compliance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) as set down in Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Pursuant to the requirements of the above, Notice is hereby given that Kerry County Council proposes to carry out the development, particulars of which are set out hereunder.

Suíomh/Baile fearainn nó seoladh poist don bhforbairt atá molta
Location/Townland or Postal Address of the Proposed Development

Location: N72, Fossa, Killarney Co. Kerry
Townland(s): Fossa, Dromin, Maulagh, and Lackabane

Sonraí faoin Obair atá molta
Nature and extent of the Proposed Works

The proposed works will include the following:

- A raised two-way shared use cycle and pedestrian facility on the south side of the N72 commencing west of the N72/R563 junction and ending at the N72/L4040 junction.
- A raised two-way shared use cycle and pedestrian facility on the north side of the road from the western 60kph speed limit sign to beyond N72 / L4040 junction (200m) and a raised one-way cycle and pedestrian facility from the western 60kph speed limit sign to the existing bus stop within Fossa Village (420m).
- A reduction to approximately 6.0m for the mainline carriageway width of the N72.
- Removal of the existing traffic calming measures at either side of the village.
- Provision of a Zebra type pedestrian crossing outside Fossa Primary School.
- Extending the existing public lighting network for the full extent of the proposal.
- All associated ancillary and accommodation works.
- Upgrading the N72/L4040 junction at "Gap Cross".
- The stone wall, gates and pillars outside the community centre to be widened and offset towards the road by approximately 11m.

Kerry County Council, as the Competent Authority, has concluded that the proposed project, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, is not one which requires an Appropriate Assessment (AA) or an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and is not likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Pursuant to Article 120(3)(b) a member of the public, may at any time before the expiration of 4 weeks beginning on the date of the publication of this notice, seek an EIA screening determination from An Bord Pleanála as to whether the proposed development would have significant effects on the environment.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed works are available for inspection or purchase, on payment of a specified fee, not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such a copy, during normal office hours from **Wednesday, 16th March until Wednesday, 13th April 2022** at the following locations;

- Kerry County Council, Killarney Municipal District, Town Hall, Killarney
- Kerry County Council, Roads, Transportation and Marine, Room 115, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie

An advisor will be available to explain the plans – please contact the Roads Department on (066) 7183588

Submissions and Observations with respect to the proposed development **dealing with proper planning and sustainable development** in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing and clearly marked

Part 8 – Fossa

To: Administrative Officer, Kerry County Council, Roads, Transportation and Marine Department, Room 115, Áras an Chontae, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Or

Email to: roads@kerrycoco.ie

And must be received by 4.00 pm on Thursday, 5th May 2022.

Personal information is collected by Kerry County Council to enable the processing of your submission/enquiry. Kerry County Council can legally process this information as necessary to comply with its statutory/legal obligations. Such information will be processed in line with the Council's privacy statement which is available at www.kerrycoco.ie.

Sínte: Pádraig Corkery

Senior Executive Officer / Feidhmeannach Sinsearach

Corporate Affairs / Gnóthaí Corparáideacha



throw in. We wish the Ladies the very best of luck.

U14 LADIES

The girls had the honour of being the first Legion juvenile team to play a competitive game in Direen this year. And they held up their side of the bargain with a fine 2-14 to 3-4 win over a Dingle/ Annascaul/ Castlegregory amalgamation. The panel included Liadan Coleman, Lucie Smith, Grace O'Shea, Laura Healy, Róisín McAuliffe, Kiera Moynihan, Grace Cox, Kaylee Smith, Eva O'Shea, Zoe Counihan, Kate O'Toole, Emily O'Neill, Sophie Duke, Kate Fleming, Clodagh Flanagan, Eva Spellman, Ali Bowler, Kate Forde and Lauren McSweeney, Well done to team and management.

MEMBERS MEETING

On Thursday March 10th the Club hosted a very constructive and informative Members meeting which was well attended. David Randles chaired an open discussion on all club matters and it is intended to run these meetings in a bi monthly manner. It is important that all members endeavour to attend these meetings when possible as they provide a very important platform for Club affairs to be aired.

KERRY

Ryan O Grady and Cian Gammell were both part of the victorious Kerry panels over the past week. Ryan came on as a second half substitute in the U20s win over Dublin in the John Kerins Cup Final played in Nenagh. Cian was a member of the Kerry panel that saw off the challenge of Mayo in the latest blockbuster between the two counties, this time in the Allianz National Football League. Keep up the good work lads!!

SAFEGUARDING COURSE

We will be holding 2 safeguarding courses in the Legion Clubhouse on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March from 7 -10pm for coaches and volunteers working with juveniles (boys and girls up to 18 years). This course is very important to undertake and all those working at underage level in the club are expected to attend. Contact Club Children's officer Linda O'Donoghue at Childrensofficer.legion.kerry@gaa.ie with your name and email address to register for the course

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Bill Leavey, Gneeveguilla, who passed away during the week. Bill's son William is a friendly and willing face around Direen as he goes about his tasks every week without fuss.

LOTTO

Numbers were 2, 22, 24, 27. Bonus 23. No Jackpot winner. 5 x Match 3s/Lucky Dips: 1. Restaurant Staff c/o Lake Hotel. 2. Deirdre Whelan, Tullig Spa. 3. Rita O Donoghue. 4. Michael Coffey 6 Torc Terrace. 5. Steve and Ben, c/o Lake Hotel. Next weeks Jackpot 13,400. Draw Sunday March 20th 8pm in Murphys Bar.

KEEL GAA CLUB

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 7th of March. Numbers drawn: 1, 10, 16, 27. No winner of the jackpot of €5,050. Lucky dip: €50 Eden Murphy Gortanedin, €50 Mary Rogan Shanahill West.

The jackpot will be €5,100 for the draw on Monday the 14th of March. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets online now by logging onto the Clubforce app or via the following link on our social media. Hard copy tickets are available in usual outlets. All hard copy lotto tickets must be returned to Bensons by Sunday night. All online tickets must be purchased by 6pm every Monday.

MID KERRY LEAGUE

Our seniors travelled to Killorglin on Saturday for round 5 of the Mid Kerry League. The half time score was Keel 0-05, Laune Rangers A 2-03. The full-time score was Keel 0-07, Laune Rangers A 3-09.

COUNTY LEAGUE

Our seniors will travel to Knocknagoshel for round 1 of the County League on St. Patrick's Day (Thursday). Kick off is at 1pm. Best of luck to the team and management.

UNDER 17

Keel/Listry will host Kenmare in Division 1 of the County League on Saturday the 19th of March in Listry at 4pm. Best of luck to the team and management. All support welcome.

UNDER 11

Football training continue Monday evening at Milltown primary school astro turf from 7.15pm - 8.30pm. Bring gum shields water and football boots/runners. Possible match on Friday. Please keep an eye for updates from the coaches.

UNDER 9

Football training continues Monday evening Milltown primary school Astro turf from 6:15 to 7:30. Please make sure your child has their gum shield and a drink.

UNDER 5 & UNDER 7 SKILLS ACADEMY

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our training session last Sunday due to poor weather conditions. We will resume training on SUNDAY March 20th from 10:15 to 11:15am in Keel Pitch. Remember to bring a drink & a mouthguard. Training is open to girls & boys born in 2015, 2016 & 2017 who are members of the club. Membership can be paid on www.foireann.ie Details of how to do so can be found on the Keel GAA Facebook page.

SCÓR NA NÓG

The County Final of Scór na nÓg will take place on Sunday 20th March at 4.30pm in Glenbeigh hall. Mid Kerry will be represented by a number of Keel GAA members. Best of luck to Kyle Benson in the Solo Singing and Saoirse Bonner, Kerry O'Shea, Tessa McGuigan, Saoirse Kennedy & Róisín Evans in the Ballad Group.

FYBOUGH N.S.

Congratulations to the pupils and teachers of Fybough NS who were victorious in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscoil Chiarraí 2 teacher Mid Kerry Final on Thursday.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Our U9's and U11's were delighted to receive their new footballs, bibs and cones last week (pictures on social media). Thank you to everyone who is supporting Keel GAA especially through our club lotto. Your support allows the club to make purchases like these. If you would like to support the club, you can do so by buying a ticket/tickets for our club lotto.

KEEL U20S

Congratulations to the Kerry GAA U20 team and management on their win over Dublin in the John Kerins Cup Final in Nenagh on Saturday. The final score was Kerry 1-12, Dublin 1-09. Well done to Keith Evans who lined out at corner forward and he represented his club excellently. Well done Keith, we are very proud of you!

KERRY LGFA

Best of luck to Caoimhe Evans, Ciara Murphy, Niamh Broderick and the Kerry Ladies team and management in the Division 2 National League semi-final on Sunday. Time and venue to be confirmed.

MTU KERRY

Commiserations to MKL Gaels ladies Laura Prendergast, Meadhbh Rochford, Caoimhe Evans, Niamh Broderick and Ciara Murphy who lost out to TUS Midlands in the semi-final of the Lynch Cup Championship with MTU Kerry on Friday.

CÚL CAMP

Kellogs Cúl Camp will take place in Keel on the week of June 27th to July 1st.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Keel GAA will be taking part in the Castlemaine St. Patrick's Day parade on Thursday March 17th. The Parade will assemble (for Walking Groups) at 11.00am at Geaney Oils Yard. Please wear club colours & bring flags/ banners etc. Parents must accompany their children. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEMBERSHIP

It is extremely important that all remaining membership is paid. You can purchase your club membership for this year via foireann.ie NOW! You can see all our membership options available there as well as across our social media.

KEEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Keel Community Hall will be rocking to the country sounds of Eddie Lee and The Paudie Coffey Band on Saturday 2nd April at a 'Keel Goes Country' fundraising concert, to assist with funding for recent and ongoing renovations to the hall. The 'Keel Goes Country' concert is the first of many events planned to put the hall back at the centre of community activities in the parish. Music and dancing starts at 8pm on Saturday the 2nd April, refreshments will be available throughout the evening, together with a prize raffle. Tickets are €10 each and are available to order online from the Keel Community Facebook page and from Culloty's Electrical, The Mall Tralee, Hickey's Music Shop, Main St. Castleisland and all local shops in Keel and Castlemaine.

FOSSA GAA CLUB NEWS

THANK YOU

Fossa GAA Club would like to wish Michelle Cooper Galvin a long and happy retirement as chief photographer for The Kerryman for the past 42 years. Michelle and her family have given trojan service to our club during that time. She also served as PRO from 1996 to 2008. Any time we needed publicity for our club she was always available. Most recently when



we published our 50th anniversary book "A Sense of Place" she made all her photographs available to us. She is a legend.

SEM

The club would like to wish St. Brendan College the very best of luck in the hogan cup final especially the Fossa men Rian Colleran, Cian Doyle and Darren Cronin.

Seniors:

East Kerry Super League: Fossa 0-09 Firies 1-08.

Fixtures:

Division 4: Fossa V Duagh Thursday 12.00

Division 6: Fossa v Kenmare Saturday 4.30

KERRY

Congratulations to our two U14 County players Clodagh Clancy and Anne O'Shaughnessy as they lined out with Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football v Tipperary.

Also to the Kerry senior players and management who defeated Mayo in the national league especially Paudie and David Clifford.

LAST MAN STANDING

Only 9 left in our last man standing: Dan O'Donoghue, Peter McCarthy, Dara Moynihan, Adrian Cronin, Damien McCormick, Ivan O'Sullivan, Tom Finn, Daragh O'Brien, Ciara O'Donoghue.

LOTTO

5.13,8,19. €40 WINNERS: MICHEÁL MYERS, GAP OF DUNLOE; MICHAEL O'CONNELL, WHITEBRIDGE MANOR; JOHN CRONIN, KILLORGLIN; MARIAN & GERARD, FAHA; GRÁINNE BELLEW, FOSSA. Next weeks jackpot €4650.00. Tickets on sale from Foleys Spar Fossa, The Golden Nugget and usual sellers. Thanks for the support.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for 2022 are now due and everyone is advised to register as soon as possible as training and games are returning. The same as last year, 2022 membership registration will be online via www.foreann.ie. All players must be registered before playing or training.

COISTE NA NOG

Academy Football Training returns to the pitch in Farranfore on Saturday 26th of March for Boys U7 & U9 from 10.30 to 11.30. U5 boys and Girls U6, U8 & U10 will return at a later date. All new players welcome. All players are reminded to bring their €3, Gumshields and water bottles. Remember No membership- No play.

FIXTURES

Senior Football League Div 6B Rd 1 Sunday away vs Dingle B at 1.30pm

Senior Football League Div 3 Rd 1 Sunday away vs St Senan's at 2pm

RESULTS

EK Super League Rd 3 Firies 1-08 Fossa 0-09

Minor Boys County League Firies 0-03 Chrchill 1-08

U14 Girls Firies 6-06 Duagh 3-03

FRIENDS OF FIRIES 2022

If anyone is interested in becoming a Friends of Firies Member please make contact with the Club.



The U14 Killarney Legion Ladies team that defeated Dingle / Annascaul/ Castlegregory on a 2-14 to 3-4 scoreline
Back Row L-R: Liadan Coleman, Lucie Smith, Grace O'Shea, Laura Healy, Róisín McAuliffe, Kiera Moynihan, Grace Cox, Kaylee Smith, Eva O'Shea, Zoe Counihan, Kate O'Toole, Emily O'Neill
Front Row L-R: Sophie Duke, Kate Fleming, Clodagh Flanagan, Eva Spellman, Ali Bowler, Kate Forde, Lauren McSweeney

DR. CROKES

ON THE FIELD

Congratulations to Evan Looney, Tom Doyle and Neil O'Shea who were on the Kerry U20 squad that defeated Dublin in John Kerins Cup Final.

Shane Murphy, Tony Brosnan, Miceal Burns played on Kerry side that overcame Mayo.

Siofra Randles was on Kerry U14 team that drew with Tipperary. Siobhan Burns was on the UL squad that won O'Connor Cup, Treasa O'Sullivan & Kate Stack were on May 1 squad that won Giles Cup.

Co. Senior Hurling League Div. 1 game v Causeway was postponed on Sunday last due to unplayable pitch. It is refixed for Sunday next March 20th 2.00pm in Causeway.

ACADEMY we returned on Saturday March 12 to great excitement. Great to see so many boys and girls return to us after the winter break. It was also great see so many new faces as well. A big thank you to all who helped out on off the field. We are on every Saturday in Lewis Road for boys and girls aged 4 until 11. Hurling foom 10 until 11 and football from 11 until 12. A great way to have fun and make friends. All welcome!

MEMBERSHIP is now due and maybe paid online at following link https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734

LGFA The Lidl Plus LGFA Stamp Card Rewards Scheme is BACK!

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OUR GIRLS!

SCOR

A sincere thank you to everyone who took part in Scór na nÓg this weekend. Congratulations to Saorise who will represent Dr Crokes in the Kerry Final on Sunday 20th March in Glenbeigh. Anybody interested in taking part in Scór na bPáistí (Primary or National School Scór) in April contact Cultural Officer Rachel Foley 0879231091

Rince Fóirne (Céilí Dancing)

Sean-nós dancing

Amhránaíocht Aonair (Solo Singing)

Ceol Uirlise (Instrumental Music)

Aithriseoirecht/Scealaíocht (Recitation/Storytelling)

Bailéad Ghrúpa (Ballad Group)

Nuachleas (Novelty Act)

Tráth na gCeisteanna (Question Time)

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday commencing at 8:00PM, doors open at 6:45. EVERYBODY WELCOME!

LOTTO draw for €5,600 took place on Monday March 14th Numbers drawn.7 9 21 26 11 patrons matched 3 number receive€40. Jackpot for draw on March 14th will be €5,900.

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FIXTURES

Wed. March 16th (h) 7.30PM Div. 1 Co. League v Gaeltacht, Saturday March 19th Minor Co. League v Austin Stacks, Sunday 2pm Div. 3 v Churchill (A). Sun. March 20th Div. 6 v Rathmore B (A) 2pm.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on



Monday last, March 7th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 3, 26, 27 and the bonus ball was 16.

Lucky Dip winners were as follows: €50 - Eugene O'Sullivan, Milltown. €50 - Joan Courtney, Waterville. €25 - Cath Pavlovic, Furies. €25 - Ann Hogan, Milltown. €25 - Maurice Daly, Ballyfinnane. €25 - Tracey Donovan, Listowel. Our next club lotto draw is next week (Monday, March 21st, 2022) where the jackpot will be €12,600. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets. Mile búiochas do gach duine for playing Milltown/Castlemaine Clubs Fortnightly Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

CONDOLENCES:

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club were saddened to hear of the passing of Willie Spring of Ballyraemeen, Castlemaine in recent days.

Willie represented the club with distinction both on and off the field and was a former chairperson and three-time winner of the Mid Kerry Senior Football Championship in 1961, 1962 and 1965.

Our deepest sympathies are with Willie's wife Sheila, his sons Liam, Lactain and Emmett, sister Anna, daughters-in-law Emer, Eileen and Karena, all 8 grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours & many friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

UNDER 8 GIRLS

We have very exciting news...our under 8 training is commencing on Monday WEEK, March 21st! We will start at 6.15 and finish at 7.15.

Mouthgaurds are COMPULSORY. Please encourage your child to practice wearing them in the coming week- so they will be used to them before training commences. Covid 19 is still very prevalent so please be vigilant and DO NOT present your child for training if you have any concerns re same. Please be RESPECTFUL and let me know if your child can or cannot attend training. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED prior to starting training. We are all looking forward to a fun filled year of football!

Any queries to Deirdre on 086/1703332.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: ROUND 6 RESULT

Milltown/Castlemaine's Senior 'A' side who are kindly sponsored by Almas Takeaway and Bathrooms4U made it three wins from four games on Sunday last after a 1-13 to 0-05 victory at home to Laune Rangers 'B' in the Mid Kerry Senior Football League.

County Senior Football League: Division 2, Round 1 Fixture

Milltown/Castlemaine 'A' will get their Division 2 County Senior Football League campaign underway this weekend when they welcome Listowel Emmetts to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park for a 2:00pm throw-in on Sunday, March 20th.

KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 4A RESULT

On Saturday last, March 12th, Milltown/Castlemaine's Minors had a good victory over

Northern Gales to make it two wins from two games. The final score was 4-05 to 0-09.

KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: ROUND 3 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine are on the road next Saturday, March 19th as they take on Castleisland Desmonds at 4:00pm in Castleisland.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL CLUB, one of the fastest growing clubs in the county:

GAA 4 All - Returns in April, date TBC
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U7 Boys Start date Wednesday 30th March at 6:30pm at club grounds in Milltown

Born 2015 & 2016

U9 Boys Start date Wednesday 23rd March at 6:30pm at club grounds in Milltown

Born 2013 & 2014

U8 Girls Start date Monday 21st March at 6:15pm at club grounds in Milltown

Born 2014 & 2015

U10 Girls Start date TBC

Born 2015 & 2016

Any queries:

MC Minis contact is Katie O'Sullivan 0873205344

U7-U10 contact is Liam Doherty 0860413593

GAA 4 All contact is Gillian Twiss 0877678108

If you are new to the area and you wish to join an older group, contact Ian Twiss (0872521053).

New players welcome to try out to see how much they enjoy it!

FOCUS ON GOLF

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Gearóid Cronin & Betty O'Brien 35 1/2

Gross: Gearóid Cronin & Robbie O'Brien Snr 41, Second Nett: Sean Ashe & Sean O'Brien 36.

DRAWS THIS WEEK

In addition to the normal Sunday draw there will also be draws on St Patricks Day and Friday March 18th at the usual times of 9am and 10.45am.

MEMBERSHIP COLLECTION will continue again this weekend on Saturday from 1-2pm and Sunday morning from 11.30am-12.30pm. Rates the same as 2021.

ROSS GC - GENTS CLUB

RESULT

On March 13th we held a Club sponsored 12 hole non qualifying Single Stableford competition .

THE WINNERS WERE

1: Niall O'Brien 27

2: Michael J O'Sullivan 26

3: Ger Flynn 25

FIXTURE

On Sat March 19th and Sunday March 20th we will hold the first round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with an 18 hole qualifying single stableford competition kindly sponsored by John Cushkelly Painting & Decorating. The online entry will be available from 7pm on Thursday .

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB NOTES

COMPETITIONS

Mixed Scramble hosted by the Ladies Club for Members & Guests on Friday 18th March. Names to be in by 16.00pm on Thursday 17th March via the ClubV1 app. 9.30am for 10.00am start.

Club sponsored 9-hole single Stableford competition on Friday 1st April and Saturday 2nd April. All Members welcome

Tee times 10:30am - 11:00pm. Entry can be made on ClubV1 app.

MEET AND PLAY

Each Wednesday morning meet at 10.15am for 10.30am. All members welcome

KERRY CLUB RECEIVES TEXACO SUPPORT FOR SPORT FUNDING



Kerry's Castlegregory Golf & Fishing Club is to receive €5,000 funding under this year's Texaco Support for Sport initiative hosted and organised by Valero Energy (Ireland) Limited, the company that markets fuel in Ireland under the Texaco brand.

Under the scheme – similar to that which proved successful last year when the Kerry county award was presented to Inter Kenmare FC – a fund of €130,000 is made available by Valero for

distribution in equal amounts of €5,000 to a successful applicant in each county.

The €5,000 award made to it under the Texaco Support for Sport initiative will be used to help coach more beginners through the purchase of equipment for its planned driving bay.

Overseeing the judging process was Texaco Support for Sport ambassador, former Irish rugby international and well-known broadcaster, Donncha O'Callaghan who described the Castlegregory club as 'really worthy winners with a great sense of community spirit'.

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MUNSTER LGFA CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 2

SIDES LEVEL IN CHAMPIONSHIP

TIPPERARY 3-05 -V- KERRY 3-05

This round two fixture between Tipperary & Kerry finished all square on an afternoon when strong wind and rain persisted throughout the game. This was Kerry's first game in the competition having received a bye in round one. Tipperary had already played in round one going down to Cork. A game originally fixed for Bansha was moved to Fethard Town Park 3G pitch. Tipperary opted to play with the wind in the first half as Kerry's cause was not helped prior to throw in when centre back Muireann Teahan was forced to withdraw due to injury. The premier county got off to a flying start with corner forward Lisa Flannery scoring a goal inside the first minute. This was quickly followed with points by full forward Abbie Horgan & Lily Flannery to open up a five-point lead with six minutes on the clock.

Kerry soon settled and got to grips with playing against the wind. Two goals from Naoise O'Donoghue and Avril Rooney midway through the half saw Kerry open a one-point lead before Tipperary midfielder Abi Ryan pointed to see the sides go in at the first half water break all square. By now the rain was becoming more persistent as both sides exchanged points from Lily Flannery and Priya O'Donovan. With the wind favouring Tipperary, they made that count on the scoreboard. A point from centre forward Grace Hogan and a goal from the impressive Lily Flannery saw Tip-



perary open up a four-point lead. To their credit Kerry played some excellent football despite the conditions getting worse. A Phoebe O'Shea point saw the sides go in at halftime Tipperary 2-05 Kerry 2-02.

The away side had the advantage of the wind in the second half and started the stronger with a point from Brid Curtin to reduce the deficit to two. The deficit could have been reduced further only for Tipperary keeper Caoileann Grogan pulling off an excellent save after her kickout was intercepted. The kingdom shortly raised their third green flag of the afternoon to go in at the second water break a point in front on a score line of Tipperary 2-05 Kerry 3-03. Kerry were now the dominant team heading into the final quarter and began to take their chances with points from Brid Curtin & Phoebe O'Shea

to open up a three-point lead. Tipperary keeper Caoileann Grogan pulled off another fine save to help keeper her side in the game and prevent Kerry opening up a commanding lead. Tipperary had not scored in the second half with Kerry defending extremely well at times, but their only score of the second half would turn out to be a crucial score. A goal with four minutes remaining from substitute Rachel Coffey saw the sides draw level and despite both sides trying desperately to seek a winner it finished all square on an extremely windy and wet Fethard Park. Credit to both sides for playing great football despite the terrible weather conditions throughout the game. We would like to wish Kerry's Muireann Teahan a speedy recovery after she was forced to withdraw with injury prior to throw in.

Ennis RFC 0-10 Killarney RFC

SOLID WIN FOR UNDER 16'S

The Killarney u16 girls kept up their recent good form to win a very closely contested Munster Cup semi-final in Ennis last Sunday. Having defeated Ennis in the league final in January both teams knew it was going to be a tough battle and that it was from the very start of the game. Killarney started the game very well and with some clever interplay by both backs and forwards a good scoring opportunity was created for the flying Killarney winger Niamh Dorian, but a last ditch Ennis tackle just prevented the winger from registering the first points of the game. After a serious of good strong runs by second row Joanne O'Keefe and Ava O Malley eventually Ella Guerin forced her way over the line for the first score of the game. Ennis asked a lot of questions of the Killarney defence, but just couldn't find a way through a resolute Killarney defense whose a line speed was of the

very highest standard. Just before half-time the Ennis fly half was very close to equalising, but a brave tackle by the Killarney skipper Fia Whelan prevented her opposite number from scoring. In the second half Killarney started to make their dominance pay off, initially The Killarney centre Bronagh Dorian made a superb break and was stopped close to the Ennis line, next up Whelan made a superb break and again the last line of the Ennis defence made a great try saving tackle. Still leading by only five points, Killarney knew the importance of scoring next, and they duly did. Holly O'Sullivan gathered a loose Ennis clearance and showed the Ennis defence a clean pair of heels to go over for an outstanding try, which wasn't converted.

Killarney finished the game very strong with their replacements Jess O'Sullivan, Isabelle O'Leary and Grainne Kennedy all making tell-

ing contributions to the a very solid team performance. The Killarney coach Diarmuid O'Malley added "this team is getting better and better as the season goes on, their defensive effort today was just phenomenal, with none of the girls taking a back seat from the first minute to the last, their appetite for work was brilliant. Whats very pleasing from Josh and my perspective, is the contribution from the girls off the bench, they have worked hard all year and it's great to see some of the girls who are still very new to rugby developing so quickly. The club are building something very special with the pipeline of girls coming through and days like today make it all worthwhile. We now have a Munster Cup final against Shannon to look forward to in two weeks time and we will be doing everything we can to ensure we do the league and cup double, but we will require another step up on today's performance to make that dream a reality".

If anyone wishes to start rugby in Killarney, what are you waiting for? boys and girls up to 12 years of age train each Saturday morning in Aghadoe at 10am and the U14s, 16s and u18 girls train on Wednesday night at 6.45pm new members always welcome.

For further information contact: Liam Murphy, Under age coordinator 087-414 5662, Anne Gabbit, u16s Girls manager 086-312 5722



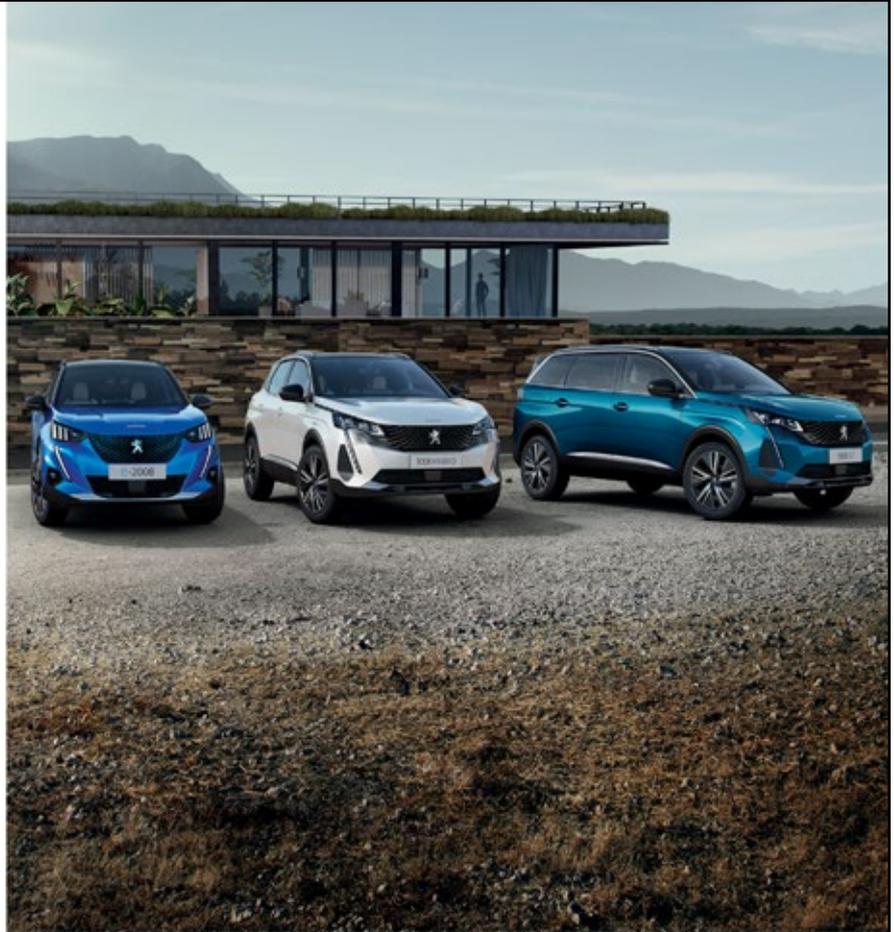


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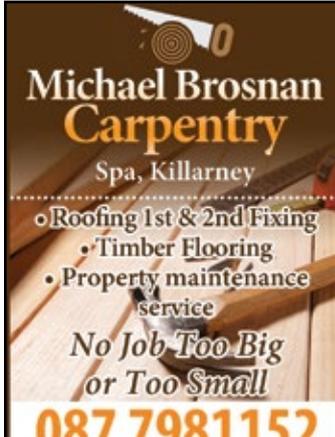
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BY Nicky Barry

*Like tall pillars of wisdom, they stood along the bar,
You could call them seats of learning, as punters discussed VAR,
And all aspects of football, for the high stools were back,
After restrictions had been culled, in readiness for craic.
Tables are for eating food, and not for drinking pints,
But pintmen tolerated them, all through pandemic nights.
The bar screens were all taken down, and stored away
somewhere,*

*Just in case Covid returns, to catch us unaware.
It is a boon for garrulous men, who had felt so frustrated,
Sitting at low tables, observing regulations.
Now they felt at liberty, to move freely around,
And chat indiscriminately, when no longer tied down.
Those who like to sing a song, felt better sitting tall,
For being elevated, helps to make a noble call.
Bar staff were delighted, for again they could converse,
Face to face with regulars, sitting on a perch,
And they didn't have to ferry drinks, loaded up on trays,
Down to seated customers, marooned at table bays.
All in all it was delightful, to get back to real night life,
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A Word of Victory

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But, we must also have mercy upon the people of Russia, who are being used by a deluded tyrant for his own greed. The Russian people have been oppressed for generations, robbed of their blessings and joy. God wants them delivered too. Many years ago in the 19th century, a group of Russian people brought the message of the Gospel of Jesus to the nation of Armenia, just before Armenia was invaded and taken over in a wave of destruction and murder. Many Armenians were rescued and escaped to the U.S.A., because of those Russians who had trudged through horrendous conditions in the mountains during the harsh winter to tell them about Jesus. One of the children of the Armenians who escaped was Demos Shakarian who later founded the Full Gospel movement, from which millions of people worldwide have been saved and come to know Jesus as Lord. So, is it any wonder that Russia has endured such demonic attacks of retaliation since?

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). When people do not know God's Word and His promises and how to protect themselves in prayer, the enemy targets them and sets them up for destruction. We must pray because intercessory prayer is the only thing that can change the outcome for any nation, family or individual. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land." (1st Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 59:16)

Today, we celebrate Saint Patrick who brought the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He came back – compelled by the love of God, to this nation where previously he had lived enslaved by his captors. Ireland at that time was a dark place, full of pagan worship - which was not as sweet as it is now portrayed. It was a bloodthirsty land full of occultic practices, and idolatry of false gods. Patrick brought the message of God's Love and Light which quenched the darkness, setting the foundation for future generations to live in, and demonstrate, the Love and Kingdom of God. Lá Fhéile Pádraig!

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Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, For all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world; that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP will recommence this Sun 13th of March at the 11am Mass at the Church of the Resurrection, Park Rd. This is a lovely opportunity for children up to 1st Communion age to have some time apart during Mass to reflect on the readings and themes of the Mass through their own activities, colouring, prayer etc, in St Brigid's Chapel. They will be invited to this just before the readings at Mass.

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Thoughts of you, from day to day
Though absent, you are always near
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*

Sadly missed by Nellie and all the family

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
23RD OF MARCH 2021

*Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same
We have to hide the heartache
When someone speaks your name
Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living without you is the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was so kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special years will not return
When we were all together
But with the love in our hearts
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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As we remember our beautiful mother Mary Theresa on her first anniversary. We would like to thank all our family, friends and neighbours for their continuous support throughout the most difficult year of our lives.

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all the people who sent Mass cards & messages. For all the phone calls and condolences on RIP and everyone who sent food during the funeral. Even though a lot of people couldn't be with us due to the Covid restrictions the biggest comfort of all was seeing the turnout of people who stood out to pay their respects on mom's final journey to her resting place.

To Fr. Teddy Linehan, Fr. Pat O'Donnell, Fr Pat McCarthy and Donie O'Connor (sacristan) for celebrating mom's funeral mass, & Tim Gleeson for the music. You were a great support during those difficult days.

We would also like to thank Sean O'Mahony for his care and attention during the funeral.

Mom was cared for with such kindness and compassion in the Mercy Hospital Cork, by oncologist Dr. Seamus O'Reilly and his team on St Theresa's and St Bridget's ward. We will be forever grateful for the care and support she received on her final days.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

Mom you will always be in our hearts because there, you are still alive . . .

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Mom's anniversary mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 27th of March at 10am in The Church of the Holy Rosary, Gneeveguilla.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the past, I have asked for many favours.
This time I ask for a very special one.
(Here mention your request.)
Take it, dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in his merciful eyes, it will become your favour and not mine. Amen.
Say for three days and promise to publish.

K.M.

NOVENA TO THE SACRET HEART

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

M.M.

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Amen.
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M.M.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Remember, dear Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou dost exercise to shield me from the justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee too by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in Heaven. Amen.

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PRAYER TO MOUNT CARMEL

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.
O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity.
There are none that can withstand your power.
O show me herein you are my mother.
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times).
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (three times).
Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.

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