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A taste of normality - Ice Cream from Eagers and a trip to Penny's for the Doona's as the girls keep it local in Phase Two of the Governments easing of Covid 19 restrictions. L-R Carmel, Jackie & Rhona Doona. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN







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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

e have a busy magazine for you this week as Killarney slowly comes back to life. There are noticeable changes around the town as businesses open and more are preparing to do so. We encourage you all to shop local and stay local as we continue to win this fight against COVID-19.

People are enjoying their freedom to travel around the county of Kerry and there are lots of visitors to Killarney and surrounding areas over the past week from different parts of the Kingdom and we extend a warm welcome to you all.

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# Dust off your dancing shoes and dance 4DS

Whatever you're style of dancing, get your groove on for Down Syndrome Ireland this Sunday 21st June. DSI are inviting households, neighbours & communities to join them for Ireland's biggest street dance 'Dance4DSI' to help raise much needed funding. The Cronin Family - Clockwise from left - Cáit, Tommy, Aoife, Tom, Molly, Denis, Bernie, Anto, Gráinne, Aoibhín & Niamh. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

#### The Cronin family from Ballydowney in Killarney will be among thousands of families across the country who are taking part in Ireland's biggest street dance and Dance4DSI this Sunday, June 21st.

Down Syndrome Ireland (DSI) is inviting households, neighbours and communities to join them for Ireland's biggest street dance and Dance4DSI to help raise vital funds to continue and improve upon their growing online services to support children and adults with Down syndrome and their families throughout Ireland. The COVID-19 crisis has adversely affected all face to face services provided by DSI and as a result, the way in which these services



are provided has had to change dramatically. "Niamh is spending a lot of her time cycling and walking with her family. She is also doing Zoom classes with her school friends. She understands that Covid 19 has caused her to be home from school which she hates as she loves school and misses all her friends, Bernie Cronin, Niamh's mum told the Killarney Outlook.

No matter where you live across the country, Dance4DSI is the way to reconnect with your neighbours at a safe distance and dancing is a fantastic way to make you feel good.

Dance4DSI will take place at 3pm on June 21st, coinciding with the summer solstice. The number 21 also carries a special meaning

as Down syndrome occurs when there is one extra copy of chromosome 21 in cells in the body. DSI are encouraging everyone to get involved by donating what they can through downsydrome.ie. Then share photos or video on social media of their family and neighbours dancing in the street to their favourite summer song, using the hashtag #Dance4DSI.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of DSI's regular fundraising activities have been unable to go ahead and funds are urgently needed in order to provide vital online support services in areas including speech and language and early development.

### Playground expansion to benefit children with special needs

Even though many of the playground around the county opened on Monday last, children in Killarney will have to wait another few weeks for the playground at Knockreer to open.

Kerry County Council are currently undertaking works to ensure that the playground will be more inclusive and are adding sepcially designed equipment for children with disabilities.

"Approximately €60,000 is being invested in extending and upgrading the playground at Knockreer. This is provide through grant aid from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and Kerry County Council funding", A spokesperson for the council told the Killarney



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The works had been due to commence before the shutdown so they are not underway and will take approximately three weeks.

Kopman Ireland Ltd is the contractor. The playground will be made more inclusive with the addition of specially designed equipment for children with disabilities. The playground will be extended slightly (within the existing boundary of the site) to incorporate the new equipment.

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his week I got a bit of 'inside information' from popular local post lady Lil Doherty, who made a few special deliveries to the O'Connell children recently to their home in Muckross - L-R Bláthnaid, Fionnán & Dearbhla, recent stars on RTÉ's "Home School Hub". I was amongst celebrities!

The weather held up in Muckross, so I sat in the children's beautiful garden to hear all about the three letters the children had written in lockdown - 1. The President himself Michael D Higgins, 2. Pope Francis at the Vatican and 3. The Late Late Show's very own Ryan Tubridy.

Dearbhla (8 years old next week!) said "I thought the President would be lonely so I decided to write to him for a chat and to see if he knew my Uncle Brian". Uncle Brian, by the way, is Brian Crowley, who served as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for the South constituency from 1994 to 2019. "Soooo did he know him?" I asked In her new column with the Killarney Outlook - Marie takes to the highways and byways meeting locals and telling their story

### From writing to the Pope to getting haircuts... Lockdown has been busy for the O'Connell's

Dearbhla. "He sure did and The President said to send him his regards". How cool!! a big Hello to Muinteoir Leah, my teacher at "The President doesn't actually write his own letters Marie, he has a secretary called Helen Kearney who does all his typing for him".

I was excited to hear about the next special delivery from Pope Francis and Bláthnaid (10) was ready to tell me everything. "I wrote to Pope Francis in May, asking him if his hand was sore from all the waving he had to do? I also told him how I won €2 from our creative writing competition at school where we had to write about a celebrity so obviously I wrote about Pope Francis. I also asked him to keep washing his hands to stay safe and to keep the world safe too". I asked to see the letter from the Vatican and Blathnaid told me "like The President, The Pope has a secretary too, Mr Roberto Cona. I can't wait to show it to Fr Niall. I love when he sends us videos on the home school app. He's really good at them". Finally onto Fionnán (5), who waited so patiently and allowed his sisters to speak first. "Well, I wrote to Ryan Tubridy to tell him to get well soon because he was sick with the Coronavirus but I haven't yet received a reply Marie. That's ok though because Ryan Tubridy was sick. Ryan writes all his own letters by hand and he doesn't have a secretary like the President or the Pope you a big Hello to Muinteoir Leah, my teacher at Gaelscoil Faithleann who we do zoom chats with most days and she sends us pictures and voice notes too. She's brilliant and I tell her every day I love you to the moon and back !". "And what have you been enjoying Fionnán outside of homework & letter writing"? I asked. "Well we love Lil Doherty our Post Lady who makes time to chat with us daily. I love playing catch with Dad, cards with my family and Mom has made up these really cool 2 metre games for when our friends come round". This is not Mom's only talent and I'm not talking about Fiona's stage school either. She has found a new talent as a hairdresser to her three children whilst in lockdown. I was so impressed and complemented her on her scissors skills and on also the children's letter writing skills, to which she replied "next week we are expecting equally important letters Marie.... The Report Cards"!! Indeed Fiona but at least after that 'School's Out for Summer'!!!

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

# SEVEN YEARS OF WORK COMES TO FRUITION AS THE MICROTRACK IS LAID

The final push for fundraising is on as the laying of the micro track on the grounds of St. Brendan's College is currently taking place.

Having had to contend with the unsuitable weather conditions for the work that needed to be carried since mid September 2019 and then the onset of the lockdown due to COVID-19, it was confirmed by Jeremiah Griffin from the fundraising committee that the first stage of the laying of the track has taken place.

"This involves the black composite, the next step is the red composite ,for which most would be familiar with and of course, the lining of the track. The settling and drying of the facility is crucial to attaining a first class finish and the final work is expected this week, weather permitting of course", Jerry told the Killarney Outlook.

"With the sensitive nature of the works and first class finish required, the zone is completely off limits to anyone", Jerry added, Seven years of hard work is finally coming to fruition!

"A further update will be issued over the coming days, with regards to new timelines. We continue to highlight to the community our private fundraising drive through our link www.gofundme.com/Killarneymicro-track You can help too!", Jerry said.



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# *Songs of Hope and Healing* live from The Cathedral



Amusical recital of songs of Hope and Healing will take place this weekend live from St. Mary's Cathedral.

Two of Killarney's best-known musical performers are to combine their unique talents to offer hope and healing to people living through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Classical crossover singer Grace Foley and pianist Noel O'Sullivan will join forces for an hour-long concert in the magnificent surroundings of St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday next, June 21, at 7.00pm.

In keeping with social distancing restrictions, the concert will take place behind closed doors but it will be beamed into people's homes via the parish webcam and parish radio.

The concert, which marks the longest day of the year, is designed to give people an opportunity to reflect on the events of the past three months and to offer encouragement to look to the future with confidence and hope.

Grace and Noel have chosen a programme of songs and music that they believe will carry a

message that can offer joy and healing during what is a very difficult and troubled time for so many.

"At a time when words fail, music speaks and music has been speaking volumes during these past few months," said Grace.

"I feel the need to reach out to people through music but I haven't been able to sing in public due to the pandemic

"The cathedral is such a special place for so many people and I truly look forward to reaching the ears and, hopefully the hearts, of everyone who tunes in," she added.

Grace is a classical crossover singer from Killarney, who has studied singing since the age of 14 with some of Ireland's leading professionals, including the late Aine Nic Ghabhann, James Nelson of the Celtic Tenors and soprano Virginia Kerr. She performs in venues across Ireland and abroad as well as regularly featuring on television and radio while Noel is a primary schoolteacher in Killarney, was the inspiration behind the incredible Teen Spirit initiative which saw dozens of teenagers performing in a very modern choir to packed arenas in many parts of the country. The purpose of the venture was to allow the teens to excel in an environment that enabled them to use their many talents to entertain, move and inspire the public with a shared vision of doing something really special.

Fr Niall Howard, of the Killarney parish, said it will be an opportunity for people to look forward to a new beginning and to get away from what has been happening over the past three months.

"There is a great symbolism to the fact that the concert is being held on the longest day of the year. It will celebrate the brightest of times in the midst of all the challenges we have faced," he said.

"No matter what we have to endure, we must believe in the goodness of people and the goodness of God to help us through," Fr Niall added.

# Fr. Michael celebrates 50 years of faithful service

Spa Native, Fr. Michael O'Donoghue celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood last weekend and his friends in Killarney and in the parish of Newark in England were able to celebrate with him through an on-line mass on Sunday morning which was live streamed from the Holy Trinity Church. A tribute to Fr. Michael's journey through the priesthood was posted on the parish website.

**50 years of Priestly Ministry is a wonderful milestone!** For Fr Michael, that journey began at home in Killarney, South West Ireland, before continuing its path at that great powerhouse of missionary formation in Dublin, All Hallows College. The Mission of the Church took the 'class of 1970' far and wide. Fr Michael's Pastoral Mission found its place here in the Nottingham Diocese. Through its 50 years it has led him to Oakham; to Derby; to building the work and mission of our Diocesan Youth Service as Diocesan Youth Director from the Briars, Crich. It has found expression in Leicester amongst the people of St Thomas More parish, with whom he celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood; and in SS Peter and Paul, Lincoln.

Since 2008, Fr. Michael has been part of the parish at Holy Trinity Church, Newark, UK leading, guiding, nurturing the community. "His energies, his heart and soul for his Mission and our Parish are boundless. As he celebrates, may we thank him for his work amongst us and wish him"

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# "We would have been lost without FaceTime"



While the rest of the world began to slow down, things began to speed up for Maria & Kevin O'Sullivan. This week I completely skipped right up there to the top of the queue, zoom lens in hand, to finally meet baby Ryan James O'Sullivan, born 31st March. Sure I had to, for you guys!

Little Ryan avoided April Fools Day by a hair's breadth..... but unfortunately there was no avoiding his arrival amidst the Coronavirus, Covid 19 pandemic. Not that the Cornavirus bothered little Ryan O'Sullivan one bit. He knew he was the luckiest boy in the world to be heading down the Cork road to a wonderful home in Crosstown, Killarney.

"The staff at CUH, I couldn't rate high enough Marie. They were exceptional but I have to say it was hard not to have Kevin with me throughout". Dad Kevin was present briefly for Ryans birth on Tuesday 31st March at 9:24am, but didn't get to see him again until they both returned home the following Saturday. "We

would have been lost without FaceTime"! Maria said "But I am delighted Kevin got to 'wet the baby's head' with a few social distancing pints outside our home at least".

"When Ryan & I finally got home to Crosstown, Niall, Gráinne, Rachel & Ronan had the whole house decorated and I have to say Marie we enjoyed our own cocooning while it lasted. That said, it was wonderful to see both sets of Ryans grandparents hold him for the first time last week". "The phone has been conveniently quiet since Ryan has arrived but I've never been so busy.... in a good way!" Kevin said. "Things are starting to pick up again now so I'm looking forward to getting back to it all but also getting home to these two everyday".

I asked Kevin & Maria how their dog Ruby was acclimatising (I love dogs) and just like Ryan's parents, "Ruby gets up to do the night feeds too. Ruby didn't have to get up at all last night though as Ryan was a great boy and slept from 9:30pm to 7am". I guess Ryan wanted some extra beauty sleep for his photoshoot today, not that he needs a minute of it!! Thanks for having me to your home in Crosstown handsome little Ryan O'Sullivan. My pleasure entirely.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

## TIME TO BREW UP AND DRINK TEA FOR MMD

There is no doubt that the global pandemic has changed our everyday lives. This year's Drink Tea for MND is a very different but very exciting one. Although we are under the cloud of Covid- 19, we must adapt to these uncertain times.

International MND / ALS day is celebrated throughout the world on June 21st every year. Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone usually hold their annual flag day in Killarney Town on the weekend of the 21st June.

"This year is different because of Covid -19 pandemic restrictions means our flag day is cancelled", Christy Lehane from the Kerry Friends of Motor Neuone told the Killarney Outlook.

"The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association traditionally hosted a Drink Tea for MND on this week also but alas this has limitations this year also due to the pandemic", he added. But all is not lost because the IMNDA came up with the novel idea of hosting a Virtual Drink Tea for MND and Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone are happy to lend their support and encouragement to the superb initiative and encourage people to drink virtual tea for MND

All proceeds donated will be very much appreciated as this year 2020 many fundraising events had to be cancelled.

"The IMNDA depends heavily on the generosity of the public to carry out all its vital services and as I have said many times in the past it is the public and supporters of the organisation who generate over 83 per cent of its income", Christy added.

KFMN say thanks again to our loyal friends and supporters who never left us down in the past and hopefully this venture will be your cup of tea. GO ON HAVE A BREW To drink tea for MMD go to https:// fundraise.imnda.ie





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**K**ERRY Airport Ireland has introduced enhanced measures to protect and ensure a smooth and safe passage for passengers who plan to return to the sky next month following the relaxation of Covid-19 travelling restrictions.

All Ryanair routes to London, Manchester, Hahn, Berlin, Alicante, Faro will commence from or after July 1st while the twice daily Aer Lingus Regional Kerry-Dublin service, operated by Stobart Air, has continued to function throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Multiple hand sanitising stations have been installed along with specialised cleaning services for virus sanitation and improvements to public washrooms at Kerry Airport.

Passengers must wear a face mask on entering the terminal and throughout their journey

through the airport and on the aircraft. A limited stock of face masks will be available to purchase at the airport. Where possible, with the exception of children and those who require assistance, anyone accompanying passengers should drop off and say their farewells from the car park. In addition to personal safety, time will be of the essence when travelling on a flight out of Kerry due to the 2-metre social distancing guidelines. Passengers must allow additional time for their journey while factoring-in potentially longer queuing times. The experienced staff at Kerry Airport would welcome the cooperation of passengers to maintain a seamless transition from check-in, through security and onto the aircraft.

The CEO of Kerry Airport Ireland, John Mulhern, said: "We have remained open throughout the

pandemic and in being proud to do so, we have facilitated the needs of the emergency air services who have required a landing base in Kerry. It's time to get back to normal. We have invested in ensuring that passengers and our staff are safe from coronavirus. Kerry Airport continues to be an important strategic asset to County Kerry in strengthening transportation links both nationally and internationally. It will play a greater economic role than ever when attracting investment and tourists to the region."

Kerry Airport would like to convey their thanks and support to all those heroes on the frontline who have kept us safe, treat our sick, feed us and protect the lonely and isolated in our community. By staying open, Kerry Airport continues to light the runway as a beacon of hope for when we defeat the virus. The new measures reflect both Ireland's national COVID-19 guidelines and the recent guidelines developed by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), to ensure the safe return of increased operations in Europe's aviation sector following the unprecedented downturn in recent months.

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## ICS LADIES SEW SCRUBS FOR LOCAL NURSING HOMES

When the national president of the ICA, Josephine Helly made an appeal for members to sew scrubs for front line staff, Kilcummin ICA were quick off the mark and Eileen Greaney chairperson of the branch took on the task of sewing 10 sets.

Sew Scrubs for Ireland – grew from an idea by Sinead Lawlor, who, with her colleagues in the costume industry have been busy cutting and making scrubs for the past few days for a Hospital and a Day Centre in Dublin. Sinead is a creative young woman who works in costume production and has many contacts in that field. The scrubs comprise a top and tunic, and trousers. Guild Members were asked to make Scrubs to meet a need in their community would be supplied with a package including an instruction leaflet and diagram; cut fabric pieces; tape for binding edges and finishing the inside neckline; plus



a drawstring for the waist of the trousers. This week Eileen Greaney Chairperson & Eileen Moynihan Secretary presented scrubs to two nursing homes in the parish, Heather Lee Nursing Home and Our Lady of Lourdes Care Facility.

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# MARTINA LOOKS FORWARD TO THE END OF **"THE 19"**

had the pleasure of meeting the beautiful Martina Healy this week. Martina leads a very busy life outside of 'The 19'. "I miss lots of things because of 'The 19' Marie. I miss Kerry Parents & Friends (espcially Jim the bus driver who picks me up everyday from my home at Mastergeeha), I I miss going to Sean Taaffe's Hairdresser to do my work experience twice weekly & my work outs at Believe Fit with Josie". Martina loves living in Killarney "My favourite things are walking my dog Sally in the National Park, shopping at New Look & Dunnes and visiting my Auntie, Sr Pias, at the Convent (but I do keep up with Sr Pias on FaceTime every Sunday so that's good)".

"Christina my PA is hopeless Marie. I love when she takes me for drives to town though. We turn on Daniel O'Donnell 'I wanna dance with you' and play it really loud. Other than that she's hopeless Marie". We both laughed so hard as Christina was present at that moment. Martina says she is "grateful to have 5 other 'lovely ladies' who call to help her weekly-Ramona, Elaine, Kathleen, Catriona & Una".



Martina Healy is a Kerry Stars Olympic Champion and has won medals in the National Games finals receiving Gold in the 800 metre walk and a National Silver in the javelin in 2018.

Equally as impressive as her new found talent in baking Cheese Cake & Apple Pie.

To conclude I asked Martina "If you could have one wish in the world Martina what would it be"? She paused for a minute and said "For 'The 19' to be gone Marie and every one to be healthy & happy again". I smiled and agreed, what a selfless wish! Martina quickly added "And for my soaps, Fair City & Coronation Street to return to normal. Steve McDonald needs more air time. He is very funny". After our chat myself & Martina had a most enjoyable photo session in her front garden. It was so difficult to select one photo but I think we got the look Martina was going for in this one. Martina promised to send me a slice of her freshly baked apple pie in the coming days. She's the kind of girl I'd look very much forward to meeting again. Thank you for having me Martina.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

#### 3,000 participate in safety training

## *'SAFE DESTINATION' BADGE* TO REASSURE VISITORS TO KERRY

Those planning to visit Kerry as the COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease can be assured that it is a safe destination to visit and stay thanks to a new Safe Destination Programme which involves the training of thousands of staff in the retail and hospitality industries in best practice cleaning protocols.

The 'Safe Destination Kerry' Programme, in association with Kerry County Council, Kerry Education and Training Board, the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation, and the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation has today published details of a new 'Safe Destination' Badge which will be displayed in premises where staff have undergone specialised training on cleanliness, hygiene and customer interaction in the COVID-19 environment.

Up to 3,000 staff in the tourism and retails industries in the county are participating in training which has been devised and is being provided by the Kerry Education and Training Board. The aim is to ensure that Kerry tourism and retail staff are trained in infection prevention, hygiene and cleanliness to the highest international standards as they reopen



Pictured in Tralee were : L/R Clr Jim Finucane, Mayor of Kerry Niall Kelliher, President of the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation, Bernadette Randles, Kerry Tourism Industry Federation Patrick O'Donoghue, Chief Executive of Kerry County Council, Moira Murrell, Colm McEvoy CEO Kerry ETB, Owen O'Donnell Director of FET Kerry ETB and Con O'Sullivan Kerry ETB. **PHOTO BY DOMNICK WALSH** 

for business. To receive the 'Safe Destination' designation, businesses must register with Kerry County Council to take part in the training course. When their participation in the training is verified by the Kerry Education and Training Board, which is delivering the training,

the business will receive their 'Safe Destination' badge and signage. Businesses and staff interested in participating in the training can register with Kerry County Council on its freephone Business Support Line on 1800 807 102 or business.support@kerrycoco.ie.

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# **NEW HOURS OF OPERATION** FOR COMMUNITY RESPONSE HELPLINE

The hours of operation of the Kerry Community Response Helpline (1800 807 009) have been amended. The service continues to be available from 9am to 5pm seven days a week.

The slight reduction in opening hours is reflective of the fact that many users have now developed direct links and contacts with volunteers in the community and often now make contact with them directly rather than contacting the freephone helpline. However, the service continues to be available every day on 1800 807 009 and a text and email service is also available.

The Kerry Community Response Forum reiterates its message to anyone with a non-emergency query, a concern, or the need for the delivery of essential items to pick up the phone and avail of the advice and support which continues to be available.

The Kerry Community Response Forum which includes numerous statutory, community and voluntary organisations continues to coordinate the community response during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Forum acknowledges the ongoing support and dedication of hundreds of volunteers who continue to provide an essential and valuable service to older people and vulnerable households around the county.

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### Pride Inside goes online

Kerry Pride has announced Pride Inside, an online Pride festival happening from the 11th-19th of July. Pride Inside is a collaboration between Kerry Pride, Killarney Pride, Black Pride Ireland, Galway Pride, Limerick Pride, and Mayo Pride. The events happening online throughout the week of the festival will include panel discussions, watch parties, quizzes, and live music. Follow along with our events through our social media. Find us on Facebook at KerryPrideFestival, and Instagram at PrideKerry. We have a link there for anyone who'd like to volunteer. Morgan Queeney, chair of Kerry Pride said: "We are delighted to be working with Killarney Pride, Black Pride Ireland, Galway Pride, Limerick Pride, and Mayo Pride for Pride Inside. This week long event is an opportunity to celebrate how diverse our LGBT community is and to support each other during these difficult times. It is so hard to connect to family, especially foundfamily and our LGBT+ community at this time. For the first time in history, all these Prides are coming together to bring a sense of belonging to any LGBT+ person and our supporters in Ireland and beyond. We hope you can join us."

#### COVID-19 /CORONAVIRUS Kerry Community Response Forum

The COVID-19 Kerry Community Response Forum is coordinating the community response to the current public health emergency. A confidential **freephone** service is available to provide advice and to deal with requests for non-emergency supports such as the **delivery of food**, fuel and medical supplies.

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## "IT WAS SITTING IN MY HANDBAG FOR ALMOST A WEEK!"

A Kerry family syndicate have claimed a Lotto jackpot prize worth a whopping  $\notin$ 9,772,175 after a two month wait and revealed that the winning ticket lay in a handbag, unchecked, for almost a week. The syndicate, who scooped the largest Lotto jackpot ever to be won in Kerry on 18th April, were calm and patient about the longer than usual wait to claim their prize, brought on by health restrictions due to COVID 19.

A member of the syndicate said: "Of course we heard of the big Lotto win in Kerry but never entertained the thought that it could be us – sure we never win! A few days passed and I was checking my ticket for the following Wednesday's draw when I spotted the ticket in my handbag. It dawned on me that I forgot to check Saturday's numbers. It was such a surreal moment when you realise you have won. Without even thinking about it I just started hopping all over the living room in delight. It's so funny to think I was walking around with the winning ticket in my bag for almost a week!" "We kept the ticket safe in a drawer at home but found ourselves checking the numbers frequently. It certainly took a while for the news to sink in... We actually won the Lotto!"

The family knew there would be a wait involved after speaking to the National Lottery claims team but said the two month wait actually turned out to be a positive thing for them. The syndicate member said: "Of course winning the Lotto is on your mind constantly but we didn't mind waiting to claim. In fact it turned out to be a good thing as we were able to get our heads around the win and make the necessary preparations to get such a huge amount of money. We knew it would come sooner or later so we really didn't mind the wait".

Their winning Quick Pick ticket was bought at Daly's Supervalu in Killarney, Co. Kerry just days after the store sold a  $\leq$ 500,000 EuroMillions Plus top prize to another one of its lucky customers.





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# SUMMER CAMPS 2020

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Camp 5: Monday 17th August - Friday 21st August 10am-4pm daily Camp 6: Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July 10am-4pm daily additional date added!



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Dates are subject to change and subject to minimum numbers. Please note, a deposit may be required to reserve a space.

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

# Eoin is "blessed amongst women"

arrived at the busy home of the Brosnan's to the sweet smell of baking. Completely in awe of where Mum Mary finds the time, what with 5 beautiful girls to home school and entertain and that's before any cleaning is done! "Granny Noreen usually does the baking but because of the Coronavirus, we couldn't see her for ages so Mom has had to make up for lost time. She's actually good" Jane told me.

Meet Annie (10) holding Mary Ann (1), Elizabeth in the tree (8), Susie (2) in the middle and roller skating Jane (6). I could see how Mary is so organised, these girls are great.

We began chatting and I started from the top down.

Annie is in 4th class at The Holy Cross Mercy NS and her teacher is Mr. O'Sullivan. Annie does a Couch to 5K run with her Mom and her sister Elizabeth every morning in the National Park "I don't mind it too much but it's a bit of an early start at 8am but that's because we need to get the steps in before Dad goes to work".

Dad Eoin, celebrated his 40th Birthday Party whilst in lockdown and they celebrated by having a socially distanced barbecue with Niall, Bridie, Granny & John and family. "It was great" Anne & Jane agreed.

Elizabeth is in 2nd Class with Mrs Counihan and misses her friends Roisin, Gemma, Liadh & Lucy lots but is really enjoying the running with her sister and her Mom Mary. "My favourite thing



is Lego & Barbies during lock down. I'm not a mad fan of the home schooling but Mom is brilliant and helps me with my Irish when I need it. It's good that she's a teacher too but

thankfully not at our school".

Jane (6) is in Senior Infants with Ms Spiillane "My favourite thing is my polytunnel that I built with Dad's friend David Moloney. I've planted peas, peppers and broccoli with my neighbour & friend Patricia Mangan. It's the best thing ever. Almost as cool as learning to skate in Moms old roller skates".

Susie has recently been potty trained and with her sister Maryann (1), they are missing their daily visits to Anne & Harry O'Donoghue's up the road.

The girls were so excited to tell me about the fairies who now reside with them on Ross Road "Mom told us that she wrote a letter to someone important and that they were coming to visit when we got back from our walk that day. Dad was working from home so we knew we wouldn't miss the mysterious visitors. When we got back Marie, we couldn't believe it, the fairies had moved in - Rose Bud, Princess & Lily". So to conclude, that's 3 lady fairies, 2 dogs Ivy & Daisy, 5 beautiful daughters and one outstanding Mom/wife Mary, making a grand total of 11 females residing at the Brosnan household on Ross Road now, making Kerry Star Eoin Brosnan very much 'blessed amongst women'.

PICTURE: MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN FOR GOGGLEVOX WITH THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

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## Bricín feature works by Killarney Artist



Johnny McGuire, Bricín Boxty House & Restaurant pictured with Sean O'Connor's painting of Ross Castle. PICTURE MARIE CARROLL-O'SULLIVAN

An exhibition of paintings of Killarney Artist Seán O'Connor is currently on display on the windows of Bricín Restaurant on High Street in Killarney. The paintings depict landscape

scenes around the Killarney and Kerry area.

Seán O'Connor (1909 - 1992) born Fossa, Killarney and continued to live there for most of his life. He was educated at St Brendan's College, Killarney and attended both the National College of Art in Dublin and the Crawford College of Art in Cork for a time.



Sean O'Connor pictured in his studio in the Town Hall. Picture: Eugene Ferris.

He exhibited at his studio in the Town Hall, Killarney from the early 1940's for more than fifty years. He was still painting each day at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Watercolour Society of Ireland and an associate of the Royal Hibernian

Academy, regularly exhibiting at their annual exhibitions. His work focused almost exclusively on the natural beauty of the lakes, mountains and rivers of his native Killarney. He also painted coastal landscapes in other parts of Kerry, particularly the Dingle and Iveragh peninsulas. He is best known for his masterful skills as a water colourist but also painted in oils, more so in the earlier years of his painting career.

He was active in many groups and committees that promoted Killarney's tourism and heritage, including several decades as a Trustee of Muckross House.

He was also active in the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, producing an original drawing each year for the cover of the Society's journal.

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# Children with special needs in Kerry to benefit from **new summer programme**

Children and young people with special needs in Kerry will benefit from a new programme called Summer Provision according to Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Brendan Griffin TD.

Minister Griffin said: "Traditional known as 'July Provision', summer education has been hugely important to children with special needs in Kerry. The Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh TD, has confirmed that this will happen this year but as a significantly expanded programme for children with special needs and students in DEIS schools.

"This is positive news for many families in Kerry. All through this COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has consistently acknowledged the additional challenges faced by children with special needs at this time, and I know many families here locally who were concerned at their children missing out on school. So I am really pleased to see the Government follow through on the commitment to do something for this vulnerable group of students who rely so much on their annual summer programme. "A wide range of children with special needs will benefit from Summer Provision this year, including those with severe and profound and moderate needs, to those with autism, Down syndrome, and those with severe visual or hearing impairment.

"Teachers and special needs assistants are being given the opportunity to offer provision in-school or in the home. DEIS schools are also being offered the chance to run educational summer camps on literacy and numeracy, wellbeing and re-engagement with school. In addition, the HSE aims to provide summer camp type supports to up to 1,200 children with complex needs.

"I am informed that if possible, school transport will be provided to support the programme where appropriate. The Government is also finalising plans to provide the Schools Meals Programme for schools taking part in Summer Provision 2020.

"I encourage anyone who wishes to register their child for Summer Provision to do so via the dedicated online registration system for families of children with special needs, at gov.ie/summerprovision", Minister Griffin concluded.

Summer Provision 2020 will involve three strands with different options for parents, students and schools.

The first is in-school or home-based supports by teachers and SNAs to help prevent regression

among children with special needs.

The second is an opportunity for all 890 DEIS schools to provide summer camps, including a numeracy and literacy programme for primary pupils and a programme of re-engagement for post-primary students.

The third is Health Service Executive-led. It will aim to provide summer camp type supports to up to 1,200 children with complex needs.

The following children with special needs will be eligible for the first strand of the Summer Provision as part of in-school and home-based programmes:

Students with autism or severe and profound learning difficulties.

Children in special classes in primary schools and special schools

Children transitioning from early years into a special class in primary school or special school. Primary pupils in mainstream classes who present with Down syndrome, students who are deaf or most severe hard of hearing, students who are blind or have most severe visual impairment, children with a moderate general learning disability or those diagnosed with a severe emotional behavioural difficulty.

# Kerry B&Bs And Small Businesses Left High And Dry!

Norma Foley TD says some small business owners have been left without any government supports to help them out of the COVID-19 crisis and many fear they may never be able to reopen.

B&Bs and a wide range of other small businesses including some bus operators, trades people, community centres and others are excluded from the Business Restart Grant.

Deputy Foley explained "The Coronavirus pandemic, and the restrictions which had to be implemented in the interests of public safety, has led to the effective shutdown of much of the economy over the past three months. While efforts have been made to sustain businesses through this unprecedented shutdown, smaller businesses have been left behind.

B&Bs for example are a vital component of the tourism sector here in Kerry but they have been excluded from the government's Business Re-

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start Grant. I am talking to B&B owners every day who are frustrated that they have been overlooked. Many are unsure how they will be able to afford to reopen and comply with the new Covid 19 Stay Safe measures; for others reopening may simply not be an option. Small businesses are usually family run op-

erations and not only are the owners worried

about not having the income to sustain their business, some are also concerned about the impact that the loss of earnings will have on their children and their ability to qualify for the SUSI grant for third level. At the moment the grant is based on last year's earnings, which will be in no way comparable to this current year. I have previously asked for some leniency on applications for this year and am continuing to pursue it with the Education Minister.

Our small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we need to be supporting them through this tremendously difficult time. I have already raised this matter with the Department of Business and the Minister and will continue to do so to establish what options and supports are open to these small business owners to ensure that they can reopen" concluded Deputy Foley.

### PUBLIC TOILETS TO BE REOPENED ON A PHASED BASIS

Councillor Michael Cahill has welcomed confirmation of the phased reopening of Public Toilets in towns and at beaches throughout the county. The Fianna Fail Councillor who had been contacted by many members of the public received the following confirmation from Kerry County Council Director of Services, John Breen. With regard to the public toilets, we are looking to the phased reopening of public conveniences, commencing initially in the towns, (Tralee; Killarney, Listowel, Castleisland, Dingle, Kenmare, Killarney, Killorglin), from the 8th June 2020, followed by the opening of facilities on our beaches aligned to the timeframe for the provision of lifeguard services. The following is the schedule for the return of the Lifeguarding service:- Dates Beaches from w/e 20th of June Ballybunion; Ballyheigue; Banna Maharabeg – Castlegregory ; Inch; Rossbeigh From w/e 27th June Fenit ; Ventry / Ceann Trá From 1st July Kells ; White Strand; Ballinskelligs

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BARLEYMOUNT, KILLARNEY 1.75 acres approx. field with specatular views **SPA/KILLARNEY** 1 acre site, subject to planning, dry elevated, great location

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Suitable for dogs over 10 months. €65 for 4 weeks

#### **FUN AGILITY**

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If you are interested in any of the services that The Dog House offers you can contact Irene on 0872372632 or check out her Facebook page @ Kerrydogtraining - Email: info@ kerrydogtraining. ie

### Kerry Entrepreneurs Among EY Entrepreneur Of The Year finalists

Kerry entrepreneurs Paul & Neil Fitzgibbon, Ard Ri Marble are among the 24 finalists of the 2020 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Ireland programme which were revealed this week. The finalists from across the island of Ireland will compete across three categories - Emerging,

compete across three categories - Emerging, Industry and International - and one overall winner will be selected as The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year<sup>™</sup> 2020 in November.

The 24 finalists have been shortlisted from more than 100 nominations by an independent



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judging panel of previous winners, chaired by Anne Heraty, CEO of CPL Resources Plc, and EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2006. This year's shortlist includes Kerry entrepreneurs Paul & Neil Fitzgibbon, Ard Ri Marble. They follow in the footsteps of well-known Kerry businessman Edmond Harty of Dairymaster, who was named EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ in 2012.



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# THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING...

**L** ast Friday the children at Holy Cross Mercy Preschool graduated in a completely new way – in an online ceremony. Staff ensured that they still got to wear their caps and gowns by distributing them at an earlier date. Although this was a first and not ideal, the feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive as one parent remarked, 'It was so lovely to have a virtual graduation for the preschoolers... A very different event for very different times, but the children loved seeing each other on the screen and perform their songs together in their hat and gowns and even got to throw their hats in the air too!

"We were also very lucky to have Seesaw app implemented in the school already and it was such a great tool for the teachers and the children to keep in touch through activities and videos, Preschool teacher Maria Slattery told the Killarney Outlook.

With the "Zoom" virtual graduation I feel there is some kind of closure for the children and they can look forward to going back to school as big boys and girls in uniform for Junior Infants", she added.

It was difficult to say who was more disappointed when the lockdown of preschools due to COVID-19 was announcedthe children, the parents or the staff at Holy Cross Mercy Preschool Killarney. As is always the case, staff had a fun-filled exciting and educational curriculum prepared for the children for the remainder of the year, but this was cut short with very little preparation time to adjust in order to help and support service users. However, the staff very quickly recognised the importance of maintaining contact with their children and parents endeavouring to bring some continuity to their lives and routine now that their weekly journey to the preschool was no longer an option.

The preschool staff and parents have long been using an interactive app, SEESAW, in order to display children's learning and artwork as well as keeping parents informed of important dates or occasions. This app became a vital link between the preschool service and the families in order to try to help the young children make sense of the lockdown and explain to them why they could no longer join their friends for circle time or play together in the learning garden.

Staff uploaded some easy to read stories explaining why isolation and hand hygiene were now such important aspects of daily life



- in fact by doing so, our little children were actually becoming Superheros! This story as well as some other poems were warmly received by parents and they remarked that these explanations resonated with the children even more than the parents own explanation.

Each week since the preschool closed, staff have uploaded simple cookery recipes such as banana bread, keep fit classes, Nibbles – our preschool puppet, rhyming games, music and movement videos, stories as well as activities to help with the children's cognitive development e.g. shapes & colours hunts. The children were able to see and hear the familiar voices of their key worker and this was both a source of amazement and comfort for them.

"The role of the parent has to be applauded during this difficult time' Maria said. "We have always valued parents as partners but these recent few months have shown just how crucial and pivotal they have been", she added.

"We were overwhelmed by their engagement and how they sent in so many wonderful photos and videos of their child participating in activities and showing how they turned a negative into a positive. Staff felt strongly that the children's learning from home should be preserved and the idea of an e-book with all the children's artwork, videos and photos should be made as a keepsake", Maria added. It is anticipated that the Holy Cross Preschool will re-open its doors in September in accordance with Government Guidelines - in the meantime, staff and management are implementing as many procedures as possible to ensure health and safety of children when they return.



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#### NEWSDESK

# Glen features KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK on his latest project



 $\int y \circ u n g$ Killarney film maker was part of Cruinniú na nÓg Kerry 2020 which was hosted on various digital platforms on Saturday 13th with June creativity and innovation on display across all events. Glen Bowler has

this week posted his

work on youtube and it has been shared on the Killarney Outlook Facebook Page.

Glen made the short film which was shown along with others as part of a unique showcase of films was made specially for Cruinniú na nÓg 2020.

The film focuses on Killarney National Park and what it has to offer but also includes a unique mindfullness tool.

"Forest Bathing is the intentional practice of connecting with nature and surrounding yourself with energy of the natural world, and originated in Japan. In this Short Film i try to show most elements of Forest Bathing at Killarney National Park, Glen said.

His video can be view at https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=sZbfpfWo4oY

This year's Cruinniú na nÓg was programmed at a particularly challenging time for all. In the middle of the global health crisis of COVID-19, Kerry County Council Arts Office worked with artists and facilitators to develop a strong line up of online and digital events that would appeal to young people from the ages of 5 to 18.

Cruinniú na nÓg was delivered in an unprecedented way, with youth creative engagement focused online. 'It was a learning curve for us in the Arts Service, in particular



Glen Bowler from Killarney pictured (second from top) during Cruinniú na nÓg Kerry 2020 project. Left: Glen with his camera.

when we saw the reach of the online activity', stated Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer & Creative Ireland Coordinator. 'Programming an online aspect to future days of creative engagement will form part of what we do moving forward, we are confident that by doing this we will reach new audiences for arts and creativity. Most importantly, we will provide greater access to young people to creativity.'

Cruinniú na nÓg in Kerry saw a strong, varied programme with film, creative writing, singing, dance, visual arts and robot building! By noon on Saturday Present Day Poetry Kerry has over 500 people reading the poetry written by children across the Kingdom. The future of creativity is bright indeed. The drawing workshop by Me and the Moon attracted participants from many counties up the country as well as children across Kerry. With 13 events and over 2000 participants and viewers, Cruinniú na nÓg in Kerry received overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents and children has been overwhelmingly positive with fun had by all who participated.

With the support of Creative Ireland national

office, Kerry County Council and local stakeholders such as Radio Kerry, the Arts Office team were able to pivot the whole schedule online and programme a substantial schedule of guality events.

Mayor of Kerry, Niall Kelleher, commented: "Creativity is an essential component in the wellbeing of Kerry communities and in particular for our young people. On behalf of Kerry County Council, we were delighted to partner with Creative Ireland on Cruinniú na nÓg 2020. I'd also like to pass my thanks and congratulations on to all the artists, facilitators, participants and audience on a hugely successful online event"

Check out Kerry County Council Arts Office social media channel @kerrycoarts and website www.kerrycoco.ie/arts to see images, video clips and reviews of the successes.

Cruinniú na nÓg Kerry is facilitated by Kerry County Council Arts Office/Creative Ireland Kerry Office and Creative Ireland and supported by The Culture Team of Kerry County Council.

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I know that everyone in the school joins me when I say that we will miss you all here in the school. I want to acknowledge the role of all the fantastic teachers whom you were taught by over your time here in the school and in particular Mr. Andrew Garnett and Mr. Cillian Fitzgerald for guiding you through 6th class.

We know that you all have a very bright future ahead of you. We want to thank your parents for all the support they have given the school over the years through all sorts of school activities . We hope you take happy memories with you from your time here in the school.

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Back row left to right; Olivier Kuczynski, Jiery Wang, Valentin Caruz, James O'Shea, Cormac O'Leary, Ian Counihan, Declan Grimes, Kuba Dabrowski.

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Milk cleansers are lightweight and moisturising, often contains Lactic acid for extra moisturising and light exfoliation. Can be wiped or rinsed off skin.

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Wipes are a lazy option to remove superficial makeup, and very drying. A thorough second cleanse is required after.

Soaps and Bar Cleansers are extremely aggressive and drying and should be avoided on face.

### Noreen Mangan

# The Solution is always there

When we are going through difficult times in our lives, it can feel as if there is no solution to our situation. In truth, however, there is always a solution available to us. It just may take a little time or a different way of seeing things to discover it. The mind can make us believe that our problems are insurmountable, that there is no hope. And yet, there is always hope if we know how and where to look.

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· Move out of fear! Fear holds us back. It limits and shrinks our potential for growth and discovery. When fear arises, notice it but don't attach to it. By this I mean don't believe it's necessarily true. Question your fearful thoughts by asking the guestion? "Really? Is this thought absolutely true?" Most fears are based in the future and as the future hasn't happened yet we cannot know for sure that what we fear will happen will actually happen!

 Slow down, reflect and breathe. Don't rush into making decisions. Take your time, slow down. Breathe fully and deeply and bring yourself into the present moment.

Remember that even when you feel that there is nowhere to turn, there is always an answer waiting for you. Trust, believe, ask and receive!



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8. Your stomach is starting to really ache. You probably know you shouldn't have had more, but it tasted so good.

9. You now feel really uncomfortable, heavy, tired and bloated.

10. Beyond full: this is a typical Christmas Day sort of feeling - you are physically miserable, don't want to or can't move, and feel like you never want to look at food again. Not a good point to reach!

#### HUNGER SCALE TIPS

2. Keep hydrated - Remember to keep fluid levels up so that you can recognise and feel real hunger when it is not confused with thirst.

3. Personalize the scale - Your own experiences may differ from this and from those described on the hunger scale, so you could always experiment with developing your own scale in your own words to measure how it is in a way that makes sense for you.

4. Use a Hunger Awareness Diary in conjunction with the hunger scales Use a diary or journal to make a note of thoughts or feelings linked to your eating and record how hungry you are before, during and after eating. Reflecting on these can be a powerful and effective way to find out more about what influences your own particular eating habits.

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The Listowel Police Mutiny began on 16 June 1920 and it had a big impact on the Anglo-Irish War. The Mutiny had a rippling effect throughout the country, and it played a significant role in the War of Independence as it resulted in a victory for the Irish Volunteers.

On 16 June 1920, a message came from Dublin to the County Inspector in Listowel with instructions that requested a policeman to collect an important despatch from the railway that same day. The despatch consisted of transfers for every policeman that was stationed at the Listowel Barracks, the exception being 3 sergeants and one constable who were to remain at the Barracks. The proposed plan was for the military to take control of the RIC Barracks on the following day.

The RIC did not believe it was necessary to vacate the Barracks and refused to leave the following day. Constable Jeremiah Mee was relatively new to Listowel however he was chosen to speak on behalf of the police force and informed the County Inspector of their decision to remain in the Barracks. The County Inspector was unhappy with their response, and a couple of days later Colonel Smyth and his party arrived into Listowel to speak to the police.

The police force was informed the RIC and the military were to be merged together by 21 June and Martial Law would be introduced. The policemen were ordered to shoot any individual who looked suspicious to them, if an innocent civilian were to be killed there would be no punishment. The RIC were uncomfortable with the powers they had been given, and as a result fourteen of them resigned. The County Inspector was surprised when they announced their resignation and urged them to reconsider.

Constable Mee spoke up against Colonel Smyth on behalf of the RIC as they disagreed with the course of action. Colonel Smyth ordered for Mee to be arrested for speaking out however the police force showed their solidarity and circled around him in support to prevent his arrest. After the incident, the police constructed and signed a note which stated they would not agree to the plan. Afterwards, the 14 police officers confirmed their resignation as they did not feel safe or comfortable in the Barracks. They did not believe in killing their fellow Irish men, particularly civilians who were not involved in the fight.

As a result of the Listowel Police Mutiny, over 1,000 RIC officers resigned nationwide as they disagreed with killing innocent civilians. The resignation of these policemen undermined the British Rule in Ireland, which was a victory for Irish Republicans.





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# SUSI must relax the means testing of 20/21 college grant applicants because of Covid-19



The grant authority, Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI), opened its online application system for the 2020/21 academic year on 23rd March. The priority closing date for new applicants is the 9th July. SUSI will process late applicants for grants but as SUSI is certain to receive a large number of applicants, submit your application as early as possible. You don't need to have your Leaving Cert results or to have accepted a college course to apply. At this stage, you can simply supply the details of the course you hope to study and you can update your course choice online if you accept a different course at the time of the college offers.

In considering eligibility for a grant, SUSI assesses gross family income from all sources in the previous calendar year. For current applicants, the relevant income year is 2019.

The full college grant covers tuition fees, the student contribution of €3000 and compulsory field trip expenses. Not all students who qualify for a grant are awarded a full grant. Many qualify only for one of a range of partial grants. Full details of income thresholds and grant award rates can be found on the SUSI website, www. susi.ie.

Two grants are normally awarded, the 'special rate' grant and the 'standard rate' grant. In order to qualify for a special rate grant, gross income must be less than  $\leq 24,500$  and must include one of the long-term Department of Social Protection eligible payments. The value of the special rate adjacent grant is  $\leq 2375$  and the special rate non-adjacent rate is  $\leq 5915$ . 'Adjacent' means attending a college which is 45km or less from home. 'Non-adjacent' means attending a college which is more than 45km from home.

To qualify for a standard grant, the gross reckonable income for a family with less than

four dependent children is  $\leq 39,875$ . The adjacent grant is  $\leq 1215$ , the non-adjacent grant is  $\leq 3025$ . Because of the economic and employment havoc caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, many families will earn much less income in 2020 than in 2019. Therefore, assessing grant eligibility on last year's gross family income will deprive many deserving applicants of a college grant. Current adverse economic factors must be taken into account or else many deserving young people won't see the inside of a college next September. All applicants must have their grant applications assessed on their current family financial circumstances rather than last year's gross earnings.

Further and Higher education was very expensive ever before the Coronavirus pandemic struck. The financial burden is somewhat eased for students who qualify for partial or total state funding. Unfortunately, means testing of applicants for grants is so restrictive that thousands of students are ineligible for any financial aid. Capping the gross annual income level for grant eligibility at  $\in$ 39,875 ignores spiralling living costs.

Students who are ineligible for grants need about €12,000 annually to maintain themselves away from home or about €4000 if living at home. The annual student contribution of €3000 must also be paid. Many college students do up to fifteen hours part-time work weekly and/or depend on their parents to make ends meet. Part-time work and parental support may not be as readily available this year as the country recovers from the economic effects of the virus.

The incoming Government must be compassionate with the grants and ease the financial burden on hard pressed families. The €3000 student fee contribution must be abolished immediately. The minimum qualification distance

between home and college for the non-adjacent grant must be restored from 45km (28mls) to its pre-recession level of 24km (15mls). The standard rate maintenance grant must be increased from €3025 to €5000 and all other grants on a pro rata basis. The annual income level for standard rate grant eligibility must be increased to €50,000 from the current level of €39,875. Covid-19 must not be allowed deny young people their right to further and higher education.

#### CHECKLIST

- ✓ Applicants have until 5.15pm on 1st July to submit a CAO online change of mind
- ✓ Unlike the CAO, there isn't a centralised application system for PLC courses
- ✔ Apply now to PLC colleges for 2020 entry
- ✓ The priority closing date for applying to SUSI for a college grant is 9th July
- ✓ Due to economic uncertainty, it's advisable to apply for a college grant
- ✓ For grant eligibility in 20/21, SUSI will assess gross family income from 2019
- ✓ The adverse effects of Covid-19 must be considered when assessing grant eligibility
- ✓ The €3000 student fee contribution must be abolished immediately
- ✓ The standard rate maintenance grant must be increased from €3025 to €5000
- ✓ The income level for standard rate grant must be increased from €39,875 to €50,000
- ✓ Covid-19 must not deny young people their right to further and higher education

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# **DON'T FORGET THE SURVEY!**

A reminder that Killarney Chamber, in conjunction with Kerry County Council, are looking for people to fill out the 'Lets Talk About Town' Survey.

The aim is to engage with local people living and working in Killarney about what's important to them, what they need from the business community and measures they would like to see implemented as we move towards creating a safe, progressive and inclusive Killarney.

"We are especially looking for more participation from the 18 to 25 group and the

A reminder that Killarney Chamber, in : 25-35 group, Paul Sherry, Chamber President conjunction with Kerry County Council, are : told the Killarney Outlook.

> One thing we can be sure of during this time of continuous uncertainty is, change. Local businesses need your support now more than ever and one of the ways we are asking for your support is to tell us what changes you would like to see. Towns and businesses must rebuild and we want the changes in Killarney to reflect a collective and inclusive voice so that we do it mindfully and with strength. Therefore, we are encouraging as many of you as possible to please engage with us and complete the

#### survey.

Paul Sherry, President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce outlined; "This is a great opportunity to get feedback from the public on what they see as important factors in creating a safe and vibrant new Killarney in which they feel comfortable to visit, shop and experience. We all need to rebuild together and this survey will serve as a starting point in changing the way we do business and how to better satisfy the needs of our customers, locals and visitors." To take part in the survey log onto : https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NXCT99

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We also have a website under construction that should be going live in the coming weeks. This will be ideal for anyone who wants all New Books and does not want to come into the shop. (dungeonbookshop.ie)

#### Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm

We are adhering to all Covid-19 regulations. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates throughout the summer.

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#### DR. CROKES GAA CLUB NEWS CLUB LOTTO

We are delighted to announce the recommencement of our lotto, which will take place in the clubhouse on Monday 29th June at 11am. One alteration to it for the next few weeks until all restrictions are lifted is that the jackpot will stay at €5600 and if won will revert to €5000. We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis's Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below And follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce. com/play\_newa.asp#Anchor When you click on the link it brings you to the Clubforce Main page. From here click Club name Dr. Crokes Gaa. This brings you to another page that you again put in Dr. Crokes, which in turn brings you to the Dr.Crokes home page. From here click lotto and the rest follows on. Alternatively download the Clubforce app, click my favourite clubs, click Dr Crokes and lotto is at bottom click and follow.

Tickets can also be got from the usual sources along with Gleesons Spar College Square or Vince Casey's office. From Monday 29th they will also be available from Tatler Jack. Patrons with yearly tickets and online subscription will be credited for their contributions during the cancellation.

#### MEMBERSHIP

For those who still haven't paid membership, can you please do so over the next week or so as we are anxious to have all membership finalised by the end of June at latest. The fastest and most effective way to pay is again through the Clubforce app, which will soon be the man source of club communication. Frances O Somullivan has recently emailed members looking for them to update their details. Alternatively membership can be dropped into Vince Casey's office.

Dr Crokes are currently updating our Adult player & member details on our system if you currently do not receive emails or if your details have changed please email your name & number players over 18 include your DOB to drcrokesgaa@gmail.com

**RETURN TO PLAY** We are getting closer to a return to the playing field in the coming weeks. Kerry Co. Board have issued a draft fixture schedule which hopefully will agreed on Tues of this week. All club members are anxious to see a return of activities Protocols are still in place regarding entry to club grounds and will remain closed until we receive official notification. In the meantime the players injury fund is suspended so fields avm AND CLUBHOUSE ARE OFF LIMITS GOLF SOCIETY the committee are pleased to announce the 5 remaining outings will take place as follows. July 10th Killeen 1.30pm /3.20pm Keith McMahon Captains Prize. August 15th Kenmare 9am/10.40am. September 5th Dingle 9am/10.10am. October 31st Waterville 11.10am/12.20pm Mike Buckley Presidents Prize. November 21 O'Mahony's Point Christmas Hamper Shotgun start 10am.

# Historic win for Firies Under 12's



"The Firies U12 girls of 2019 who won a historic double winning the Co.League Div 1A & the East Kerry Div 1A titles." Firies beat Austin Stacks in the Co. League Final in Ballymac by 1-07 to 1-04. This was an extremely hard fought win with Firies just pulling away at the end. A nail biting finish with end to end excitement. Firies then went on to beat Cromane ladies in the East Kerry Final in Fitzgerald Stadium. This was a beautiful introduction for both ladies teams to our county stadium. Cromane had won Div 2 of the Co. League earlier that year so the battle of the champions was set for the most appropriate of venues. And it didnt disappoint. It was a 10 goal thriller with Firies coming out on top 5-09 to Cromanes 5-05. A perfect end to the year for the first ladies team to play in Division 1 of the county & making a little bit of history for the little East Kerry Club."

#### **KEEL GAA CLUB** HEALTHY CLUB STEPS CHALLENGE

We have completed Week 1 of the Steps Challenge and we have 37 people in the community participating. You can still sign up to the MyLife GAA Healthy Clubs Steps Challenge. The main prize is a €2,500 O Neill's voucher for the club however, they have added an additional 5, €500 O'Neills vouchers to reward more clubs in the competition. We would love to get more of the community involved in this challenge. To take part follow these steps: 1. Download the MyLife app from the App store or Google Play store 2. Once registered tap on the social tab in the MyLife app 3. Select challenges 4. Select the challenge for your province 5. Tap on join & select your club. Please see our social media pages for more information.

#### **SKILLS CHALLENGE**

Our seniors and minors have been creating skills challenges for our underage. You can keep up with all the challenges and participants entries on our Facebook and Twitter pages. All age groups have one week to complete the challenge. The coaches have decided any child who enters at least 3 videos over the 6 weeks will receive a small prize. Well done to all the boys and girls who have shown excellent skills over the past few weeks. Big thanks to our Kerry minor star Keith Evans for the week 5 challenge. If you wish to take part, take a look at the details on social media or ask one of your coaches.

#### MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA NOTES

Covid-19 Update – Safe Return to Gaelic Games Milltown Castlemaine GAA Club is delighted to announce a 'Safe Return to Gaelic Football' based on the Governments 'phased re-opening of society and business' together with the GAA's COVID-19 Advisory Committee. The plan offers a route back to playing, subject to the government timelines being achieved in the weeks and months ahead. Some of the key dates of the plan include:

• June 29th: Training recommences for small groups, of not more than 10 players/2 coaches, for non-contact training under social distancing guidelines, where players must maintain the Government advised distance from each other (currently 2m). Training includes running, aerobic training, resistance training, agility & ball work

· July 20th: All forms of team and group training permitted (i.e. full 'normal' contact)

• July 31st : Resumption of club competitions for all cohorts (U-12 and upwards)

• August 10th: Access to GAA buildings and indoor facilities including meeting rooms, gyms and exercise studios permitted where regular and effective cleaning can be carried out and where required indoor social distancing measures can be maintained.

From a Milltown Castlemaine perspective; training will recommence on two different dates: June 29 th: U-12 and older: Kerry County football competitions are to re-commence on July 31st so the older age groups will come back earlier, observing the 2-meter social distancing guidelines, to prepare for the county competitions.

July 20 th U-10 and younger: Maintaining the required 2 meters distance between players is considered unrealistic for the younger age groups so training will resume when full contact is permitted after July 20th

The stand-out elements in the plan, designed to control the spread of the disease include:

 $\cdot \,$  Appointment of a club COVID-19 supervisor for each team

• All players and coaches to sanitise their hands, on entry & departure from grounds

· Water Bottles must not be shared

 All shared equipment (balls, cones, ladders etc.) must be washed/sanitised at beginning & end of training and games

· If a player/coach/parent/guardian has a temperature over 37.5°c the individual must not

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attend training or games

· Parent/guardian must drop off and collect child at the club

• The introduction of a mandatory Health Questionnaire to be completed by players & coaches before each training session & match. The questionnaire will record temperatures (taken at home before training) and will be available for contact tracing if required. Data management will be consistent with GDPR guidelines

• The requirement for all participants (players, parents, coaches, COVID-19 supervisors etc) to complete an online 'Safe Return to Activity' education programme highlighting the new measures around temperature checking and completed documentation before training and games.

#### Please Note

1. The 'Safe Return to Gaelic Games' document produced by the GAA mirrors the Government roadmap and outlines the opt-in approach of the wider Gaelic games family regarding a possible return to activity and play.

2. Club Members who have a concern regarding personal higher risk, or a family member / household contact with higher risk, should discuss the situation with their GP (or an appropriate medical professional) before deciding on whether to return to playing or not. Get Well Wishes: We wish all those in our community who are ill a speedy recovery.

CAO: As the change of mind date approaches, we wish our students well in their choices. Believe in yourself!

#### SPA GAA CLUB NOTES 2020 FIXTURES LIST

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This week the Co Board will be reviewing a draft fixture plan from the start of August up to October as outlined by GAA headquarters, so we will have a return to play before long. With some GAA Cúl Camps expected to go ahead in July, it looks like Club Championships will be the first competition at the start of August with Co and District Championships continuing from there. The complete fixture list will be released when all details are confirmed, with a return to intercounty training on hold until September 14th and inter-county championship confirmed for return on October 17th 2020.

#### CLUB REGISTRATION REMAINS OPEN ONLINE

Registration for 2020 remains open online for the moment. Anyone who has not registered yet is asked to do so as soon as possible before the club re-opens shortly. With limited access to GAA grounds going forward, only registered members/players will be allowed to access the walking track, playing pitches etc as all persons on the property will need to be signed in and out with certain checks on arrival and departure. We



OUTLOOK GAA

Spa Muckross Community Games athletes & coaches pictured at a training session in Spa during 2000



U12 Boys & Girls taking part in the Lá na gClub 125 Years of GAA celebrations at Spa GAA Club in 2009

will announce shortly a date for re-opening for members.

#### **SHARE THE POT**

Last Friday, Spa held the first SHARE THE POT draw and congratulations to Kieran McCarthy, Muckross Drive, who shares €420 with the club. This new draw will continue over the coming months while our regular lotto is still suspended. Tickets are available online and are €10 each to enter four draws (€2.50 into the pot for each draw). Every fortnight the club will draw a winning ticket and that person will share the pot with the club 50/50. The next draw will take place at 8pm on Friday June 26th and if your name isn't in yet, tickets are available online on spagaa.com or contact Club Officers to get your name in. \*\*The usual Spa Lotto remains suspended for the foreseeable future and the expiry dates of annual tickets and online tickets will be extended to compensate for weeks when Lotto is not held. **VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE** 

Help is still available if anyone needs it, both through the Club and the Community Volunteer programme. Kerry Community Volunteers (tel 1800 807 009 / text 50555 / email covidsupport@ kerrycoco.ie) OR to contact the club directly: Club

Secretary (0876332773), Michael (0858213027), Conor (0872565142) or Deirdre (0851216359). SPA ARCHIVES

Thank you to everyone who is sending in photos, programmes, newspaper clippings etc of Spa over the years! We are going through our history of teams, events and members over the years, and they can be found on our website (spagaa. com) or our social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). If you have any old photos, newspaper clippings, programmes etc, please send them on to 0851216359 (text or what's app), email pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or private message our Spa social media pages.

#### SYMPATHY

Our condolences to Eileen Galvin and family on the passing of her father Jimmy McNeice RIP, Fairhill. May he Rest in Peace.

#### **IEMS FOR NOTES**

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



# SHRONE NS



# TO ALL OUR SIXTH CLASS STUDENTS

Best wishes to our wonderful 6th class pupils in Shrone N.S. as they transition to secondary school. We are very proud of all they have achieved throughout their time with us and we wish them every success on their new adventure.

From all in Shrone N.S.



Top left Sarah Top Right Aidan Middle Left Niamh Middle Right Padraig Bottom left Aine Bottom Right Riain.

As We Graduate... It's time to say good-bye, Our year has come to an end. I've made more cherished memories. and many more new friends. We've watched each other learn and arow. And change from day to day. We hope that all the things we've done, Will help us along the way. So it's with happy memories, we all go out the door, With great hope and expectations, for what next year holds in store.









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# Tired of Cooking?

# Pop into Kitty's Kitchen for A Hot Dinner Takeaway

Starters/ Light Bites / Snacks		
Vegetable soup & brown bread	€3.95	
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Atlantic seafood chowder	€6.95	
Smoked salmon bites & salad with homemade bread	¢7.50	
Warm chicken caesar salad (hot chicken & bacon served on the side)	€9.50	
Stuffed red peppers	€3.50 each	
Spanish omelette	€4.75	
Chicken, broccoli & mozzarella quiche (12cm)	€5.50	
Red onion, jam & goats cheese quiche	€5.50	
Quinoa stuffed portobello mushroom with vegan cheese & red pepper coulis	€4.95	
Main Course /Dinner Style		

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Desserts		
Lemon mousse & fresh raspberries	€3.95	
Apple crumble & custard	€4.50	
Rich chocolate & walnut brownie	€6.50	
Lemon & white chocolate sponge	€4.95	
Chocolate mousse tartlet	€4.95	
Vegan sticky toffee pudding	€6.50	
Sides		
Chips/ salad / garlic bread/ sauteed onions /mushrooms	€3.50	
Green salad /green vegetable / mash potato/ battered onion rings	€3.95	
Chilli, lime and coriander Spicy potato bravas	€5.50	

#### AVAILABLE TUESDAY/WED/THURS/FRIDAY

Orders taken before 3pm Collection from 5-8 pm.

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# **KILCUMMIN NEWS**

#### SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Dermot O'Callaghan, Leamnaguilla who died recently. May he rest in peace

#### **KILCUMMIN GAA DRAFT FIXTURES**

A draft fixtures list from the County Board targets a return to Senior Football on the first week end of August with a planned Rd. 1 Club Championship game for Kilcummin against Killarney Legion.

#### WALKING TRACK

Walking track is now open Monday to Friday for the following hours 10am to 12noon and 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Covid 19 restrictions in

#### place.

#### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS / TRÓCAIRE

We thank all those who already handed in their weekly envelopes, priest donations and Trócaire contributions to the Parish Office. The office is open at the usual hours of 10am to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and you are welcome to hand in your contributions during those times. Mile Buíochas

#### **MENTAL HEALTH IRELAND**

There are some terrific resources on Mental Health Ireland website https:// www.mentalhealthireland.ie/get-support/ covid19/#family-wellbeing. Well worth

#### checking out & sharing with family & friends KILCUMMIN N.S. JUNIOR INFANTS ENROLMENT 2020/2021

Written by: John Moriarty

If you know of any child who intends to start Kilcummin National School in September 2020, please advise them to contact Kilcummin National School by email at kill43163@ gmail.com. Enrolment application forms are now available. Book lists and other relevant information will be forwarded by email, due to the government directed school closure. We look forward to hearing from you. Keep well and safe.

# RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA NEWS

#### **GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

"We are back with a new game and a new time ,find all the details on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/gneeveguilla/ This week's winner was Breda o Keeffe the winner of €218. Great start to our first game after the shut down"

#### **RATHMORE PARISH**

All our churches are now open during the day for personal prayer. Closing times for each Church vary – Shrone at 9pm. Rathmore 6.30pm except Thursday 8.30pm. Gneeveguilla – 8pm. Knocknagree – 8pm.

(Please maintain social distancing and use the hand-sanitisers and wipes provided Follow the signage.) As you are aware the reopening of Churches for Masses has been brought forward to June 29th and while we will strive to

achieve that date, please be patient if it takes just a few days longer. There are lots of new procedures to be put in place Here are just a few little pointers: The reduced capacity of our churches (eg Rathmore Church 70 approx) means that there will have to be some system put in place which will enable all parishioners to attend in rotation. It is probable that a Booking System will have to be put in place (phone & online), so that additional numbers do not turn up on a particular day. Nobody wants to be in a position to turn people away from the door. One suggestion that might work is to invite parishioners by station area. #We will still be very

limited in the priests available ... in the Pastoral Area. Initially do we stay in just one Church (but for all parishioner's) so that those not attending can still avail of live streaming ... This would

have the additional benefit of allowing more parishioners to see the new arrangements first hand. Once the Parish Pastoral Council have had a chance to consider what is required, we will update you in greater detail in next week.

PARISH OFFICE - (064) 7761669 or rathmore@ dioceseofkerry.ie. Opening hours: Monday and Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Wednesday & Thursday to 7 pm. Friday 11 am to 2pm COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - (064) 7761669

rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie Booking of Masses, Mass Cards, ads or notices

for Community Newsletter or any query, just call, phone or email - NEWSLETTER IN ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES AND ONLINE IN DIOCESE OF KERRY AND RATHMORE PARISH WEBSITE

IN THESE CHALLENGING AND ISOLATING TIMES FOR ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP, SUPPORT OR EVEN A CHAT – CALL ST. VINCENT DEPAUL RATHMORE BRANCH ON 087 3462332

WE ARE HERE TO HELP. STAY SAFE. THANK YOU

THANK YOU: I wish to sincerely thank and am very grateful to parishioners who continue to respond so generously to the Parish finances at this very vulnerable time for all. We now have a Donate button in the Rathmore Parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie which will enable contributions by credit/debit card to be made to 1.Offertory /Development Fund, 2. Clergy Fund, 3. Community Newsletter Adverts, 4. Diocesan Collections, (this will change with each collection it is Trocaire at the moment). First time you will be asked to register. Of course, you

can still drop off your envelopes to Parish Office during opening hours or in the post box outside office ...This box is camera protected and is emptied at regular intervals. Fr. Pat (086)8351732 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Our thanks to those who have volunteered to assist in the reopening proces but we need more to act as ushers and sanitisers and to generally help out

with reopening. in all four churches ... please phone or email the Parish Office 064-7761669 or rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

RE - STREAMING SERVICE:Our apologies to all for the breakdown in the Streaming System this past week. This fault was with our provider and we are doing our utmost to ensure that it does not continue.

#### **HELPFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:**

Written by: Michael O'Mahony | Email: momahony14@gmail.com

Jigsaw Kerry: (Young Peoples Health in Mind) Contact 066-7186785 Email: kerry@jigsaw.ie Pieta House: Contact 01 6010000 or www.pieta. ie

**COVID-19** Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns relating to COVID-19. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**RATHMORE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP** will continue to run Our Meals on Wheels Service, which is a vital service especially at this difficult time.To avail of this service, please call Norah / Marie on 064 77 58588. These meals will be dropped to the door of the person's home. We will help to deliver this service to as many as we can.Join us from St. Joseph's Church Rathmore for daily Mass through our Parish Television Streaming Service Streamed Mass Schedule Rathmore www.mcnmmedia.tv for further information contact www.Rathmoreparish.ie **NOTES** 

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



Stay Local - Stay Safe



# CASTLEMAINE NEWS

#### **NOTES NOTICE**

If people out there have anything they would like mentioned in the weekly Notes section for the Castlemaine area please do not hesitate to email daracastlemaine@yahoo.com or phone/ text 0862688674 prior to Monday of any week.

#### CASTLEMAINE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We wish to thank everyone that has supported us in any way in this COVID 16 epidemic. We are still operating our Meals & Wheels service and Laundry service. Our Hall is still closed and we await guidelines from the HSE when to reopen . It is hoped that the childcare facility will open at the end of June and Castlemaine Gym when it's safe to do so and in accordance with Government guidelines . We miss our Tuesday Group for our Senior Citizens and all other activities but hopefully when this COVID will pass we will all b e back again .

Castlemaine Community Services Group Ltd wishes to acknowledge a grant from Kerry County Council COVID 19 Emergency Fund 2020..

#### MEITHEAL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS LOCALLY...

Juggling your child's and family's needs can be a little overwhelming from time to time but the good news is that there is assistance our there locally...

One of the ways in which Maine Valley Family Resource Centre works with families is by using the Meitheal approach. Meitheal is an old Irish term that describes how neighbours would come together to assist in the saving of crops or in other tasks. Families together with our Family Support Worker identifies a child's and their family's needs and strengths and then brings together a 'team around the child' with an interest in the child's life, supporting them in their daily needs and developing their strengths.

If you feel that this approach could help or maybe you have other issues that you need support with, please contact Anna Breen our Family Support Worker to have friendly chat. You can contact Anna on 087 3694169, send a text and she will call you back or alternatively send an email to annafsw.mainevalley@gmail. com. She would love to hear from you!

#### KEEL CASTLEMAINE EMERGENCY DELIVERY SERVICE

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Keel/Castlemaine Community volunteers working with local businesses are very much aware that the recommended restrictions on movement as a result of the coronavirus pandemic may cause problems for some members of our community in the coming weeks. In order to minimise problems, we as a group of volunteers are putting in place a collection service for prescriptions from Milltown pharmacies and a delivery service for local businesses and drop them to your house. This service will be manned from 1PM to 4PM, 7 days a week. If you need to use this service, we ask that you telephone your prescription through to your pharmacy by 1PM and pay for it by card if possible as our volunteers will not under any circumstances ask for or accept cash. If you then telephone 066 7174066(no text messages) and speak to our coordinator we will do our best to collect the prescription and deliver them to your house by the next day or sooner. The same will apply for food/fuel delivery as needed. It would be of great help if you could have your eircode to hand.

Note that this is a free/confidential service and at all times our team of volunteers will respect people's privacy and when delivering we will keep a safe distance to minimise the possibility of spreading the virus. Also note our volunteers will never ask you for nor accept cash.

We believe that as a community, working together and supporting each other, we can help to relieve one worry from our friends and neighbors and get back to our normal daily lives as soon as possible. We would be grateful if you shared and communicated this post so it reaches those that may need help, especially those not on social media. If anyone wishes to volunteer please contact Ger on 087 6761740.

# FOSSA NEWS

#### COVID-19

As the club starts to reopen we hope all our members are keeping well, we hope to see all of you over the next few weeks as things get

#### back to the new normal.

LOTTO Lotto is still suspended, we hope to have it up and running in the next few weeks.

#### Written by: Shane Kelly

Condolences:

The club would like to pass on our Condolences to the O'Sullivan family on the passing of Pat may he rest in peace.

#### OUTLOOK GOLF

### **DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB**

#### **BOOKING TEE-TIMES**

Following the recent announcement of Phase 2 being initiated in the re-opening of the country we wish to let everyone know that we are now returning to more traditional hours for the summer months, namely 12pm-8pm (weekdays) and 12pm-6pm (weekends). Play is still confined to 'members only' for the moment and must be booked through Aidan O'Donoghue (086 3364705) in advance. We hope to make an announcement on the recommencement once we get confirmation on what Phase 3 of re-opening involves.

Please contact either Aidan or Margaret B Looney (087 9265747) for more information regarding same. Costs are- Single Adult:  $\in$ 135, Family (two adults and three children under the age of 18):  $\in$ 240, U16/OAP:  $\in$ 80. Membership valid until March 1st 2021.





COMMUNITY FOCUS

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# JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...

A NEW DAWN FOR KERRY SPORT

It's not full daylight as regards the resumption of sport in Kerry – there's no point in denying that there is cloud still very much attached to the silver lining – but conversations that have been a) electronic and b) completely dominated by one subject in recent months have taken on a different and much more optimistic role. Sport has a huge role to play in restoring community vibrancy and the various codes around Kerry are no longer peeking nervously over the parapet at an uncertain future. Boots and togs and jerseys are being dusted off.

Players and all codes have been keeping in touch with training colleagues and training programmes through webinars and zoom sessions. But in truth half the craic of training is in complaining about training and sharing the gossiping and craic with your peers. It's not something that's easily designated on stats sheets or written programmes, but it's crucial.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who had plans for emerging from social distancing like a butterfly from a chrysalis, all muscle and power and speed. It hasn't quite worked out like that. I currently look like a bear (think Paddington, not Grizzly) that has hibernated through Spring as well as Winter. You are more likely to catch me rolling than jogging at the moment, to be honest. Thank God my playing days are over. Coincidentally, many of my former team-mates say the same thing - "Thank God Jimmy's playing days are over".

But I'm looking forward to games going ahead again and hopefully eventually getting back on the sidelines, dishing out wise advice and clever exhortations that nobody except myself has given any attention. Discussing it with friend and foe alike. Describing the game to family and friends – with a colourful addition or two. That's what sport is to me, and I want it back. Finally, we are getting there.

The first steps include groups of 10 maximum training together at social distance from June 29th to July 23rd. After July 23rd normal training can resume.

All equipment has to be washed and sanitized before and after training.

All temperatures have to be taken at entry to training and anyone with over 37.5 has to be turned away The GAA clarified this week that this needs to be done on the first occasion. There is no need for a Club Covid Officer to take the temperature or fill in a full declaration form on every occasion unless the circumstances change. Players (or parents in the case of juveniles) will be responsible for monitoring temperature. Clear and concise records must be kept.

All players must arrive individually, no car pooling.



Everyone is looking forward to seeing action on the GAA pitches again. Picture: Seamus Healy.

#### **KERRY GAA**

The club championships will commence on August 2nd with all three group games being played before August 16th. The County Senior Championships will commence at that stage, so the Club semi-finals and finals will go back to late October or November as the schedule allows.

It is proposed that the North Kerry Hurling Championship will start with two round robin games involving all clubs before proceeding to a knock-out Championship.

County Chairman Tim Murphy has stated that "The knockout element of the county championship will bring a new dimension, a new edge and a new level of excitement and certainly a whole new level of interest in the whole thing." For many of us, of course, it will hark back to the old days when every game was all-or-nothing and even the strongest teams could have their dreams end on a single mishap.

September 27th is pencilled in for the County Hurling Final and October 4th for the Senior Football Final. Just like our neighbours Cork, there are plans to broadcast games on a media platform in a pay per view format.

County Board Vice-Chairman Eamon Whelan is hopeful that Kerry can run their competitions in a reasonable time-frame and above all, in safe conditions. "In these circumstances, we know that we won't be able to accommodate absolutely everything, but in fairness there has been great co-operation from everybody. Overall, we are all looking forward to getting back in action".

The GAA's CCCC has decided that finishing all 2020 competitions in the same calendar

year is important, rather than carrying games forward into next January and February as was originally mooted. Inter-county training is allowed to resume on September 14th. The last two rounds of the National League will be played on October 17/18 and October 24/25.

The provincial hurling championships, preliminary quarter-finals in Munster and Leinster, are now likely to start on the weekend of October 24/25. Hurling qualifiers could prove quite complex and could take three rounds to establish quarter-finalists. There will, unfortunately but unavoidably and understandably, be difficulties for dual players no matter what format is approved.

GAA Cúl Camps will be resuming on July 20th, with a GAA Cúl Camp TV programme airing on TG4 getting kids warmed up from June 29th. This first phase of camp activity will be broadcast Monday to Friday from 10.25 to 11.00am and repeated at 5.15pm from June 29th to July 17th.with full Covid 19 precautions and restrictions in place.

#### LADIES GAA

The County Senior, Junior A, and Junior B Championships will start on August 3rd and continue until the final on September 14th. The Intermediate Championship and Junior A Championships will follow the same dates, with the finals on September 21st. The U18 Leagues will start on Friday July 31st and finish with the final on September 11th. The U16 League will start and finish two days after the U18s. The U14 Divs 1, 3, and 6 will start on August 2nd and finish on September 20th. Divisions 2, 4, and 5 will start on August 2nd and finish on September 6th.

#### JUVENILE GAA

Coiste na nÓg Chairman Tommy Cronin and the Executive have been working with clubs on Covid 19 safety guidelines for clubs. "We are looking at Friday July 31st as a start date for games, with the first round of the U12 hurling taking place. The U12 football will start two days later and the U16 football on Monday. We will be looking to delay the U14 competitions by a fortnight – that is the most difficult age to cater for as you have some players playing U16 at that age and others who are U12 and playing up a grade. With dual players especially, there is a risk of players being expected to play anything up to five games a week – that's something we are anxious to avoid."

"We will be starting with teams divided into groups of four with each team guaranteed three games. That will be phase one of competitions and hopefully we might be looking at medals towards the completion of a phase two. To be honest, our only priority right now is getting kids back onto the playing fields."

"We had prepared draft divisions for the U12 hurling and football leagues earlier on this year and we will be sticking reasonably close to those where possible. However, we don't want teams travelling long distances, so we will be concentrating on teams within the one district or close to each other. That means that there might be a few fairly one-sided games, but at least young players will be getting games. That's what Coiste na nÓg is all about at the end of the day."

#### BASKETBALL

Basketball is in the relatively fortuitous position of having completed 99% of its games both nationally and within the county (a few had to be truncated slightly early). Secretary of the KABB David Ahern expects that cl;ubs will be back training in August. "We are lucky in that our playing seasons were so close to finishing, but the fact that we are an indoor sport and that we rely on school gyms for a lot of our juvenile games means that we will be working closely with the schools as they re-open. We have worked with all clubs on Covid 19 restrictions and training safety officers. As things stand, we are hopeful that clubs and leagues can plan for normal start dates, but of course that is subject to change depending on the circumstances and we are monitoring that."

#### ATHLETICS

With all clubs following AAI guidelines, athletics is understandably only getting back into the swing of things. County PRO Tessa Dennison welcomes the re-start but cautions that Kerry Athletics will be prioritising safety above all else. "Clubs are only back training this week, with a maximum of fifteen, following social distancing guidelines. That's a very positive step, up from four at a timeWe had to cancel all our track and field events in the county. Crosscountry usually starts in October and we will be considering that, but only for seniors (i.e. U20 or older). There are 10 clubs in Kerry, but only a couple of them are back in training so far." In the greater Killarney area, however, the

## ALL THINGS...SPORT

athletics future is looking very bright, with the Killarney Micro-Track nearing completion. Jerry Griffin has been involved right from the start in one of the biggest, and most badly wanted, community projects ever undertaken in Killarney. "We are finally laying the first layer of black composite on the running track. It was going to be completed this week but we will be waiting for a couple of dry days to make sure it is done right. It is not open to the public at the moment and we are asking people not to come to it for the moment, but we expect it to be up and running before much longer. We will have a running track, an astro-turf pitch in the middle, a shot putt area, a long jump area, all the facilities needed to help athletes of all ages and abilities to develop and realise their potential. The Killarney area has produced some great athletes over the years, international names like Gillian O'Sullivan, Norma Farrell, Tom Lynch, Tomás Griffin, Canadian Philip Maher grew up in Killarney, Denis Finnegan, more recently Jordan Lee, Sam Griffin, Dylan O'Sullivan, Ciara Kennelly....the list of names is endless. This won't just be a facility for them, though, this is for the whole community. It will be available to all the schools during school hours, the Special Olympics have welcomed it, we will be doing 'Fit For Life' 5k walks for the public. We have created a zone for recreational activity with proximity to young people as its core principle. That was our main aim when we started over seven years ago and it is coming very close to fruition"

# **APPEAL FOR KERRY GAA STORIES** FOR BOOK AND ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES

A major drive is being launched to source and publish for the first time Kerry GAA stories from the grassroots of the association.

The collaboration between the association and publishers, Ballpoint Press Ltd, aims to gather the most comprehensive treasure trove of Gaelic-related stories ever compiled in the 136year history of the GAA.

As well as Kerry and the four corners of Ireland, stories will also be sought from across the globe, in particular from those who have been GAA frontier people in the USA, UK, Canada, Australia and many other countries.

The story gathering will include oral accounts so that all kind of stories can be written down for the first time in book form and also feature in the GAA's archives at Croke Park.

Potential contributors who feel they have a story but may not feel up to writing it can get in touch with Ballpoint Press and relate their account. It will then be written and sent back for approval before being submitted for final publishing.



The president of the GAA, John Horan, said he welcomed the exploration through the GAA grassroots to find the diversity of stories that undoubtedly exist there.

"The grassroots are the lifeblood of our organisation and it is timely that that such an undertaking is finally going ahead. I'm delighted because it means that there will be a permanent home for these stories in both book form as well in our own GAA archive section."

Well-known journalist and author, PJ Cunningham, will spearhead the undertaking alongside GAA Communications Director, Alan Milton.

For further information contact pj@gaastories. ie or communications@gaa

Letters can be sent to GAA Grassroots Stories, Ballpoint Press, 4 Wyndham Park, Bray, Co Wicklow, phone 086 8217631.

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Killarney Celtic U14A squad runners up in the Slattery Carpets U14 Premier division for 2019/20



Killarney Celtic U12B squad runners up in the JK Sports U12 Div 2 South for 2019/20.

#### OUTLOOK SPORTS

### MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

#### **RETURN TO ROWING**

Our return to rowing continued this week, with rowers gaining a lot more experience in the single scull. From last year's beginner group of Junior 14 rowers right up to our adult members at Masters level, it has been great to see more and more members gradually getting back out on the water. Group sizes continue to be capped at 15 and indoor facilities remain closed with staggered training times, hygiene protocols and social distancing all part of the new norm. On Friday next, June 26, we hope to have further details regarding Phase 3 of the government roadmap. At this stage, it is expected that the requirement for 2m social distancing is likely to keep crew boats off limits for some time. Our thanks to all the coaches who have swiftly adapted their training timetables and are facilitating rowing sessions from morning to

#### evening. EVENT UPDATES

By this weekend, Rowing Ireland is due to provide an update on the potential for staging an end of season regatta in September. On the international scene, a decision is due on the staging of the European Rowing U23 Championships which were rescheduled for early September in Germany.



3 friends looking forward to new adventures as they enjoy a day out after cocooning since the beginning of lockdown.



A thumbs up from Listry GAA Club President Pa Mannix for the new face masks in the Listry GAA colours. This fantastic initiative by Nicole O'Brien making these for the older members of our community. Masks are available from Tony Darmody on 087-2563883 or available from the Community Center. There are plenty in stock (for free) so please feel free to take some and distribute them to our older relatives and friends and wear with pride.

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#### COVID-19 FAQ'S: EMPLOYMENT, WAGE SUBSIDY SCHEME AND RETURN TO WORK

1. Can a new employee be placed on the Wage subsidy scheme, if they were previously on another employer's payroll earlier in the year? NO

- 2. Can seasonal workers be placed on the employers wage subsidy scheme? NO
- 3. When an existing employee returns to work can the employer
- keep them on the wage subsidy scheme? Yes

 Can an employer change the terms and conditions of an employment contract such as hours, start times, rate of pay? Yes, but the employee must agree to this.

5. If a business does not reopen, what is the alternative for employees? Redundancy

6. Is an employer responsible for paying employees when they are off work sick? No, however this depends on what is in the employment contract under sick pay conditions. All contracts should be reviewed.

 What if there is no employment contract? Get one now as it is illegal to not have provided one and lack of written terms and conditions surrounding temporary lay-off, short time and redundancies will be tested by law.
 Can an employer refuse annual leave requests? Yes, high annual leave requests may be an issue in late summer this year. Employers need a clear & consistent annual leave policy that is transparent & fair.

 Can an employee simply refuse to return to work because they feel it is unsafe to do so? No, once the employer is adhering to the return to work protocols and all answers on the return to work form are No.

10. Employer qualified for the TWSS as turnover fell by 25% in Q2. In Q3, turnover will recover so the 25% test will not be fulfilled. Can I continue to claim the TWSS in Q3 (July & Aug)? Yes, the eligibility criteria turnover test is remaining the same i.e. a 25% drop between 14 March and 30 June.

#### THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR: EMPLOYERS REOPENING THEIR BUSINESS

 Where Employers offer a return to employment to employees and it is then refused by the employee – Documentation accounting for this should be kept.

 Returning Mothers – Maternity leave expirations - usual law applies, can now avail of TWSS

Bank holiday accruals – backdating costs for temporarily laid off staff
 Staff refusals towards protocols and attending training – Ensure employment
 contracts are in Place and that reference to training obligations and health &
 safety responsibilities are included.

 Redundancy – law has not changed but employee applications process is on emergency hold.

· Wage subsidy cannot be used during redundancy consultation process.

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# NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY

The Saint of Miracles O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of saints, your love for God and charity for your neighbour made you worthy when on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your world which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble and anxiety. Encouraged by this thought I implore of you to obtain for me my request... (mention request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, intercede for me and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

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# NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart, St Jude, St Anthony. And to all of the Saints for favours received. And thanks to the universe. **L.O.C** 

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