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Forever blowing bubbles... at the Children's evening of fun and games at the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races, Chloe, Dylan and Holly Brosnan, having a blast with Tony. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan. See page 16

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With the tourist season in full swing, the July Races are attracting hundreds to the most picturesque race course in Ireland.

As the judging continues in the Tidy Towns Competition, Killarney Municipal District staff can be very proud of the amazing floral displays on the approach roads to the town, a stunning period property has come on the market in Killarney and the style stakes were high at the Killarney Community College Debs Ball.

A devastated Jordan Lee has had to pull out of the Olympic games, Fr. Sean Jones says farewell to the parish and Killarney Cardiac Response Unit have been awarded \in 10,000.

Dr. Crokes have joined the Coffee Cup Project, there was fun and games at the Faith Camp and plans for Puck Fair are being finalised.

It was 7-A-Side Finals night at Killarney Athletic, Kerry Senior Men's Footballers bowed out of this year's championship and all eyes are on the Ladies who contest the semi final v Armagh this weekend.

With all the action from the sports fields, pitches, fairways and lakes along with Jimmy's take on All Things Sport, I hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



Nana's Tea 好好了的茶

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Horses captured on the Lakes of Killarney by Paud O'Donoghue



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The stunning floral display that greets everyone on approach to Killarney at the Cleeney roundabout is absolutely stunning as judging continues to take place for the Tidy

Indeed the floral displays at every roundabout on the approach roads to the town are equally beautiful. This is all thanks to the hard work of Killarney Municipal District Head Gardener Denis Doody and the dedicated staff at Kerry County Council.

The town is looking stunning as the judging continues for the Tidy Towns Competition and Killarney are hoping to go for gold this again is year, having secured the title of Ireland's Largest Tidy Town in 2023. The Tidy Towns volunteers are hard at work every Monday night at various parts of the town and are always looking for help. If you would like to volunteer a few hours to keep Killarney Looking Good, you can join them at 6pm at the Bottle Bank in the High Street Car Park.

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Chamber pays tribute to the late KAY RANDLES

he late Kay Randles, the well-known hotelier who has passed away in Killarney, will be remembered as a pioneering and enterprising woman who turned a dream of owning her own guesthouse into a hugely successful hotel venture, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has said.

In a tribute to the hugely popular businesswoman, Chamber Co-Presidents Pádraig Treacy and Johnny McGuire noted that she learned the ropes of the business in the Victoria Hotel in her native Cork before moving to Killarney to work in the Muckross Hotel.

It was in Killarney that she met and married Neil Randles and they immediately set about realising their respective ambitions of opening a garage business and a hotel.

In 1964 they acquired a bungalow which they developed into the Dromhall Hotel – then an 18-bedroom establishment – which was transformed over the years before it was demolished in 1999 to facilitate the construction of a new 72-bedroom hotel and conference and banqueting centre.

All the while, Neil Randles was running a very busy garage business directly across the road and he also had an extensive interest in CRL Oil and C&R Frozen Foods.

In 1992 The Rectory next to the Dromhall Hotel was purchased and the family opened another hugely successful business now trading as the Randles Hotel.

Chamber Co-President Pádraig Treacy said Kay Randles was a wonderful lady and a great businesswoman and she and her family are renowned through Ireland and in many parts of the world for the excellent service and great hospitality they have provided for over six decades.

"When her husband, Neil, passed away in 1987, Kay was left to run the Dromhall Hotel and their other business interests, as well as rearing their six children, and those that know the Randles family can see the great job she did," he stated. His fellow Co-President, Johnny McGuire, remarked: "Like their parents before them, Kay and Neil's children have contributed so much to Killarney and Kerry. They are enterprising, ambitious and dynamic in their approach and they have certainly made a big difference in this town".

Despite her busy schedule and huge commitments, Kay Randles was also a leading light in the Irish Hotels Federation at a national



level and when she celebrated the golden jubilee of the opening of the Dromhall Hotel, in 2014, then Taoiseach, Enda Kenny, was on hand to personally congratulate her and thank her for her contribution to Irish tourism.

Chamber has extended sympathies to Bernadette, David, Susan, Rosaleen and Tom Randles, daughter and sons in law, and to Kay's grandchildren, great-grandchild, extended family, relatives and friends. Kay is predeceased by her husband Neil and son Con.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Formed in the School of Killarney....

Fr. Sean Jones has issued a sincere and heartfelt appreciation to to the people of Killarney as he prepares to join his new parish in Waterville

Thank you, as people, place, and parish, for the kind and warm welcome you showed to me during my time in Killarney. My roots for priesthood were well grounded when I spent a year as a deacon before ordination in 2018, I owe so much to you all for the encouragement, support and prayerful friendship we have shared over the years. For all those who allowed me into their sacred lives, I thank you, to those whose baptisms I celebrated, to the Weddings and funerals, to school ministry in Holy Cross, St Olivers and The Sem, to my beautiful house calls in the month, to all in our hospitals and care homes and to my dear brothers and sisters in the various religious communities in our town.

To the Parish Team who guided and journeyed with me, to Bishop Ray & Frs Kieran & Joe, and all the clergy, to Tadghie as Parish Clerk and to Sheila, Veronica and Betty in the Presbytery, to all our choirs, cantors, musicians and dedicated parish volunteers ... thank you for all you done for me.

I want to wish Fr Vitalis, every blessing & good wish as he comes among you, I know he will experience the same Killarney welcome I received. Until we meet again.

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"No Cap In Kerry Other Than The Tweed Kind" – Kerry Airport CEO, John Mulhern

ANAGEMENT at Kerry Airport are inviting airlines to make good use of available slots in Farranfore to help ease the pressure at Dublin Airport where a passenger cap is currently in place.

The Airport facilitated transatlantic aircraft under similar circumstances in 2023 and would be a most suitable option again with the twice daily flights between Kerry and Dublin being extremely popular with passengers.

Kerry Airport is connected to three other major European cities - London and Manchester in the UK and Frankfurt in Germany - and it is capable of servicing the additional passengers, aircraft and crew.

Passenger numbers for 2024 are on course to match the record levels recorded in 2023 when 419,281 people passed through the Airport.

The CEO of Kerry Airport, John Mulhern, said, "Kerry Airport is an important strategic asset to County Kerry and the wider Munster region in strengthening transportation links both nationally and internationally. In excess of 25% of jobs in Kerry are directly dependent on the tourism and hospitality sectors and many more in business because of our airport connectivity. There are no 'caps' in Kerry other than the tweed kind.

"Kerry Airport facilitates vibrant regional commerce, enables the movement of workers, drives business innovation and investment,

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"No caps in Kerry other than the tweed kind" is the message from Kerry Airport CEO John Mulhernwho is inviting airlines to make good use of available slots to help ease the pressure at Dublin Airport where a passenger cap is currently in place. Picture: John Drummey

and is of particular importance to many of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy based in Kerry. You can do business in Kerry, case in point Astellas Pharma, who recently commenced construction of a €330m facility generating 300 construction jobs and 100 highly specialised roles in engineering, science and technology.

"I don't agree with those who suggest that most visitors only want to fly directly to Dublin for tourism. In fact, many tell us they would prefer to fly directly to Kerry and statistics from Tourism Ireland and others demonstrate that very significant proportions of overseas visitors choose Kerry for their vacation. The emergence of the Wild Atlantic Way as a destination in itself has successfully attracted great numbers of visitors to this part of the country.

"In this era of excessive urban growth, isn't it time to shift the flow of people a little? I don't have to fly to Dublin to visit Kerry, I can fly to Kerry to visit Dublin."

Kerry Airport is proud to have acted as an

economic driver and continues to have a major impact on the social and economic infrastructure of the region whilst helping to sustain and create employment.

Meanwhile, the Tender process is underway with work on an expansion project at Kerry Airport projected to begin later this year and be completed for the Summer of 2025. All going to plan, it will involve increasing the size of the Departures Lounge, adding additional customer facilities, and developing a purpose-built Arrivals Hall which will include the necessary facilities for customs and immigration.

Kerry Airport is ideally located for anyone wishing to travel on business or pleasure with direct flights to: Dublin, London-Stansted, London-Luton, Manchester, Frankfurt-Hahn, Alicante & Faro with Ryanair and to three destinations in France - Brest in Brittany, Caen in Normandy and Pau near the Pyrénées with Chalair. For more information visit www. kerryairport.ie.

Pictured are centre, Martin Coyne, Foreman, Connemara National Park, Tim Cronin, Farm Hand Muckross,

left, Nick Valley, Nigel Walsh Sean Mulcrone, Connemara National Park, Marie Brosnan, Executive Officer, NPWS, Eugene Finnerty, Regional Manager, Connemara NPWS, Toddy Doyle, Manager, Muckross Traditional Farms. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



New Arrivals settle in at Muckross Traditional Farms

Two beautiful Connemara Ponies, 'Cuddles' (Park Terra Nova) Grey - Female and 'Maple' (Foal Park Maple) have arrived in Killarney at Muckross Traditional Farms.

Staff from Connemara National Park and Muckross Traditional Farms were on hand to introduce the ponies to the wildflower meadow on the farm.

The Connemara pony is a very important heritage breed, native to the Connemara region of Co. Galway. They are prized for their hardiness, agility and gentle temperament. Connemara National Park recognises the importance of preserving the cultural and agricultural heritage of these ponies. Muckross Traditional farm has the perfect conservation habitat for 'Cuddles' and Maple' to enjoy.



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It's the talk of the town...

With Anne Lucey

Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in the town of Killarney



Joe Biden: a latter day King Lear

Nobody has mentioned King Lear. I speak of course of President Joe Biden. Maybe it's still all about the young prince, Hamlet, in our media, and our world chasing eternal youth? Because across all the column inches I have read about Biden and his age and his gaffes and the efforts to persuade him to go, I have not seen any mention of Lear.

Lear is the old King, who tragically for himself and his world, overestimated himself. They told me I was everything, 'tis a lie - I am not ague proof," says the shivering outcast Lear at the end.

He had started out thinking he was a dragon full of wrath and finds out he is a fragile human with no fire.

Lear deserves a rerun.

As Biden's gaffes take centre stage, the cruel, primitive stereotype of old being equal to foolish is being played out on the global stage and the world is laughing at this foolish old man.

We were beginning to be good with age in the English speaking world. (France and China have long been better.) But the danger now is that the old are again seen as mostly foolish, not wise.

Covid hit and reminded us, well, age can matter.

And now Biden has the stage.

Traffic snarls: from high ways to laneway

There was a suggestion this week at the council meeting in Tralee that members of Transport Infrastructure Ireland should be taken on a tour of the Ring of Kerry to view for themselves the poor state of the important national secondary road.

I hope they will include the choked N22 "bypass" .

Big concerns were also raised about the inner relief Bothairin na Goun in Killarney.

An Bord Pleanála arranged for an oral hearing on the 25th June 2024 to hear submissions from affected parties in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order of the lands required to construct the link road between Bohereen-Na-Goun and Monsignor O'Flaherty Road. It is expected that the outcome of this hearing will be published in Quarter 4 of 2024, acting county manager Angela McAllen told the meeting.

But Killarney councillor Martin Grady is fearful that yet again, Killarney will be passed over.

"I do hope it will come to fruition as the people of Killarney have had enough, we are forgotten about despite all the revenue we are



Sure, he can be vigorous at times. But his gaffes from 'battle box' to bouts of bullseye aggression, and mixed up use of Putin and Zelensky are daft and they are dangerous. King Lear has moments of lucidity, also, but he is finally understood only by a small decreasing inner circle, particularly his sad fool or court jester.

Biden is the leader of the free world. His powerful position means he is in charge of the world - but tragically not in charge of himself. It is the tragedy of the human condition being played out mercilessly and I would say cruelly on the world stage. Someone should invite Joe Biden, Jill and the inner circle to a production of King Lear and spare us this pain. Is there a fool brave enough?

Still waiting for the women to be recognised

It seems mountains can be moved when it comes to recognizing the acts of men. But then, history is largely written by men. And the history that is written is often focused on male interests, battles, and skirmishes and ambushes and God knows. When it comes to independence in Kerry, both light and dark deeds, women had a role too. The failure still to recognise their contribution - women in Kerry seem always to contribute, like a chorus - is rightly and finally causing an outcry.

A cross-party motion was put forward in Kerry County Council in March 2023 to honour the role played by women in Kerry between 1912 and 1923, the era of the fight for independence and the civil war.

The motion by the five female members of the council called for a suitable memorial to be erected on the grounds of Aras an Chontae. It was was unanimously supported by all 33 members. Yet very little has happened since. In the meantime a plaque to the first members elected to the first council in Kerry in 1899 - all of them men - was unveiled at the council buildings on Monday. Nobody saw that coming. Sinn Féin councillor Deirdre Ferris, one of the original proposers of the memorial to women said 125 years of local Government in Kerry deserved to be celebrated. It was 16 months since the motion by women in the council was passed, she pointed out.

The women's memorial was only now going out to public tender, which meant the 1923 centenary was missed.

"The council has lost the opportunity to recognize the women who gave every possible sacrifice to the breaking of colonial rule in this county," Deirdre said.

As a woman in the chamber she found it "highly insulting". Acting manager Angela McAllen has promised it will be prioritised.

It may be worth noting that Kerry is lagging behind other counties in women's affairs.

The new Kerry County Council has returned a record six women to the chamber. Even so, this is only 18 per cent, below the 26 per cent average of women councillors in local authorities nationally.

Two whole Municipal Districts in Kerry -Listowel and Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne have not a single female representative.

generating, "Martin said during the full meeting. If we have to beg , borrow and steal lands to resolve the traffic issue private or national, so be it, he said.

Killarney traffic is adding to the town's woes. Quieter than ever in the height of the tourist season, its traffic is worse. The lack of a system is glaring. Is there anyone in authority willing to act?



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Jordan Lee to Miss Out on Olympics

I am devastated....

xcitement has been steadily building in the run-up to the Paris Olympics, with Ireland having enjoyed an unprecedented run of success across a range of disciplines. Ireland is sending a team of 23 as their athletics team, including household names like Sarah Lavin, Sharlene Mawdsley, Ciara Mageean, Sarah Healy, Sophie O'Sullivan, Fionnuala McCormack, Andrew Coscoran, Mark English, and, of course, Rhasidat Adeleke. Unfortunately the news broke early this week that our local Paralympian Jordan Lee unfortunately has had to withdraw from competing in the High Jump due to injury. The news is a blow not only to Jordan and his dedicated team after years of constant dedication but to an Irish team currently ranked sixth in the world and to all his local supporters and his team-mates at Killarney Valley AC. Jordan first competed for Ireland in 2017 and has been an ever-present since. He won a bronze medal at the 2018 European Championships and a year later he came sixth in the Wotrld Championships and fourth in the Europeans. In 2020 he was the flagbearer for the Irish team, leading them out into the Olympic Stadium, and it is a real shame that injury has robed him of the chance to represent Ireland, and Killarney, on the great stage once again.

Jordan released the following statement last Saturday:

"I am Devastated to say that I will unfortunately be removing myself from the Paralympic Selection Process for the Paris 2024 Games due to an Injury that had developed over the past couple of weeks. Absolutely Gutted is an understatement, considering the season that we've just had being ranked Number 6 in the World Rankings on the lead up. This is Sport at the Highest Level, and unfortunately this is something that couldn't turn right in time for Paris which is only a few weeks away. As much as High Jump is an individual sport, the team around you supporting you is just as crucial.

I would like to thank my amazing coaching team in Tomás Griffin, Alan Delaney, and Shane O'Rourke who have been with me every step through this cycle for Paris. Forever thankful for the professionalism and commitment you have each shown towards bettering me to achieve my goals. To my Sponsors, @ptsbireland @puma @toyota ireland @kellihersgaragetralee @ outputsports the support in which I have received has been nothing short but amazing. Beyond Grateful for your continued support as well with the help of @sport_endorse on the lead up to the next goal which will be the 2025 European Championships. Big Shout-out also to my fantastic club Killarney Valley and Paralympics Ireland for the constant support.

And Finally, to my family and my friends. I've always repped that Irish Vest with the utmost pride, not just representing myself, my beautiful country, but for my amazing family and friends that I have too. Love ye all.

Wishing my Teammates within @paralympics_ ireland all the very best in Paris Roll on 2025 for the Europeans, I'll be back BETTER and ready for Vengeance. Believe that. Always & Forever an Olympian "100% or Nothing"

Irish Athletics Team

Sarah Lavin (Limerick) 100m Hurdles Rhasidat Adeleke (Dublin) 400m Sharlene Mawdsley (Tipperary) 400m BY: JIMMY O'SULLIVAN DARCY Sophie Becker (Wexford) 400m Ciara Mageean (Down) 1500m Sarah Healy (Dublin) 1500m

Sophie O'Sullivan (Cork/Melbourne) 1500m Jodie McCann (Dublin) 5000m Fionnuala McCormack (Wicklow) Marathon Nicola Tuthill (Cork) Hammer Throw Kate O'Connor (Louth) Heptathlon Mark English (Donegal) 800m Andrew Coscoran (Dublin) 1500m Cathal Doyle (Dublin) 1500m Luke McCann (Dublin) 1500m Brian Fay (Dublin) 5000m Eric Favors (Ballina/New York) Shot Put Mixed 4 x 400m Relay from: Rhasidat Adeleke, Sharlene Mawdsley, Sophie Becker, Phil Healy (Cork), Lauren Cadden (Sligo), Kelly McGrory (Donegal), Rachel McCann

Kelly McGrory (Donegal), Rachel McCann (Down), Chris O'Donnell (Sligo), Thomas Barr (Waterford), Jack Raftery (Dublin).

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Soraya and Zara with their Dad, Seamie Foley, at the Children's evening of fun and games at the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races.



Cara Corcoran, enjoying the face painting at the Children's evening of fun and games at the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races.



All the fun at the

Races... Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan

All the fun at the races...at the Children's evening of fun and games at the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races, Oran and Sloan Coakelin, from Killarney are ejoying all the fun in the children's playzone.



Ava, Ellie and Niamh Carey with Tony the Entertainer, at the Children's evening of fun and games at the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races.

> Not working says Daniel McCarthy, at the Children's evening of fun and games at the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races.

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CATHAOIRLEACH HONOURS FIRST MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTED IN 1899

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald, has unveiled a commemorative plaque at County Buildings in Tralee to honour the first elected members of Kerry County Council who were elected to the local authority in 1899.

This year marks 125 years of local government in Ireland and the establishment of county councils under the Local Government Act of 1898. The first election to Kerry County Council took place on 6 April 1899 and the first meeting of the new local authority took place in the Grand Jury Room at Tralee Courthouse on 22 April.

The first members of Kerry County Council included those directly elected from 22 electoral divisions as well as the chairpersons of the six Rural District Councils, three members of the Grand Jury, and two co-options. The first chairperson of Kerry County Council was St. John Donovan from Seafield, The Spa, Tralee, who was High Sheriff of Kerry and a member of Tralee Urban District Council.

There were some notable figures among those elected or co-opted to the new Council including Lord Ventry from Dingle, Lord Castlerosse from Killarney, and Arthur Blennerhassett of Ballyseedy Castle, as well as MJ Flavin from Tralee, who was MP for Kerry between 1900 and 1918. Another of the members, James Baily, who represented Tralee and who died shortly after the election, is a relative of a member of the current council, Angie Baily.

"This year marks 125 years of local government in Ireland and the establishment of county councils under the Local Government Act of 1898," said Cllr Fitzgerald. "This was a transformative moment in Irish local government and in Irish democracy and ensured that, for the first time, local elected assemblies were established to administer services in counties and on a county basis.

"Though much has changed in local government in 125 years, many things have endured and survived that time. Kerry County Council continues to be the local democratically elected forum in which the concerns of the citizens of the county can be expressed, debated, and resolved.

"Public service remains at the heart of what we, do today, as elected members, as it was for those who took their seats on the first Council back in April 1899. We remain dedicated to public service, to bettering our county for all our citizens and to promoting and sustaining local democracy for the benefit of everyone in the county," said Cllr Fitzgerald.



A commemorative plaque was unveiled by Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald at County Buildings this week to honour the first elected members of Kerry County Council. Pictured from left: Christy O'Connor (Director of Corporate Services), Cllr Paul Daly, Cllr Robert Brosnan, Cllr Anna O'Sullivan, Cllr Anne O'Sullivan, Cllr Liam Speedy Nolan, Angela McAllen (Deputy Chief Executive), Cllr Norma Moriarty, Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald, Cllr Angie Baily, Cllr Podge Foley, Cllr Niall O'Callaghan, Owen O'Shea (Communications Officer). Photo: Pauline Dennigan



A commemorative plaque was unveiled at County Buildings this week to honour the first elected members of Kerry County Council. Pictured is Cathaoirleach, Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald and Cllr Angie Baily whose descendant James Baily was one of those elected. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

Members of Kerry County Council -Elected on 6 April 1899

St. J. H. Donovan (Chairman), Ardfert M. J. Nolan (Vice-Chairman), Tarbert James Baily, Tralee Arthur Blennerhassett, Grand Jury James D. Crosbie, Ballyheigue John Henry Dodd, Killorglin David Doran, Kenmare RDC Edward Fitzgerald, Cahersiveen RDC Michael J. Flavin, Sneem Thomas Harty, Lisselton Thomas Kearney, Scartaglin Richard Latchford, co-opted Robert McClure, Glenbeigh Michael McMahon, Milltown William McMahon, Listowel Captain James Magill, Grand Jury

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Lord Castlerosse



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NEWS

A Book More precious than gold..

The official book launch of 'More Precious than gold: My enduring connection with John McShain - the man who built Washington' by Alice O'Neill - McLoughlin took place at Killarney House and was launched by Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, T.D.

Alice was born the eldest of eleven children into an Irish farming family in Rosbercon, New Ross, County Wexford. In1978, she was awarded a scholarship from John McShainthe iconic builder, philanthropist, devout Catholic with Derry ancestry, responsible for many famous American landmarks, including the Jefferson Memorial and the Pentagon.

Her book records the lifelong personal correspondence Alice exchanged with 'The Man Who Built Washington.' His philanthropy extended to the Irish people in the bequeathing to the State of Killarney House and the surrounding thousands of acres incorporating the Lakes, Ross Castle, and Innisfallen Island. In 2019, Alice had the honour of inducting John McShain into the Irish America Hall of Fame in her home town of New Ross in the presence of his relatives from Philadelphia and Derry. This is a tale of altruism, of gratitude, of faith and of a life lived in the pursuit of excellence.

Alice also donated her treasured correspondence of letters from John McShain for the archive at Killarney House. Also in attendance were Members of the Ignatius A. O'Shaughnessy family, who was founder of The Globe Oil and Refining Company - and part of a consortium of wealthy American businessmen who were going to purchase the lakes of Killarney as a Country Club in the 1950's.



Correspondence from Alice O'Neill-McLoughlin to John McShain, which the author has donated to Killarney House.



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Bridget Delaney, Killarney Cardiac Response Unit

The Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund awards €10,000 Killarney Cardiac Response Unit

The Ireland Funds, the global philanthropic network, has awarded \in 10,000 to two organisations in Kerry. This support, through the Heart of the Community Fund grant round, will assist a diverse group of initiatives that provide critical services and strengthen communities.

The Kerry recipients of this year's Heart of the Community Fund are the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit and Active Disability Ireland, in Tralee.

The Heart of the Community Fund this year is awarding €930,000 (\$1,000,000) to 93 community and voluntary organisations across the island of Ireland to support their vital local activity. Made possible by generous philanthropic gifts and fundraising events of The Ireland Funds America, the largest chapter of The Ireland Funds, these grants exemplify the power of collective giving.

Bridget Delaney, Killarney Cardiac Response

Unit, said; "This Heart of the Community Fund grant will enable us to improve out-ofhospital cardiac arrest survival rates across our diverse community. With this funding we can upgrade equipment, ensuring our Community First Responders (CFRs) are properly equipped with life-saving AEDs, thus boosting our operational capacity. As one of Ireland's largest CFR schemes, providing 24/7 coverage to urban and rural areas, this grant allows us to increase volunteer numbers and equip them for incidents such as heart attacks, strokes, cardiac arrests, choking, and trauma. Continuous development and support of our volunteers, who are essential to the chain of survival, is crucial as they respond to hundreds of incidents annually." For more information about The Ireland Funds and the Heart of the Community Fund, visit The Ireland Funds website.

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Dr. Crokes becomes the first GAA club to join The Killarney Coffee Cup Project

ne of the oldest GAA Clubs in Ireland, Dr. Crokes is leading the way in its forward thinking as a community sports organisation to join The Killarney Coffee Cup Project. The Killarney Coffee Project which is a community grassroots project aimed at eliminating single use coffee cups from Killarney town centre to protect Killarney National Park and the town's surroundings, all in the name of conservation.

Dr. Crokes have designed and created their own reusable coffee cup which they will use for tea and coffee events at the club such as the Saturday academies and of course, will be on sale in the club shop priced at $\in 6$.

Ar scáth a cheile a mhairimíd (We all live in the shadow of each other) is the Dr. Crokes motto and is emblazoned on the new reusable cup which is truly fitting. Dr. Crokes as a community group understands that we all need to appreciate, treasure, conserve and preserve our town and local surroundings and is therefore delighted to be affiliated with The Killarney Coffee Cup Project.

As a club, Dr Crokes has been awarded the Gold Standard (the highest accreditation in the GAA's Healthy Club) and is a lead club in the GAA Green Club project especially in the area of energy conservation and efficiency. The club also has a No Smoking and No Vaping policies in operation throughout its facilities leading to a healthier environment for all avoiding the scourge of cigarette butts, litter etc. The Meitheal



Pictured at Dr. Crokes for the launch of the new keep cup are from left, Éamonn Fitzgerald(Healthy Club & Green Club officer), Karen Smyth & Sheila Dickson (Academy Ladies), Jackie Looney (President), Eoin Brosnan (Chairperson).

Committee within the club meets regularly throughout the year to maintain the club grounds. It is particularly busy during the summer months when growth is at its highest and spectators attend matches in great numbers during the busy championship season. Reducing the amount of litter around the club is something very much welcomed by all.

Commenting on the new reusable coffee cups, Eoin Brosnan chairperson of Dr. Crokes says "Dr Crokes are delighted to be associated with the Killarney Coffee Cup project. Our Healthy Club committee has made great strides in improving the health and well being of club members earning a gold standard from Croke Park. The club is always striving to improve our facilities and has recently purchased a coffee dock which will open shortly, and which will improve the visitor experience to our club grounds at Lewis Road. Further significant investment has been made by the club in solar panels and we have also recently installed bike racks to promote sustainable travel. The coffee cup project is one part of our efforts to show how we are aiming to take Dr Crokes to the forefront of clubs that promote and maintain an emphasis on sustainability and promote environmentally friendly projects where a simple change can make a big difference in keeping Killarney at the forefront of towns in this area"

Tesco Helps to Fight School Holiday Hunger in Killarney

With school holidays in full swing, and school holiday hunger a worrying factor for many Irish families, Tesco Ireland is turning its attention to helping Family Resource Centres, which support families with much-needed household essentials, and preventing children from going hungry this summer. To give a helping hand to children and families outside of the school term, Tesco has created the Stronger Starts Summer Food Collection in partnership with a network of Family Resource Centres to ensure local communities are supported. The Family Resource Centres (FRCs) participating in Kerry are Torc Community & Family Resource Centre (formerly Ballyspillane Community & FRC) and BUDS Family Resource Centre.

"Contributions from this scheme will go towards supporting families that find themselves in most need at any given point and time who have been engaging with our organisation", Derek O'Leary, Manager of the Torc Community & Family Resource Centre told Killarney Outlook.

Customers, if they "have a little spare they can share",

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are kindly asked to purchase one extra non-perishable food item and donate it to the Food Collection trolley in 115 stores nationwide until 8th September, to support families and neighbours in their local community.

Tesco are extremely proud that our Stronger Starts schools programme has doubled its reach this year and now provides 5,400 children across the country with free, fresh food packs, but we want to go further and ensure that communities are supported throughout the summer months."

The Tesco Ireland Stronger Starts Summer Food Collection is live, in-store only, and runs until 8th September 2024. For more information, visit Tescolreland.ie.



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Sunday 21st "Family Fun Day"



Scan the QR Code or visit https://shorturl.at/OSfoO for tickets Gates open 12.30pm Kids' Entertainment & Disco 2–5pm All Ireland Hurling Final 3.30–5.30pm (Live on big screen) Thingamajig 5.30–7.30pm Meadhbh Walsh Band 8–10pm

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Look out for details on our "Well Flesk" & "G4MO Blitz" events also running on Saturday

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR BELONG TO YOUTH SERVICES ANNOUNCED



Mischa McCarthy, a 16 year old from Killarney is delighted to announce a Summer Youth Concert to raise much-needed funds for BeLonG To Youth Services. With an exciting lineup of various different performances planned, Mischa is encouraging all people young and old to come along and support LGBTI+ young people.

This event will feature a variety of different performances such as singing, dancing, poetry and more. The concert is being held at ANAM Arts and Cultural Centre on the 20th of August between 18.30 and 21.30.

Mischa said: "We are really proud to have joined forces with BeLonG To who support LGBTI+ young people to stay alive and thrive".

"The entire group of young people have really got behind the planned activities and we have enjoyed working in partnership with BeLonG To to help raise funds and spread the news about the fantastic work it is doing."

CEO of BeLonG To Youth Service, Moninne Griffith said: We reply on our supporters to

help us fund our life-saving support services. Without generous supporters and community events, we could not continue to provide vital supports and space for LGBTI+ young people across Ireland. We are so grateful to Mischa for organising this event for us."

Four Cultural Practices recognised as part of Ireland's Intangible Heritage



The Kilcummin Set dancers. Irish Set Dancing will now be recognised as part of Ireland's Intangible Heritage (file photo)

Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Catherine Martin TD, has announced formal State recognition of four additional practices as part of Ireland's living cultural heritage.

At an event at Croke Park during the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final between Donegal and Galway yesterday, Minister Martin announced the recognition of Irish Set Dancing, Gaelic Football and Ladies' Gaelic Football, Weaving of a St. Brigid's Cross, and the Irish Amateur Dramatic Tradition.

Following recommendation from Ireland's Expert Advisory Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage, these four cultural practices will join 38 other cultural practices already recognised on Ireland's National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Ireland maintains this National Inventory in line with the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, which Ireland ratified in 2015. The aim of the National Inventory for Intangible Cultural Heritage is to protect, promote and celebrate Irish living cultural heritage practices, customs, crafts and traditions.

CATHOLIC PRIESTS **ISSUE STATEMENT** OVER REFUSAL OF THE **EUCHARIST TO** MINISTER

The Association of Catholic Priests have issued a statement following the refusal of the Eucharist to Minister of State Colm Burke by Fr Gabriel Burke at a funeral in Cork last week. The refusal of the Eucharist to a public representative in the Diocese of Cloyne is unambiguously condemned the Association by of Catholic Priests.



The Eight Amendment to the Gabriel Burke at a funeral Bunreacht na hÉireann was in Cork. repealed in 2018. Previously

to this, Irish women were travelling abroad to avail of abortion services, while legislators and citizens looked the other way. Procurement of an abortion is complex, morally and medically. Legislators have to balance two sets of rights, the right of the unborn child to life and the free decision-making right of the mother. Public representatives are tasked with finding a balance between both.

Like every member of the Catholic Church, public representatives must act in accordance with their conscience. It is not the role of the priest to judge the conscience of another person. The priest does not own the Eucharist and would do well to ponder the statement of Pope Francis that he has never refused the Eucharist to anyone.

A particularly aggravating factor in this incident was that the dismissal of a public representative occurred in the context of a funeral Mass.

Colm Burk TD, who was refused the Eucharist by Fr. TO ADVERTISE CALL EMMA 087 6593427 | E: sales@outlookmags.com



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KERRY PARENTS AND FRIENDS Association

saves on energy costs with SEAI Community Energy Grant award

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), has helped Kerry Parents and Friends Association (KPFA) achieve major building upgrades and reduce their energy bills. The not-for-profit received funding of €15,000 from the SEAI, 30% of the total project cost, for energy upgrades. This Government funding led to several upgrades to two of the charity's residential services through the installation of external insultation, removal of mould growths, and improvement of the overall heat retention in these properties.

Since 2019, SEAI has distributed over €100 million worth of grant support to community energy upgrade projects across the country, supporting charities and community organisations in achieving greater energy efficiency. These upgrades help climate conscious communities to take climate action into their own hands while simultaneously increasing energy savings and improving the comfort of their shared buildings, businesses, homes and community hubs.



Kerry Parents and Friends Association is a registered charity providing services to adults with intellectual disabilities within the community, including residential services. The first house opened in Tralee in 1978 and the charity now provides day, residential, and respite care, as well as home support and outreach services in 30 centres throughout Kerry.

The upgrades at these KPFA residential properties have resulted in significant energy savings for the charity, as well as increased comfort levels and improved living standards for all of their service users.

Speaking about the grant, staff at Hawthorn House, Kilcummin, Killarney, said:

"Since the external insulation has been installed the house is much warmer and there is no evidence of dampness. The homes also look really nice with the new wrap. Service users and staff are happy with the work and the results. The cost savings of the upgrades have also been of huge value to us as a non-profit organisation."

energy project to apply to our community grant programme. This is a tangible way for communities to play their part in Ireland's clean energy transition, signalling their intentions on climate action."

The SEAI Community Grants Programme supports energy upgrades for homeowners, community groups, private sector organisations, and public sector bodies. It also provides additional community supports including mentoring, technical supports, and energy credits. If you are interested in applying for an SEAI community energy grant, please get in touch with one of our SEAI project coordinators. For more information, please see https://www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants/



Fun, Games & Faith as 110 Children Attend Faith Camp

St. Olivers National School welcomed 110 children last week for the KIllarney Faith Camp.

"We had 110 children attend the fun, vibrant camp which was led by volunteers who kindly gave up their time to help out with the activities that included music, drama, sports, games, and arts and crafts", Caoimhe Lynch, one of the organisers told Killarney Outlook.

"It's always a fabulous week. We have an amazing core team of organisers, and some brilliant volunteers that create such a fun and welcoming camp for all the children. This is our fourth faith camp, and each year it gets bigger and better! Every child leaves each day with a big smile on their face, and that's what it's all about! I'm looking forward to next years camp already", Caoimhe added

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NEWS

Activator Pole Borrow Scheme Launched!

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership, Kerry Library and Healthy Kerry have joined forces to provide you with a fresh and exciting physical activity opportunity. You can now borrow a set of Activator Poles from Tralee Library. This Activator Pole Borrow Scheme will initially be piloted in the Tralee Library, with a view to being rolled out across the Library network over the coming months!

Activator Poles are an adaption of Nordic Walking poles and have been developed by Canadian Therapists to improve balance and mobility. A full suite of support resources has been created to support you on how to use a borrowed set of Activator Poles. You can pick up a simple explanation leaflet in the Library or watch our support videos online.

Maeve Ryan of KRSP said "Activator Pole walking is a great way to increase the workout you get in a walk, particularly for people who want to improve their balance and mobility. They can also

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help maintain good mental health as well as provide an opportunity for socialising".

Niamh Doyle of Kerrv Library said "Kerry Library contributes to improving the health and wellbeing of communities by providing a valuable source for health information, the provision of events and our participation in the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme. We're delighted to build on this service by facilitating the loan of Activator Poles through our collaboration with Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

Healthy County Co-Ordinator, Deirdre Hegarty said "Healthy Kerry are delighted to support this worthwhile community initiative as it gives the public more access to new and exciting ways to improve their overall health and wellbeing. We're keen to build on this initiative and find more ways to help the public access free resources that promote healthy lifestyles".

To be eligible to borrow a set



Activator Pole can now be borrowed at Tralee Library.

of activator poles you just need to be a member of Kerry Library. If you're already a Library member, no further action is required, just pop into the Library. Information and guidance will be provided by library staff to help you sign up.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald, invites people to avail of this wonderful opportunity,

"There's never been a better chance to explore our parks, trails, and beautiful

new Greenways in Kerry with a set of Activator Poles borrowed from the local library."

To learn how to use the poles and improve your technique, you will also be able to avail of free programmes and workshops, delivered by Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership.

For more information, please visit www.kerrylibrary.ie or contact Maeve at Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership: 087-6272761 or email: info@kerryrecreationandsports.ie

OPEN NIGHT at Castlemaine United F.C Underage Soccer Academy

Castlemaine United F.C is delighted to announce the return of underage soccer at the club having had many successful teams since our formation in August 1989, almost 35 years ago. The academy will cater for both boys and girls.

All children both schoolboys and schoolgirls who were born from 2013 to 2019 inclusive (6-12 year olds) are welcome to come and join in the fun at one of Kerry's oldest soccer clubs.

6:30pm start on Friday, July 26th at Castlemaine Community Sportsfield and running also on:

Friday, August 2nd

Friday, August 9th

Friday, August 16th

Friday, August 23rd

More dates will follow the above.

For further information, to register your child's interest or if you would

like to volunteer and help out in any way please contact one of the following:

Jason Giles - 0872376862

Kieran Flynn - 086-864-2755

John Lenihan - 0876117959

Alternatively you can message Club PRO Dara O'Connor on the clubs Facebook page.

The club extends an open invitation to all and is also very much looking forward to and is hugely supportive of the Castlemaine Community Sportsfield Redevelopment Project which will include a new 4G All-Weather Pitch at the community grounds. A committee for this development has been set up recently following agreement between a number of stakeholders and plans are progressing apace.

Exciting times ahead and a future to look forward to for the entire community and beyond! Join us on that journey.



CASTLEMAINE UNITED FC UNDERAGE SOCCER ACADEMY OPEN NIGHT

FRIDAY JULY 26TH - 6:30PM CASTLEMAINE COMMUNITY SPORTSFIELD

We are delighted to announce the return of underage soccer at the club having had many successful teams since 1989. We are inviting boys and girls born 2013 - 2019 inclusive (6-12 yo) to join the fun at one of Kerry's oldest soccer clubs.

Academy will also run on Fridays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd w/ more dates to follow. For more information or to register interest, please contact:

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

With the country in the midst of a unprecedented housing crisis and builders are putting the blame for this squarely on the shoulders of senior management staff of Kerry County Council, accusing them of making the problem worse.

Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council.

Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards

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A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take $\leq 20,000$ via a bond from the builder.

Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.





This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from the front because of the slope in the green area. Does it really matter if this fence is a few inches shorter. This is an example of the nonsense that builders have to put up with from Kerry County Council.

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

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



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder \leq 45,000. Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power.

There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.

SLOWING HOUSING OUTPUT MEANS THE POOR GET POORER AND THE RICH GET RICHER. RENTS ARE NOW AVERAGING €1600 A MONTH IN KERRY.



NEWS

All Roads Lead to Killorglin for

Puck Fa 2024

All roads will lead to Puck Fair in August as the committee is delighted to launch the 2024 Festival, following on from the enormous success of last year's Festival, which saw Killorglin welcome record crowds over the three-days!

Puck Fair, which runs annually on August 10th, 11th and 12th, is Ireland's oldest gathering festival, with ties to the ancient Pagan festival of Lughnasa. Some of today's festival's traditions can be traced back as far as 1613!

Among the most well-known traditions of the festival is the crowning of a wild mountain goat as 'King Puck' each year. Each year a new goat is crowned as king of the festival by the Queen of Puck Fair. King Puck has been crowned at every Puck Fair for over 400 years.

Speaking at the festival's launch last night, Chairperson of the organising committee, Declan Falvey, highlighted the importance of the festival to the town:

"We're delighted to be celebrating the launch of another Puck Fair this evening! This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever, with huge crowds expected over the three days of the festival. We're kicking things off in style this year, with special guests Erin's Fury, who are officially launching their next single tonight, aptly titled King Puck!"

Killorglin-native Anna Kingston has been crowned as the Queen of this year's Festival. Anna has a longstanding connection with the festival and said that it "has been part of my life for as far back as I can remember! My Dad has a business in Killorglin [so Puck Fair] has always been a very important date in our calendar!"

In fact, Anna remembers, that as young child her father Erwin Kingston used to always tell her stories about Puck Fairs gone by, when King Puck was on the top of Castle Conway, which is located at the back of where Kingston's Hotel stands today.

Anna, who is 13 years old has been involved in the past six Puck Fair Parade's with her football club Laune Rangers and said that since she was a little girl, she has loved to watch the Queen in the parade with King Puck and that she has always dreamed of being crowned Queen of festival! Anna said that she would love if she was chosen as Queen of Puck, so that she could be part of the history of Killorglin and Puck Fair. This year's queen will be wearing a specially designed procession dress, kindly commissioned by the O'Sullivan family in loving memory of their mother, Catherine O'Sullivan who was a life-long supporter and attendee of Puck Fair.

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The Festival will also include a fantastic lineup of Irish talent, with musical acts and performances which will cater to audiences of all tastes and ages. Headline acts for this year's Festival, which are all free to attend, include the supercharged musical act, The Pop Gods, the Celtic Irish Rock group Erin's Fury, Ruaile Buaile the Midlands based Irish quintet, and the world-renowned Irish band, The High Stool Prophets. As always, there will also be an extensive agenda of free family fun activities throughout each of the three days.

Additionally, this year's festival will bring a new tradition to the fore, with the specially choreographed 'Dance of the Goat', which will be performed at the Puck Fair Stand for the coronation and dethronement ceremonies. This contemporary dance piece will celebrate the 'King of the Goats', King Puck. The Dance of the Goat is guaranteed to be a spectacular routine which will showcase the talents of the very best of Kerry's dancers and has been choreographed by the Jackie O'Mahony School of Performing Arts.



Good news for the **PUFFINS ON SCEILG**

The iconic Atlantic Puffins are plentiful on Skellig Michael, (Sceilg Mhichíl) this season. These colourful enigmatic seabirds are spending their summer on the UNESCO 6th century Monastic Island, 12 Km off the coast of Kerry, where they are breeding and fattening their chicks on sand-eel and sprat. The summer visitor arrived in April and will depart in August. Puffin nest sites are found in burrows or in cracks and crevices across the island which offers protection from avian predators. Skellig Michael (Sceilg Mhichíl) is a Statutory Nature Reserve, a Special Protection Area, part of Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí. During the summer months, NPWS reminds everyone to let our wildlife stay wild. Keep your distance from vulnerable wildlife. Anyone intending to film or photograph wildlife should apply for a licence.

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Finals Night Celebrated at the 45th Year of the Killarney Athletic A.F.C. 7-A-Side Tournament

The 45th Year of the hugely successful Killarney Athletic A.F.C. 7-A-Side was celebrating our 45th year of the 7 A Side over the past three weeks. The organisers of the tournament, sponsored By Killarney Credit Union would like to thank all the participants and their sponsors over the 3 weeks.

In the under 14 final the runners up were The Shanty 0 and the winners were Tyre Kickers 3. The player of the underage tournament and received the Johnny Heffernan award went to David O'Donoghue Tricel FC.

In the under 16 final the runners up were Floggie FC 0 and the winners Tricel FC 3

In the Over 35 final runners up were Tim Jones Butchers 1 and the winners were Aghadoe Physio 2

In the Reserve cup final the runners up were GM Tyres and the winners were Fenit Folders

In the Senior final the runners up were Four Star Pizza 1 and the winners were Flesk Restaurant 2. Evan Cronin received the Kieran Cahillane Memorial Perpetual Cup for Player of the Senior tournament.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (back fifth from left) presenting the Killarney Athletic Killarney Celtic 7 A Side Premier Cup and medals to Flesk Restaurant team Captain Niall O'Donoghue (front) Evan Cronin, Killian Courtney, Shane Cronin, Mark O'Shea, Colette Casey Tournament Director, Robbie Harnett (back) Mary McCarrick Killarney Athletic FC, Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC, David Shaw, Billy Courtney, Tom Rohan Flesk Restaurant team sponsor and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney. **ALL PHOTOS: MICHELLE COOPER GALVIN**



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (back third from left) who presented the Killarney Athletic Killarney Celtic 7 A Side Premier Cup runner up medals to Four Star Pizza team (front) Evan Gavin Moriarty Looney, (back) Marv McCarrick Killarney Athletic FC, Stephen McCarthy, Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC. Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC and Colette Casey Tournament Director at Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (seated centre) presenting the Floggie team with the runner up medals in the Killarney Athletic Killarney Credit Union U16 7-A-Side final Mark Beckmann, Cathal Sugrue, Evan Counihan, Eli Anderson, Harry O'Connor, Fionn Evans with (back from left) Colette Casey Tournament Director, Fergal Courtney Manager, Killian Collins, Eoin O'Mahony, Joseph Hurley Lyne, Luke McCann, David Courtney, Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC in Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (back fourth from left) who presented the Tim Jones team with the Killarney Athletic Killarney Credit Union Over 35's 7-A-Side Cup runner up medals Vlad Stricker, David Fleming, Daniel Ling, David Long with Oran and Fiadh Long, Sean O'Donoghue, Mike Foley with Colette Casey Tournament Director, Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC in Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC presenting on behalf of the Heffernan family the Johnny Heffernan Memorial Shield to David O'Donoghue the Killarney Athletic Killarney Credit Union 7 a side U16 Player of the Tournament with Colette O'Donoghue HR Tricel in Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (back sixth from left) presenting the Aghadoe Physio team Captain Colm Bowler with the Killarney Athletic Killarney Credit Union Over 35's 7-A-Side Cup and winners medals to Mossy Lyons, Wayne McDonald, Brian O'Reilly, Mark Griffin (back) Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC, Joe Gaffey team manager, Michael Lindsey, David Moloney, Shane Bunyan, Gary O'Halloran, Colette Casey Tournament Director and Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC in Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (back fifth from left) who presented the Killarney Athletic Killarney Celtic 7 A Side Reserve runner up medals to GM Tyres Brandon Griffin, Matthew Moynihan, Dara O'Shea (back) Roko Rujevean, Daragh Lynch and Tadhg Dennehy with (front left) Collette Casery Tournament Director (back) Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (back fourth from left) presenting the Killarney Athletic Killarney Celtic Reserve Cup and Medals to Fenit Folders team Captain Karl O'Neill (front) Ryan Brady, Sam Clerkin, Kevin Looney, Senan Cotter (back) Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC, Aindi O'Ca, Tom Purcell, Sean Pierce, Shane Doolan, Colette Casey Tournament Director and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC at Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (front third from left) presenting the Tricel team with the Killarney Athletic Killarney Credit Union U16 7-A-Side Cup and medals Junior Mayunda, Leo Allen, Evan Doona, David O'Donoghue, Kalen Browne, Trish O'Donoghue HR Tricel, Jack O'Connor, Lawrence O'Donoghue, Daniel Oswute, Callum Robertson, Ewan McCrohan, Pa O'Brien with Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC and Don O'Donoghue Killarney Athletic FC in Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (seated centre) who presented the Shanty Ballyfinnane team Derry O'Gorman, Tomas O'Sullivan, Alex Kellyh, Conor McElligott (back) Bryan O'Leary, Conor O'Leary, Con McCarthy, Tristan Murphy, Dean and Adam Moynihan with their runners up medals in the Killarney Athletic Killarney Credit Union U14 7-A-Side final with (back right) Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC in Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Therese Buckley Killarney Credit Union (seated centre) presenting the Killarney Athletic Killarney Credit Union U14 7-A-Side Cup and medals to the Killarney Tyre Centre Tyre Kickers team (front) Colm O'Sullivan, Matthew Myles, Sean Lyne, Sam O'Donoghue, Lucas Coleman (back) Luke Clancy, Ethan Clarke, Darragh Lucey, Oisin Cryan with (front) Colette Casey Tournament Director (back) Denis Lucey team sponsor Killarney Tyre Centre, Conor Myles Selector, Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC, Joe Lyne and Sean O'Donoghue Selectors at Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



Donie Murphy Chairman Killarney Athletic FC who presented John O'Brien with the Killarney Athletic Killarney Celtic 7 A Side Supporter of the Year cup at the finals at Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney.



James Cahillane presenting the Kieran Cahillane Memorial Cup the Killarney Athletic KIllarney Celtic Player of the Tournament Evan Cronin at Killarney Athletic FC, Woodlawn, Killarney

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Peace begins in our mind and in our heart. It does not happen outside of ourselves. One way to bring yourself to an inner state of peace is to firstly focus on your breathing and slow it down consciously by taking longer breaths and making the exhale longer than the inhale. Bring your hands to your heart area and imagine you are breathing in a warm golden light. Visualise this light flowing lovingly to every part of your body as you exhale.

Repeat for at least two minutes and notice your body and mind becoming more peaceful and in balance.

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Lash lifts are increasingly popular as the results are immediate and long-lasting. With proper aftercare the curl and lift will look better and last over 6-8 weeks. Keep your lashes dry for the first 24 hours as the bond is still setting. Your eyelashes are still flexible for the first few days so avoid all moisture to keep the curl. No eye make-up, sauna, swimming, steamy showers, or steam from cooking. Sleep on your back to avoid pressure on your lashes which could mis-shape them. Cleanse your face carefully with a gentle cleanser avoiding the lashes. Use a spoolie daily to comb lashes upwards. Avoid waterproof mascara and oil-based products around eyes with your lash lift as it can relax the curl. Avoid touching or



playing with the lashes.

Chemical treatments like tinting and curling can have a drying effect on your lashes. Invest in a good quality lash serum or conditioner like Yumi Nourishing Mascara, \in 30 to help your hair follicles recover. This will strengthen your eyelashes and stimulate growth.

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1. Post Exercise Classic Shake. Whey protein is an effective post-exercise nutrition choice, aiding in muscle repair and growth.

2. Smoothies. Adding whey protein to smoothies can increase feelings of fullness and indirectly support weight management.

3. Breakfast Cereal. Protein-packed cereal, baking with whey protein or combining it with foods such as Greek yogurt is a great way to incorporate whey protein into your diet to help hit your daily protein intake while supporting your muscle goals. Whey and lean whey can be used daily like the clear protein but can be used in yoghurts, pancakes, homemade protein balls, bars, muffins, smoothies and so many more recipes. It is a lovely "milk" style protein powder and give a great felling of satisfaction when consumed. Helps ward snacking in between meals on junk and keeps hunger at bay. Fantastic to help with muscle soreness and fatigue post workout.


COLOUR VISION DEFICIENCY

Most people with a colour vision deficiency (CVD) are able to see things as clearly as other people but they have difficulty distinguishing between some colours. This may have an impact upon a child's performance at school or on the sports field and can also affect career options, for example becoming an electrician or a pilot. As most people with a colour vision deficiency can see some colours. There are some people who are unable to see any colour at all, but this is very rare.

In the normal eye there are three different types of cones. Some cones are best at capturing long wavelength (red) light. Others catch medium wavelength (green) light, while other cones respond best to short wavelength (blue) light. The signals from these cones are sent to the brain where they are perceived as colour. People with CVD are born with one or more cone types absent or different.

Most people with CVD are red/ green deficient, which means they mix up all colours with some red or green in them. For example, a red/ green CVD person will confuse blue and purple because they can't 'see' the red element in purple. This is more severe in some forms of CVD than in others.

Who is affected by colour vision deficiency?

Colour vision may be affected by

some eye diseases, but the most common cause of CVD is genetic. The gene for this is transmitted on the X chromosome (from your mother) and so it mainly affects men and boys, with around 8% of males and 0.5% of females having CVD. There are around 3 million people in the UK with some kind of CVD.

What are the symptoms of colour blindness?

If someone has CVD they may have difficulties distinguishing between different types of food – for example mistaking chocolate sauce for ketchup. It may also be very hard to get a child with CVD to try green vegetables as they will look unappetising. Older children may confuse the red and green lights on their games console.

If you have any concerns about your child's vision, a sight test is recommended.

How do you treat colour vision deficiency?

There is currently no cure for genetic CVD. Your optometrist may suggest using colour filters on your glasses, or coloured contact lenses. People with illnesses that have led to CVD, may find that their vision returns to normal when their illness has been treated.

For more information and honest advice contact us for an appointment.





At the official book launch of 'More Precious than gold: My enduring connection with John McShain - the man who built Washington' by Alice O'Neill - McLoughlin at Killarney House, which was launched by Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, T.D., included is, Dan Kelleher, former Superintendent, Killarney National Park, Bishop of Kerry, Ray Browne and Johnny McGuire, Joint President, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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>FLESK FEST 24!

After much anticipation Flesk Fest 24 is finally here! A weekend of Live Music, Fun and Entertainment. On Thursday night we have 'Poker in the Marquee', on Friday night 'Dance Hall Friday' with Paudie McAuliffe and the Paudie Coffey Band. On Saturday morning we have 'Well Flesk' which includes fitness classes, spinning, yoga, pilates, etc, and a Mothers & Others Football Blitz. Later that afternoon we have live music from leading local musicians from 3-7, Up in Smoke from 7-9 and DJ Gav Kelly 9 to Close. On Sunday we have Family Fun Day, the All Ireland Hurling Final on the big screen and Live Music from Thingamajig & Meadhbh Walsh. We have a huge marquee on site, full bar, food stalls, etc. There is something for everyone! It promises to be a fantastic weekend! All welcome! Kindly supported by Kerry County Council.

>UNDERAGE

Cúl Camp ran a very successful summer camp in Glenflesk where the children enjoyed a week full of fun and football! Our U11's travelled to Legion where they played 2 very competitive games. Our U15's were narrowly defeated by Dr Crokes in the East Kerry Under 15 Division 1D League Final. Final Score Glenflesk / Kilgarvan 1-8 Dr Crokes 2-8

≻KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

A bus is being organised from the parish (subject to sufficient numbers). If you're interested in travelling on the day, please contact 087 2547361 for

more information.

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 08/07/24 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,600. The numbers drawn were 8, 16, 28, 29. Consolation Prizes of €50 - Lucy Guerin, Clohane, Kerry Way (Sellers Prize), Mike O'Donoghue, Knockanes (On Line), James Moynihan, Rossacrue (On Line). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 22nd July. Jackpot will be €3,800. Thank you to all who support our Lotto, our committee and sellers.

≻KERRY

Well done to Aoise O'Donoghue and Kathryn Ryan who were part of the Kerry team to beat Galway 6-08 to 1-10 in the All Ireland U18 A Championship Semi Final. Best of luck to Emma Dineen and the Kerry ladies who take on Armagh this Saturday in the All Ireland Semi Final in Tullamore at 7:15pm.

►ACADEMY

Continues every Tuesday evening 6:15 to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field. All welcome!

>NOTES

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

KILCUMMIN

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We wish all of our competitors, and their mentors, the very best of luck at Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan in Thurles over the coming days. For full details of all competitions and events, please visit http://www.munsterfleadh.ie >KILCUMMIN LGFA

LGFA are celebrating its 50th anniversary on Friday 26th July. To mark this special milestone Kilcummin LGFA cordially invites everyone to an "Evening of Golden Celebrations". The evening will begin @ 6.30pm with photographs of all current players at all levels & our Mothers & Others Team. From 7-8pm there will be a Festival of Football (weather permitting), from 8pm tea/coffee, cake & finger food will be served in the Klub bar and Hall. On this special evening, Kilcummin LGFA will remember our late Vice Chairperson Ger Healy, who passed away suddenly last March. R.I.P. As everyone is aware Ger was the backbone of Kilcummin LGFA, He was not only our leader and our mentor but our loyal friend. In recognition of his total devotion, dedication and commitment to Kilcummin LGFA, a special presentation of a memorial plaque will be made to the Healy Family that evening. Ger will always be fondly remembered by all in Kilcummin LGFA. His absence is profoundly felt but his spirit, positive energy and legacy continues to inspire us and his invaluable contribution will be recognised and celebrated on the

26th July also. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dilis. Members of Kilcummin CCE have been invited to perform and no doubt their performance will get all our blood pumping and our feet tapping. To plan for the event, we ask all current players to confirm their attendance to their lead mentors and everyone else to RSVP by messaging Esther on 087 9924603 by 8pm Fri 19th July.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 12th July 2024 of the Jackpot for €12,800. Numbers drawn were 01,12,16,23. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Mary McSweeney; Mick Daly, Killarney; Joe Collins, Dooneen; Marian, Sinéad & Isabelle, Aghadoe. The next draw will be on Friday 19th July for Jackpot of €13,000.

>KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 15th July of the Jackpot for €12,250. Numbers drawn were 08,18,24,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Damien O'Leary, Diarmúid Gorman, Rachel Clifford, and John Michael O 'Donoghue. The next draw will be on Monday 29th July for Jackpot of €12,500.

Written by: Colette Leslie

LISTRY

>LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2,16, 20,22. Winner €4,950 Helen Heffernan, Laharn, Faha. Congratulations. >SENIORS

The seniors play the Fr Galvin cup final Friday 26th July at home in Listry, time tbc.

≻U15

The U15A team play Cordal in the Div 1C East Kerry final Wednesday 24th July at 7pm in Listry.

>U13

U13 A and B team are away to Firies on Sunday 21st July at 5pm and 6pm.



Garda Craig Boyle O'Sullivan pictured with his parents Karen and Philip (left) and his sister Alice and brother Edison (right) at his graduation ceremony at Templemore recently.

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>FIXTURES

Senior men will be in Group 3 with Fossa, Castleisland Desmonds and Ballydonoghue in the qualifying rounds of the upcoming Intermediate Club Championship.

>LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of \leq 4,600 will be on Sunday, 21st July in Galvin's Bar. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto and our lotto sellers.

>THANK YOU

Thank you to everybody who attended our summer camp, the organisers, coaches, special guests and anyone who helped in any way.

BEST OF LUCK to Hannah, Fay and Fiadhna and the Kerry Senior Ladies team and management who will play Armagh in the TG4 All Ireland senior football semi-final on Saturday, 20th July at 7.15pm in Glenisk, O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

>CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Jo, Coach and Lori O'Connor and Lily Kearins, the Kerry Ladies minor team and management who have reached the ZuCar All Ireland Ladies minor A final. They will play Cavan in the final on Saturday, 27th July



Participants and helpers in Beaufort GAA Club summer camp last week.

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>SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was \in 210 and the winner was Gerardine Collins. Tickets cost \in 2 each or 3 for \in 5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

>SYMPATHIES to Patrick & Diarmuid Dinneen, Mary (Ferriter) and Margaret (Long) & families on the death of their father Michael John Dinneen, Ard Mhuire. Michael John's funeral took place in Rathmore on Friday 28th June.

To Tim and John Horan, Mary (Hackett), Kathleen (Kelly), Sheila (Sheehan) & families on the death of their brother Michael John (Mikie) Horan Cahirbarnagh. Michael's funeral took place on Tuesday 2nd July in Rathmore. To Brian & Seamus Kelly & families on the death of their mother Nora Kelly (nee Buckley) whose funeral took place on Monday 1st July in Gneeveguilla. To Marie (Cleverley) & John Moynihan & families on the death of their mother & grandmother Kitty Moynihan, Presbytery View. Kitties funeral took place on Friday 5th July in Rathmore. To Jerh O'Donoghue & family on the death of his brother Michaél (Barraduff) whose funeral took place on Wednesday 3rd July in Barraduff. To Eileen Guerin & family on the death of her sister Noreen O'Mahony (nee Kerins), Brinny, whose funeral took place on Wednesday 10th July in Innishannon. May Michael John, Nora, Michael John, Kitty , Michaél & Noreen rest in peace

>KYDS are currently expanding their board membership. We are recruiting an additional 4 new Non-Executive Directors and are seeking a suitable person to take on the role of Chairperson. Candidates with local knowledge, previous Board experience and a background working with

young people and in the voluntary sector are preferred. Please email a CV.& cover letter to:boardrecruitment@kdys.ie by Fri. 23rdAugust 2024.

►NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2024

Sunday 28thJuly. Theme "DO NOT CAST ME OFF IN MY OLD AGE". Principal celebrant will be Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland. He will lead the Pilgrimage and the celebration of the fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine. Schedule: 2.30pm Anointing of the sick in the Basillica, 3pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by Rosary Procession. Plenary indulgence granted for the occasion. Those unable to join in person can take part online at WWW.Knockshrine.ie/ watch

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>BEST OF LUCK to the Kerry Ladies in the semi final - Danielle O'Leary & Kerry Team & Management - The 2024 TG4 All Ireland Senior Semi Finals! Kerry v Armagh Sat 20th July Glenisk O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

 HARD LUCK to /Kerry Team & management over Armagh especially Paul Murphy & Shane Ryan, hopefully they will be back next year
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≻ROADS

Cllr Niall Kelleher is Delighted to get confirmation of another 53k has been allocated to the Lissyconnor to Scrahanagullaun Cross road on top of the 95k previously allocated. I have been onto engineers regularly to ensure this was allocated after the government increased the roads Allocation given to Kerry County Council earlier this year.

≻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 Sunday 6pm.

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>U15 EAST REGION FOOTBALL LEAGUE Division 1 B Final – Spa V Firies

Venue: Spa Gaa Grounds

Firies travelled to Spa Wednesday 10th July to contest the U-15 Division 1B Final. Firies opened the scoring with a fine point by Isaac Vickers. Liam Moynihan of Spa levelled matters before Ogie O Leary Griffin put Firies back into the lead. A goal by Spa corner forward Ronan McCarthy put Spa two up, Firies followed with a point from wing forward Conor Foley, but Spa responded with three unanswered points, two from Mark Moriarty either side of a point from Maurice Joy to lead 1-04 to 0-3 after 10 minutes. Ryan Vickers & Daniel Cronin added points for Firies to reduce the margin to 2 points with Firies coming more into the game at this point.

laasc Vickers pointed a free which was followed by a penalty awarded to Firies for a leg block. Jonah Casey of Spa saved brilliantly but Ryan Vickers of Firies was quickest to react and netted the rebound for Firies. This goal was followed by another point by Isaac Vickers which left Firies leading at Half Time on a Scoreline of Firies 1-07, Spa 1-04.

By the 40th minute the game was really in the balance with Spa clawing back Firies lead to 2 points with points from Maurice Joy & Liam Moynihan while Firies Isaac Vickers pointed a free. Firies 1-08 to Spa 1-06.

Firies followed this with a point from Ogie O Leary Griffin.

Spa responded by taking lead from another point by Maurice Joy and a

goal by midfielder Daithi Stack to leave the scoreline Spa 2-07 Firies 1-09. Firies regrouped and retook the lead with 3 unanswered points, one each from corner back Noel o Sullivan, Ryan Vickers and James Barry.

Moving into the final 10 minutes, the game was now played at a frantic pace, James Barry pointing for Firies, Daithi Stack for Spa & two more points from Firies Kevin O Shea & Ryan Quilter leaving the scoreline Firies 1-15 Spa 2-08.

Aidan Hickey pointed for Spa, Jack O Connor for Firies followed by a Mark Moriarty point for Spa with the score being Firies 1-16 Spa 2-10.

Three points the difference coming up to the finish, but the game was not yet over. Daniel Duggan in the Firies goal made two fantastic saves to deny Spa a goal. Maurice Joy pointed for Spa but it was Firies night, who came out on top in a thrilling affair on a scoreline of Firies 1-16 Spa 2-11.

Winning Captain Padraig O Sullivan accepted the Division 1B Trophy on behalf of the victorious U-15 Firies Team.

Congratulations to Firies, commiserations to Spa and many thanks to Padriag O Sullivan of Glenflesk who officiated the game.

>2024 ALL IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Hard luck to the Kerry Seniors including our own Dara Moynihan who lost out to Armagh on Saturday last in the Semi-Final stages

Harry's Special Day...

Harry Patrick O'Sullivan celebrating his Christening Day on Sunday 14th July. Pictured with his parents Michael & Elaine O'Sullivan, Kilcummin & Godparents Christina Doyle & David O'Sullivan.



Moss Shannon from Killarney enjoying 'The Macademy' Performing Arts School sunshine and games during the summer camp on Thursday. Photo: Don MacMonagle





Roses are red...Directors of Killarney Race Course, Billy OSullivan, Chairman, left and Terence Mulcahy, meeting some of this years Rose of Tralee contestants, at the annual July Festival evening meeting at the Killarney Races. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



MONEY MATTERS.

By Dermot Cronin, Financial Advisor



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2nd: Mary O'Reilly 3rd: Kay Malone SOCIAL GOLF Social golf every Wednesday. Book on BRS. NOREEN MOORE COMPETITION

The Noreen Moore Competition starts this week and the first match is on Thursday, 18th July, 2024, against Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. Best of luck to our team. MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

PLAY IN PINK DAY

The Play in Pink Charity Fundraising Day will be held on Saturday, 27th July, 2024. This will be a 4ball mixed scramble.

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RESULTS

On July 14th we held a club sponsored 10 hole competition

The winners were:-1st: Jordan O'Shea, 26 2nd: Jim Delaney, 24 3rd: Gerard Murphy, 21 4th: MJ Casey, 21 On Thursday 11th our Seniors held their weekly competition. The winners were :-

1st: Pat Mitchell, 18 pts 2nd: Mossie Cremin, 18 pts 3rd: Andy Cole, 18pts FIXTURES

On July 21st we will hold a stableford competition and the usual process applies for tee time bookings.

Best of luck to Killarney Race Company for a successful July Racing Festival.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

MUNSTER STROKEPLAY

Damien Fleming finished third in the Munster Senior Mens event in Ardnacrusha in Clare after shooting 22 under par for 54 holes. It was his second Munster medal of the year having finished as runner-up in the Matchplay event back in May.

COUNTY U16 STROKEPLAY

Congratulations to Brian McCarthy on retaining the County Boys title in Listowel last Friday as he was the clear winner with a score of eight under par. Ben Kelliher finished runner-up on countback on two under par with Aodhan O'Halloran winning the 8-12 Section ahead of Fionn McMonagle.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Fourball Betterball- First Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 37, Gross: Sean Ashe & Sean O'Brien 46 and Second Nett: Dave Spillane & John Murphy 39.



Patrick Eviston, proprietor of Killeen House, Lady Captain of Beaufort Golf Club Maire Ni Loinsigh and Derek Carroll Manager of Killeen House Hotel at the launch of Beaufort Golf Club Open Day for Bank Holiday Monday 5th August. This is a club fundraiser for both the gents and ladies clubs. It's great value at $\in 25$ per person and reservations can now be made by phoning 064 6644440. This is a great opportunity to play the beautiful gem of golf that is Beaufort Golf Course. The first prize for the Ladies Competition is two nights Bed and Breakfast for two people at the beautiful Killeen House Hotel.

Lady Captain Maire would love to see as many ladies at possible support this open day.

WEDNESDAY COMPETITION

Played Thursday July 11th- Singles- Nett: John Looney 46. Back to Wednesday again at 7.30pm for the rest of July. Open to club members aged 14 or over.

CLUB MATCHPLAY

A reminder that all Round 1 matches must be completed by next Monday July 22nd at dusk. IRISH OPEN

Our best wishes to both Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Paddy Murphy who are heading to Ryston in Newbridge in taking part in this weekend's event.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

COMPETITION RESULTS

Hayes Cup kindly sponsored by O'Brien Coffey McSweeney

GOY Prize 18 Hole Single Stableford played on Killeen Course on 13th & 14th July 2024 Overall, Winner: Mary A Cronin (19) 46 pts

2nd: June O'Brien (22) 42 pts

Best Gross: Lisa Cullen 35 pts

3rd: Elizabeth O'Farrell (14) 40 pts

4th: Gretta O'Regan (37) 40 pts

5th: Mary O'Rourke (25) 40 pts

6th: Eileen Sugrue (39) 39 pts

NEXT FIXTURE will be 20th & 21thJuly 2024 Play in Pink kindly sponsored by Flesk Restaurant is 18 Hole Single Stableford on Killeen Course.

> Golfers taking part in the Spa GAA Golf Classic which attracted 55 teams at Beaufort Golf Club recently.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club members who were prizewinners in the County U16 Strokeplay in Listowel last week. Pictured are Brian McCarthy (Centre, Overall Winner), Aodhan O'Halloran (Boys 8-12 Winner) and Fionn McMonagle (Boys 8-12 Runner-Up). Missing from Photo Ben Kelliher (Overall Runner-Up).





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55 Teams Tee Off at Spa GAA Colf Classic

Organisers of the Spa GAA Club Golf Vlassic have thanked the 55 teams who played in at the picturesque Beaufort Golf Course to raise funds for the club.

Winners: Tim Healy, John Rice, Donal Brosnan and Sean Brosnan

2nd place: Killarney Medical - Michael Paul Doherty, Tom Doherty, Paul and Elaine O'Sullivan

3rd: All Ireland Golf Challenge - Stephen Kelliher, Ronan Kelliher, Liam Daniels and John Courtney

4th place: Scott's Hotel

5th place : SuperValu

- 6th place: Pat Nagle
- Nearest pin 1: Paddy Casey

Nearest pin 2: Derek O Brien

Thanks to Spa Golf Classic Committee Members; John Kelliher, Seanie Kelliher, Kieran Herlihy, Andrew Garnett, Peggy O'Donoghue, Eileen Magee, Paddy Casey, Tim Regan, Billy Morris, Gene Cronin, Peter Wickham and Donal Hickey.

Spa Gaa Club is deeply grateful to the Courtney, Stack and O' Donoghue families of Killarney Oils, Tricel and The Killarney Oaks for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Also like to thank Killarney Credit Union, FBD, James O Brien and Patrick McSweeney, Denis Casey, San Francisco, Muckross Cottage, Donal Hickey and Sheahan's Centra Muckross Rd.

Winners and Committee members at the recen Spa GAA Club Golf Classic. Photo Anne Holland











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Children and teachers from 'The Macademy' Performing Arts School in Killarney pictured enjoying sunshine and games during their summer camp.



Eamonn O'Sullivan, Riadh Horan, Blaithinn O'Donnell, Kayden O'Sullivan and Chloe Karlstine from 'The Macademy' Performing Arts School in Killarney pictured enjoying sunshine and games during their summer camp.



Rory Leane from Killarney enjoying 'The Macademy' Performing Arts School summer camp.



Who Am I?... Children from 'The Macademy' Performing Arts School in Killarney pictured playing a childrens guessing game during their summer camp.

Juno Hussey from 'The Macademy' Performing Arts School in Killarney pictured on the climbing wall with Rory Leane, Moss Shannon, Otis Buckley, Lucy O'Mahony and Faye Spillane-O'Riordan while enjoying sunshine and games during their summer camp.





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the end of August 2024., Deputy Healy Rae told Killarney Outlook. "I am advising anyone who needs to have their cataracts removed to do so now before the change to reimbursement amounts comes in. All cataract treatment carried out in Belfast after the 1st September 2024 will be subject to the new DRG rates", he added.

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HAT-TRICK HERO KELLIHER WRITES HIS NAME INTO THE HISTORY BOOKS

KERRY FC 3-3 BRAY WANDERERS

SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

Kerry FC were back at home after the longest trip of the season last week when they played Finn Harps in Ballybofey. A narrow loss in that one meant a long trip back for the boys on Friday morning. It was a competitive game with both teams having their fair share of chances, but the home side from Donegal prevailed and claimed all three points. Ronan Teahan came close by hitting the upright and Aaron O'Sullivan made some great saves to keep the score close, but it was not enough on the night unfortunately.

The last time out against Bray Wanderers was at the Carlisle Grounds as Kerry were defeated 2-0. Goals from Cristian Magerusan and Peter Grogan claimed Bray's sixth win out of six against Kerry FC since the Kingdom's first appearance in the league last season. Kerry would be hopeful of going one better and picking up at least a point against the Seagulls as Kerry are now four games undefeated at home. This was extended thanks to the late Ryan Kelliher equaliser two weeks ago against Wexford FC.

New signing Oran Crowe was a part of the squad for the clash and MU20's player Bobby Amadasun made the step up to the senior team for the first time. The two debutants hoped to come on and make an instant impact in front of the home faithful in Tralee.

FIRST HALF

Kerry FC started the game well on top and after just three minutes Nathan Gleeson took the ball around Stephen McGuinness in the Bray goal, he passed the ball out to Sean McGrath whose shot was deflected behind for a corner. The subsequent corner came to nothing but it was a fantastic start from the home side.

Just five minutes later Ryan Kelliher had the ball in the back of the net but was given offside. There were a few shouts that the linesman had made the wrong decision but he stood his ground and stuck to his decision. In a mad first ten minutes, Cian Brosnan had a shout for a penalty for a slight nudge in the back. Play was waved on and was probably the right decision as there was very minimal contact.

For a crazy opening ten minutes from the into the history books.

Kingdom where they were by far the better team, they got their reward through Ryan Kelliher. A lovely intricate ball from Cian Brosnan down the channel opened up Ryan to be one-on-one with McGuinness. A slight touch around the Bray keeper from Kelliher was enough to put Kerry FC one goal to the good.

Ten minutes after going a goal ahead Kerry were awarded a penalty when Ryan Kelliher was amongst the action again when Max Murphy clipped Kelliher inside the area. Mark Moynihan had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Ryan made no mistake when slotting it home into the bottom right corner. McGuinness was close to getting there but the power was too much for Bray's

number one. Just twenty-three minutes into the game Kerry FC were in dreamland.

The dream had a dent in it though because just four minutes after Kerry's second goal, Bray got one back. Darren Craven received a fizzed pass into his feet from twenty-five yards out, he took one touch and thumped it into the bottom left corner giving Bray hope. The hope was doubled just a minute later when Harry Groome equalised just two minutes later. He received the ball on the half turn and had plenty of space and time to think about his shot before finding the bottom left corner.

On the stroke of half time, Nathan Gleeson nearly got Kerry back ahead when his lobbed effort from twenty yards out hit the top of the crossbar and fell kindly into the arms of McGuinness. The half-finished two a piece in a game that was breathtaking for the neutral.

SECOND HALF

Eleven minutes after the restart Kerry FC were on the front foot and got back in front thanks to a club first ever hat-trick courtesy of number nine Ryan Kelliher. Bray were caught out at the back and a simple pass played Kelliher through on goal. The composure shown on display to take the ball around the keeper and finish with his weaker foot was nothing short of top-class from the Killarney man who writes his name into the history books.



Ryan Kelliher (second left) has written himself into the history books by scoring Kerry FC's first hat trick. (File Photo)

The joy and jubilation was evident in and around the ground in admiration for the club's leading goal scorer. Unfortunately, the jubilant atmosphere was short-lived as substitute Ben Feeney equalised with a free header into the bottom corner. It was very disappointing to go level again after all the hard work was undone because of a free header inside the area.

There were very few opportunities in the final fifteen and it finished in a stalemate. On one hand an unbelievable night for Ryan Kelliher but on the other three points should have been grasped. Kerry FC will take the point and move on as they head into the second round of the FAI Cup next week when they take on Cobh Ramblers in St. Colman's Park looking to start a fresh cup campaign in style with a win.

KERRY FC TEAM: 30. AARON O'SULLIVAN, 15. KEVIN WILLIAMS, 6. ETHAN KOS, 18. SAMUEL ALADESANUSI, 3. SEAN O'CONNELL, 8. RONAN TEAHAN, 7. SEAN MCGRATH, 21. DAIRE MCCARTHY, 123. NATHAN GLEESON, 9. RYAN KELLIHER (C) (GOAL '13, '25, '57), 17. CIAN BROSNAN.

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Referee: Kevin Phelan (Laois) Venue: Rathkeale

Kerry are into the ZuCar All Ireland Minor A Final following a comprehensive win against Galway in Rathkeale last Thursday.

Both sides went into the game not having played competitively since 18th May (Galway) and April 28th (Kerry) so the game had an air of unpredictable to it. Both sides lined out as per program. It was Galway who settled quicker playing with the aid of a stiff breeze and got off to the perfect start with two points inside the first minute from Siún McGovern and Alisha O'Malley. It took Kerry a while to settle into the game but once they found their grove it became apparent who was going to win this encounter. It was the seventh minute when Kerry opened their account through Lori O'Connor. Shortly after Lucy O'Connor raised the first green flag for Kerry after they got to grips with Galway's early dominance. Katie Doe added a brace of frees in the tenth and fourteen minute before the same player got a goal midway through the half to open up a seven-point lead midway through the half, Galway's Siún McGovern with two free to reduce the deficit to five. A well worth move from Kerry saw Leah McMahon rifle to the back of the net to open up an eight-point lead. Galway's Rebecca Noone responded with a point from play. It would be Galway's last point from play in the entire game. Lucy O'Connor and Katie Doe both got their second goals with less than ten minutes remaining in the half as Kerry now opened up a commanding thirteen-point lead with seven minutes remaining in the half. Galway could be forgiven for throwing in the towel but to their credit they dug in and were awarded for their efforts with a goal from Alisha O'Malley and a free from Siún McGovern to go in at the break only nine points behind something no doubt the Galway players, management and

supporters would be quite happy with despite Kerry's dominance. Both sides made changes at halftime with Galway's substitutions made in the hope of mounting a comeback. If they were hoping for an immediate response it wasn't coming as Kerry playing with the wind put any doubt of a comeback to bed with a pointed free from Katie Doe and captain Éabha Ní Laighin with a goal. Galway responded with three unanswered frees from Alisha O'Malley. The second half failed to live up to the same intensity and excitement as the first. Galway you would have expected to throw off the shackles and try to get back into the game. Instead, they played more defensively and invited Kerry onto them more. Kerry might have been better off going for points playing with the wind advantage, instead they elected to go for goal when a point was probably the better option. Points from Katie Doe, Leah McMahon & a free from substitute Aoibhín O'Connor McCarthy saw Kerry further extend their lead to run out comfortable winners. Lots of positives to take away from the game with lots to work on in the leadup to the final.

With eleven of the panel involved in last year's U18 B All Ireland success the team and management will be looking to go one step better this year against Cavan in the final. Cavan had an impressive win in the other semi final against Kildare winning on a scoreline 6-10 to 0-09. No doubt goals will play a crucial factor in the decider with both defences needing to be on top to prevail in what is sure to be an intriguing encounter.

ZuCar All-Ireland U-18 A Championship Final 2024, Cavan v Kerry takes place at Glenisk O'Connor Park, Tullamore, Offaly on Saturday 27th July - 2pm.

Kerry Scorers: K Doe (2-04 – 4f), L O'Connor (2-0), L McMahon (1-01), É Ní Laighin (1-0), L O'Connor (0-01), A O'Connor McCarthy (0-01f), M K Smith (0-01)

Galway Scorers: A O'Malley (1-05 – 4f), S McGovern (0-04f), R Noone (0-01) Kerry: B Nic an tSithigh, A O'Donoghue, É Ní

Kerry 21 Siún Fitzgerald in action.



Kerry No. 5 Clodagh Dwyer

Laighin, G Murphy, C Dwyer, S O'Donovan, L O'Sullivan, K Enright, K Ryan, L O'Connor, M K Smith, L O'Connor, K Doe, L McMahon, A Collins Subs: A O'Connor McCarthy for A Collins, h/t, L Slattery for L McMahon 56mins, S Fitzgerald for L O'Connor 53mins

Galway: A Keohane, D Brennan, Z Duggan, L Sheoighe, A Murray, K Banek (C), É Ledesma, K Slattery, I Murray, E Joyce, A O' Malley, A Nash, S McGovern, A Madden, R Noone

Subs: H Mangan for S McGovern 31mins, Z Rathar for Z Duggan, 31mins, É Smith for E Joyce 44mins, S Melia for A Nash, 44mins, R Quinn for A Murray 53mins



Galway 9 Isabelle Murray Kerry 8 Kelly Enright



Katie Doe who scored 2-04 in the game.





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WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB NEWS.

The beautiful weather on Sunday morning last allowed our crews to enjoy the lake.

A very special thank you to all our crews who took part in the national championships last weekend at the national rowing centre Farran, Farran Wood, Co Cork.

While some of our oars people competed over the weekend our Annual Street collection occurred in Killarney. Thanks to all club and family members who shook the buckets on Saturday last weekend.

The club would especially like to thank the public for their generous support for our annual collection, it is greatly appreciated. Training continues as usual for all members.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

IRISH ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The flatwater rowing season of 2023/24 drew to a close last weekend with three days of top quality racing at the Irish Rowing Championships held at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July. The weather conditions obliged with mostly calm conditions prevailing after Friday morning through to a still and sunny day on Sunday. The national championship regatta features all grades which are raced over 2km, including Championship events from Junior 18 up to Senior. While the Junior 16 events have historically been classed as non-championship, the ever rising standard in this category has put Junior 16 racing firmly on a par with all of the older age categories. The club was well represented over all three days. Our congratulations go to Ronan Fahy and Cian Scannell, who concluded a very successful racing season with gold medals in a thrilling final of the Mens Junior 16 Double. There were also top six finishes for a number of Muckross crews including Daniel Fleming in the Mens Junior Single (6th), Khim Fleming and Rachel Fuller in the Womens Junior Double (5th) and Daniel Fleming, Ian Coffey, Cillian Leslie and Ronan Fahy in the Mens Junior Quad (4th). Daniel and Cillian also contested the final of the Mens Junior Double to finish sixth overall. In the older age categories, there were five Muckross rowers in action with the university clubs. Congrats to Niamh Coffey and Caoimhe O'Sullivan, both members of the



WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB - Irish Rowing Championships. A selection of members who took part at the Irish Rowing Championships last weekend. Back Row L-R - Anthony McCarthy, Sarah Coffey, Kayla Wharton, Michael J Burns, Ross McCarthy, Aoibhinn Coffey.

winning UL crew in the Womens Senior Eight with Niamh scooping a second title in the Womens Senior Quad. Congrats also to Ethan O'Neill (UCC RC), double Champ winner in the Mens Intermediate Pair and Club Four and to Finn O'Sullivan (UL RC), Champ winner in the Mens Intermediate Four. Well done to Patrick Buckley (UL RC), silver medallist in both the Mens Intermediate Eight and Pair. Well done also to Meabh O'Connell, who was a finalist in three events with UCC crews which placed 4th in the finals of the Womens Intermediate Eight and Four and Club Four.

HOME INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

Next weekend, four Muckross rowers will don the green jersey as part of the Senior Irish squad competing at the annual Home International Regatta in Strathclyde, Scotland. Best of luck to Patrick Buckley, Finn O'Sullivan, Ethan O'Neill and Niamh Coffey who will all race for their country against crews from England, Scotland and Wales.

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...



ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL: Kerry v Armagh

Ah well. Fair play to Armagh. The better team won it fair and square and it'll make for another long winter in Kerry (it won't really; sure the club championships will be kicking off shortly). I was actually optimistic heading into this one, and I felt confident for three quarters of the game. But once the tide began to turn, Armagh were relentless and Kerry were at sixes and sevens. The better team won fair and square and (thankfully) most Kerry supporters accept that.

Straight from the throw-in, Seán O'Shea dummied a defender and slotted over. Armagh took a quick kick-out and worked the ball up the flank before corner back Peter McGrane slotted over. Fine by me, a shooting duel would suit Kerry all day long.

The two star men, David Clifford and Rian O'Neill, both had decent efforts go wide before a good turnover by Seán O'Shea led to Paudie Clifford nudging Kerry in front. An off the ball foul – a smidgin careless – saw Conor Tubritt slot over a free, but Brian Ó Beaglaíoch set up Tony Brosnan for a simply superb point. It felt to me like Kerry were just building a head of steam. Dara Moynihan with a well-worked score. 0-4 to 0-2. A foul on Tony Brosnan saw David Clifford fire over from an acute angle. Kerry look dangerous every time they enter Armagh's half. Clifford links up with Seán O'Shea, easily the standout performer so far, and he notches his second point.

A loose ball in the Kerry square isn't properly dealt with and Niall Grimley scoops it up to shoot over. He adds another after a quick free by Aidan Forker. That was too easy. Rian O'Neill makes it three in a row for the Orchard county. I'm not worried as such, but it's time for Kerry to take a grip.

Handy enough. Off the ball foul and David Clifford pops over the gift. David Gough and his linesmen are on form today – I've always rated Gough very highly anyway, too many Kerry fans bluster about refs when we lose. Dara Moynihan finds David with a great pass for a mark. Hawkeye is consulted about the kick but it's inside. I have to say, that graphic is always confusing.

This time it's Kerry who are called for an off the ball foul. Tubritt obliges again. Kerry look the better team here and I can't see Armagh living with us long term (I don't know if hubris affected Kerry, but it certainly got to me. You live and learn) but we are coughing up a few handy points. I want Armagh working harder for those.

Good response from Kerry, Diarmuid O'Connor kicking a great point. That's more like it.

Armagh break clear, Andrew Murnin gathering from Rory Grugan and blasting it, but Shane Ryan makes a great save. Armagh kick two wides in a row. Seán O'Shea converts a free won by Paul Geaney (nobody near me thought at any stage that it was a penalty) to close out the first half. Kerry four points clear – the general consensus, including from Armagh supporters, is that Armagh having to chase the game will open space for Clifford and O'Shea.

Half-time Kerry 0-11 Armagh 0-7

Stefan Campbell on for Armagh. I rate him highly, but that isn't a surprise move to anyone. Slow start to the second half. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch has an effort tail off wide. Good effort, I want players shooting when they get that kind of opportunity. It's Aidan Forker who opens the second half scoring though, curling over a beauty.

Kerry with a goal chance! Tom O'Sullivan laid it off to David for a point, but there was more on offer. Still, our points clear. I'm okay with it. Then Kerry get another goal chance, Seán O'Shea neatly feeding Tom on the run. This time he might have been better off giving it to Paudie but he goes for it himself and skews it wide. That could and maybe should have been too big a gap for Armagh. I'm still okay with it. We can work on that in training after. For now, let's just stay focussed and keep picking off those point chances.

Free for Armagh. I thought it was more of a free out but I suppose I do have a bias! Regardless, Rory Grugan slots it. Aidan Forker sends over another great score. Just a point in it now. We've let Armagh off the hook. Enough of this;



Action from the Kerry V Armagh All Ireland Semi Final. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

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Paudie Clifford for a score. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Tadgh Morley in action. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

time for Kerry to move up a gear.

Wow! I wasn't expecting that. High ball lamped in by David, Diarmuid O'Connor manages brilliantly to knock it across the square, and there's Paul Murphy to fist it in. Well executed but a definite touch of good fortune, you can't say that was planned in the build-up. Still, that's huge fillip for Kerry. Four points again.

Conor Tubritt with another free. This where Kerry need to push. Cillian Burke and Killian Spillane on for Kerry. Good move.

Rian O'Neill with a great point. You have to credit Armagh's response. They aren't one bit rattled here and Kerry are still facing questions. Tony Brosnan deflected by a defender. Seán O'Shea stands over it. This feels like a crucial moment. If he gets this, I feel that we will see this out, even though there's quarter of an hour left. Seán O'Shea into Hill 16? Yeah, he nails it. It's his thing.

Disaster. Utter disaster. Armagh are putting our kick-outs under pressure. Rian O'Neill collects one and launches a missile down on our square. Needs to be dealt with....and isn't, with Shane just slightly misjudging it and knocking it away rather than gathering....and Barry McCambridge fisting home. One point in it.

Paudie Clifford with a well-taken score after more good work by Seán O'Shea. We needed that. Two up again, but we all know that Armagh are taking this game down to the wire. Sure enough, there's Stefan Campbell with another superb score. And then another. Level pegging and Armagh look that little bit faster, fitter, and hungrier. I've gone from fairly confident to very worried.

David Gough penalises Kerry for a wrong kickout (rolling ball? I have no idea). The throw-in comes to Rian O'Neill and Armagh are in front. Kerry supporters don't like that one – I don't myself, but I'll suspend judgement until I can see a replay later. If I can bear to watch replays! We need the ball. Armagh are called for overcarrying and Kerry get a chance. Big test for Dylan Geaney but the ounce of breeding....he splits the posts. Neither side can kick a winner and we are into extra-time.

There's a few people near me saying that Armagh have greater experience of penalties if it comes to that. Umm, yes...they have experience of losing on penalties. I'm not sure that's a confidence booster if it comes down to that....

Both sides look tired as extra-time starts. Worryingly, Kerry have a couple of players being treated for cramp. Jarlath Óg Burns is fresh off the bench and it shows as he kicks a fine point. Both sides are struggling – this is more laboured than stylish – but Burns sets up Conor Tubritt for a fisted point before the turnaround. Kerry are two points down.... and two points feels like an awful lot on these circumstances.

Good effort by Kerry but its short and Ross McQuillan hares up the field to put Armagh three points up. This is slipping away from us very fast. It definitely looks as if Armagh have fuel left in the tank and Kerry are running on fumes.

We're not done though. Cillian Burke kicks a great point. David Gough once again penalises a misplaced kick-out (once again, I can't tell if he's right – but I'm certainly not arguing!) and Paudie Clifford snaps onto the loose ball. One point in it....

One point too far. One last effort drops short and Tubritt bursts forward to fist over and clinch a first All Ireland berth for Armagh in 2003.

We'll go easy on the inquests. I think myself that there's a common tendency to overanalyse a team's last game instead of basing decisions on future approaches on patterns. I actually felt that we were the better team for 45 minutes but left a bit too much after us. We had two very good goal chances that we didn't execute and had a few wides we would be expecting to get. We gave up a bad goal mind you, Armagh will feel that Kerry's goal was soft enough too. I actually think – and I'm genuinely not begrudging Armagh or trying to make any excuses – that we could and should have won that game. Any notion that we should completely rip up our training manuals would be very premature. There's a baby in that bathwater (it occurs to me that might sound like a horrific statement if you aren't aware of the old saying. Just google it).

A few players might and probably will retire; I'll be pushing no-one out the door. Criticisms of management are a bit too late to impress me. I thought we got a soft enough draw along the way – that can help or hinder, but it ain't like you can roll those dice again. I still firmly believe in timing your run. The big takeaway for me is we certainly seemed to tire faster than Armagh.

Pushing too hard and too early will only cost a team in the long run, and I point to Mayo last year and Derry this year as evidence of that. However, it is possible that both Kerry and Dublin came into the crunch games too cold and untested. That's above my pay grade but I'm sure Kerry will be considering it.

Arrah, look, it is what it is. Anyone who thinks that losing a game of football is a tragedy should be grateful to have life so easy. Kerry reached a semi-final. So did our minors. Our U20s reached a final. Our senior ladies are in a semi-final, as are our camogie team. Our minor ladies are in an All Ireland Final. We'll lick our wounds and come back a bit stronger, like we often have before, but don't be thinking there's too many people outside the county feeling sorry for Kerry.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy (1-0), Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Tadhg Morley, Gavin White, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), Joe O'Connor, Tony Brosnan (0-1), Paudie Clifford (0-3), Dara Moynihan (0-1), David Clifford (0-4, 1m, 2f), Sean O'Shea (0-4, 1f, 1'45), Paul Geaney. Subs Cillian Burke 0-1 (for Dara Moynihan, 48 mins), Killian Spillane (for Paul Geaney, 48 mins), Dylan Geaney 0-1 (for Tony Brosnan, 59 mins), Graham O'Sullivan (for Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, 65 mins), Barry Dan O'Sullivan (for Joe O'Connor, 70 mins), Mike Breen (for Gavin White, 70 mins), Dylan Casey (for Tom O'Sullivan, 74 mins), Tom O'Sullivan (for Jason Foley, 78 mins), Stephen O'Brien (for Diarmuid O'Connor, 80 mins), Seán O'Brien (for Paul Murphy, 84 mins)

Armagh: Blaine Hughes, Paddy Burns, Aaron McKay, Peter McGrane (0-1), Barry McCambridge (1-0), Tiernan Kelly, Aidan Forker (0-2), Niall Grimley (0-2), Ben Crealey, Oisin Conaty, Rian O'Neill (0-3), Joe McElroy, Rory Grugan, Andrew Murnin, Conor Turbitt (0-5, 3f). Subs: Stefan Campbell 0-2 (for Peter McGrane, half-time), Jason Duffy (for Oisín Conaty, 49 mins), Aidan Nugent (for Ben Crealey, 57 mins), Ross McQuillan 0-1 (for Aidan Forker, 60 mins), Oisín O'Neill (for Andrew Murnin, 62 mins), Jarlath Óg Burns 0-1 (for Conor Turbitt, 70 mins), Conor Turbitt (for Aidan Nugent, 80 mins), Oisin Conaty (for Rory Grugan, 85 mins) **Referee: David Gough**

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Galway's Saoirse Melia Kerry and Mary Kate Smith, Kerry in action.



Katie Doe Kerry and Galway's Daria Brennan in action.

KERRY MINOR LADIES REACH ALL IRELAND FINAL All Ireland Semi-Final: Kerry 6-8 Galway 1-10

Playing with breeze advantage, Galway started the brighter with early points by Siún McGovern (f) and Alisha O'Malley, but Kerry got off the mark through Lori O'Connor. A minute later Kerry were attacking at pace, with Lucy O'Connor neatly finishing to the net. Kerry were pressing very successfully on Galway's kickout and Katie Doe slotted two frees and then rattled in goal number two. Siún McGovern slotted two frees to keep Galway's hopes alive but Kerry had a head of steam now and another goal from Leah McMahon made it 3-3 to 0-4. Rebecca Noone pointed for Galway but they had no answer to Kerry's pace as Lucy O'Connor and Katie Doe sliced in for two more goals.

Galway needed to get a foothold on things and did so with Alisha O'Malley getting in for a badly needed goal of their own. Siún McGovern added a free but Kerry were well in command at the break.

Half-time Kerry 5-3 Galway 1-6

In truth, Galway needed to come flying out of the blocks but it was the cailíní glas agus óir who came flying out, with Katie Doe popping over a free and Éabha Ní Laighin notching another Kerry goal after just four minutes. Galway never gave up, they are made of tougher stuff than that, and Aisha O'Malley slotted three frees in a row. Katie Doe replied in kind and Leah McMahon's point from play made it 6-6 to 1-9. Alisha O'Malley and Aoibhín O'Connor McCarthy (f) traded scores before Mary-Kate Smith closed out the day's scoring and a convincing victory by Kerry to book their slot in an All Ireland Final. They will face Cavan, who had a convincing 6-10 to 0-9 victory themselves, in the All Ireland Final on July 27th. Kerry: Béibhinn Nic an tSithigh, Aoise O'Donoghue, Éabha Ni Laighin (3), Grace Murphy, Clodagh Dwyer, Seodhla O'Donovan, Leona O'Sullivan, Kelly Enright, Kathryn Ryan, Lori O'Connor (0-1), Mary-Kate Smith (0-1), Lucy O'Connor (2-0), Katie Doe (1-5, 5f), Leah McMahon (1-1), Anna Collins. Subs Aoibhinn O'Connor McCarthy 0-1, 1f (for Anna Collins, half-time), Lisa Slattery (for Leah McMahon, 56 mins), Seodhla Colleran (for Katie Doe, 56 mins), Andrea Murphy (for Kathryn Ryan, 61 mins)

Galway: Alenah Keohane, Daria Brennan, Zoe Duggan, Leanne Seoige, Aisling Murray, Klora Banek, Éabha Ledesma, Katie Slattery, Isabelle Murray, Emelia Joyce, Alisha O'Malley (1-5, 4f), Aoife Nash, Siún McGovern (0-4, 4f), Aisling Madden, Rebecca Noone (0-1). Subs Hanna Mangan (for Siún McGovern, half-time), Zainab Rather (for Zoe Duggan, half-time), Eabha Smith (for Emilia Joyce, 44 mins), Saoirse Melia (for Aoife Nash, 44 mins), Ruby Quinn (forAisling Murray, 52 mins), Siún Fitzgerald (for Lori O'Connor, 53 mins),

Referee: Kevin Phelan (Laois)

SUPER DISPLAY PUTS KERRY INTO SEMI-FINAL All Ireland Intermediate Quarter-

Final: Kerry 0-15 Galway 0-13

Any fears of Kerry being overawed by the occasion were instantly and clinically dismissed straight from the throw-in as Ruth O'Connor, who was outstanding for Kerry all through, teed up Patrice Diggin for the opening score. Kerry won the puck-out as well but Amy O'Connor was well bottled up before she could get off her shot and it was cleared, only for Kerry to come again and this time Amy wasn't to be denied. 0-2 to 0-0, a perfect start for Kerry.

A lively Ava Bloomer got Galway off the mark. In fact, they had a chance to draw level, but Aoibheann Barry's free was narrowly wide. Kerry, who were profiting off short puckouts while pressing on Galway's, surged forwradagain and a foul on Patrice Diggin was duly punished by Jackie Horgan. Galway overcarried as they brought the ball out of defence and Jackie once again obliged before winning a free herself to make it 0-5 to 0-2. Kerry's pressure on the puck-out and work-rate around the field was playing big dividends, with Ruth O'Connor and Aoife Behan especially effective. A foul on Patrice Diggin saw Jackie Horgan extend Kerry's lead and she made it 0-4 to 0-1 after referee Gavin Donegan penalised Galway for over-carrying as they brought the sliotar out of defence - Donegan had an excellent game but was hard on that particular offence for both teams. A third free by Horgan, this one won by herself, put Kerry four points clear after an almost perfect start.

Aoibheann Barry hit two frees for Galway but they also missed two scoreable chances. Good

work by Ava Lynskey saw Barry point from play to trim the gap back to the minimum. However, Jaxkie Horgan replied with a stunning point from a very tight angle. Good pressure by a lively Amy O'Sullivan won a '45 neatly despatched by the on-fire Horgan to put Kerry ahead by 0-7 to 0-4, but Aoibheann Barry replied in kind after Ava Bloomer's effort was blocked. A foul on Laura Collins saw Kerry go four points clear.

A good run by Katie Donoghue resulted in an Aoibheann Barry point and Ava Lynskey added another straight from the puck-out. She followed up by winning a free converted by Barry and, despite all the superb play by Kerry, the sides were level, 0-8 apiece. In fact, Galway very nearly got in for a goal, but Sara Murphy made a fantastic last second block. Just before the break, Patrice Diggin from way out on the sideline swung over the best point of the game. Kerry would be the happier of the two sides trooping off for the break – but nobody needed telling that there was an awful long way to go. Half-time Kerry 0-9 Galway 0-8

Once again Kerry made the better start to the half, with Amy O'Sullivan clipping over to double the lead. Galway responded fast, but Ava Bloomer was wide with a goal chance and Aoife Fitzgerald got down smartly to deny Caoimhe Kelly. Instead, a great Kerry move ended with Jackie Horgan putting Kerry three points clear, 0-11 to 0-8.

Galway hit their stride with two quick points from Chloe Allen and Caoimhe Kelly. A foul on playmaker Ava Lynskey saw Aoibheann Barry step up to bring the sides level once more.

The next score was always going to be crucial and thankfully it went Kerry's way, Amy O'Sullivan firing over after great work by outstanding centre back Niamh Leen. Galway hit an effort short that was well controlled by Aoife Fitzgerald and it was the unstoppable Jackie Horgan who fired over another superb score at the other end. Kate Lynch brilliantly put Kerry three clear again.

With time beginning to run out and tension on a knife edge, Galway came looking for a goal but were repeatedly rebuffed by Kerry's Trojan defence and in the end Aoibheann Barry had to be content with a point. The same player added a free after another call for over-carrying. The game was into injury time now – six long minutes – and Kerry were frantically bailing water as Galway pressed for an equaliser. With

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just seconds left, Jackie Horgan rendered any conversation about player of the game moot by winning and calmly despatching one last free for Kerry to seal a historic and hard-won victory.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Rachel McCarthy, Niamh Leen, Michelle Costello, Roisín Quinn, Sara Murphy, Aoife Behan, Caoimhe Spillane, Ruth O'Connor, Laura Collins, Patrice Diggin (0-2), Ann Marie Leen, Amy O'Sullivan (0-3), Jackie Horgan (0-9, 5f, 1'45), Ellen O'Donoghue. Subs Ciara O'Sullivan (for Michelle Costello, 39),Niamh Quinn (for Ann-Marie Leen, 42), Kate Lynch 0-1 (for Laura Collins, 42), Amy McCarthy (for Patrice Diggin, 52), Áine O'Connor (for Aoife Behan, 55)

Galway: Michelle Gately, Ellen Burke, Sarah Lyons, Ava Crowe, Pearl Finnerty, Ria McPhilbin, Joanne Daly, Reitseal Kelly, Chloe Allen (0-1), Katie Donoghue, Ava Lynskey (0-1), Aoibhe Joyce, Ava Bloomer (0-1), Aoibheann Barry (0-9, 5f, 1'45), Caoimhe Kelly (0-1). Subs Chloe Broderick (for Aoibhe Joyce, half-time), Zoe Rogers (for Ava Bloomer, 35), Kayla Madden (for Pearl Finnerty, 43), Sophie Flynn (for Katie Donoghue, 56)

Referee: Gavin Donegan (Dublin)

COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Abbeydorney 2-15 St. Brendans 1-13 I had a slight inclination towards St. Brendans for this one, bucking the general trend sometimes I should listen to wiser men. Brendans gave the favourites a fine battle though, and that was with Evan Leen unable to line out and talismanic Daithí Griffin and Colm Healy departing very early through injury. Abbeydorney made the early running to lead 0-5 to 0-2 with big Micheal O'Leary already posing problems on the square. The Ardfert side rallied, though, with veteran John Egan immense. Nathan O'Driscoll and John's son Fionán started working the scoreboard. They actually led by 0-8 to 0-6 before late scores from the O'Leary brothers had Abbeydorney ahead at the break, 0-9 to 0-8. Oisín Maunsell, outstanding all through, goaled as Abbeydorney pushed into a 1-10 to 0-8 lead, with Brendans losing Darren Delaney to another unfortunate injury. However, young Liam Óg O'Connor goaled to keep Brendans in it - helped, it has to be said, by some very wayward shooting by Abbeydorney. The game went down to the wire but a late surge for Abbeydorney saw Oisin Maunsell find the net to finally put it to bed.

Ballyduff 3-15 Lixnaw 1-16

Lixnaw welcomed county players Shane Conway and Conor O'Keeffe back to action but it was Ballyduff who made the perfect start, Pádraig Boyle and his nephew Evan finding the net. They led by 2-2 to 0-0 before Shane Conway opened Lixnaw's scoring with a free. Darragh Slattery replied but Lixnaw took over with a brace each from Ricky Heffernan and Colin Sheehy. Pádraig Boyle made it 2-4 to 0-5 but Lixnaw's Conor O'Keeffe struck a Jeremy McKenna long ball to the Ballyduff net. Darragh Conway, Shane McElligott, and Jack Brosnan saw Lixnaw take the lead only for Luke Rochford to level matters, 2-5 to 1-8, on the stroke of half-time.

Once again Ballyduff made the stronger start in the second half, Dylan Moriarty scooping a loose ball to the net and four points to two leaving them with a commanding 3-9 to 1-10 lead. Four points on the trot from Shane Conwy reeled in the gap but it was Ballyduff who closed out the game strongest with three points (2f) from Pádraig Boyle and another from older brother Mikey. Ballyduff, with a good blend of youth and experience, are the bookies' favourites at this stage, not least because of the strength of their bench.

Ballyheigue 3-24 Crotta O'Neills 2-22 (aet)

Even allowing for the big guns absent from Crotta's starting team, I certainly wasn't expecting this result and I'd say too many others weren't either. It was a brilliant start to a game, 0-3 apiece after just five minutes, and there was little enough between the teams until Shane Nolan rattled the net for the reigning champions. That suddenly meant a five point gap but Ballyheigue came back fast with a goal of their own from Ciarán Casey. Some excellent free-taking by Philip Lucid nudged Ballyheigue ahead by 1-11 to 1-10 at the break. The second half was less intense but equally compelling as neither side could break the deadlock, although Crotta could be grateful to Adam O'Sullivan for fine saves to deny Felim O'Sullivan and the excellent Michael Leane. With four minutes left Ballyheigue nudged into a two point lead, but Shane Nolan planted a goal from a great free. With time almost up Philip Lucid slotted an equaliser.

I thought the underdog might have missed their chance as the game headed to extra-time, but they obviously thought differently. County players Nolan (Kerry missed him very badly this year), Jordan Conway, and Cillian Trant stood up for Crotta in extra-time but nobody had as much influence as Michael Leane for Ballyheigue. That had to be the best individual display of the weekend. Just before the short turnaround, Ballyheigue got in for a crucial goal from Padraig Kenny to nudge them one point ahead, 2-22 to 2-21. The second half of extratime was very tight but Ballyheigue had real belief now and Philip Lucid with a late 1-1 (he had 1-15 while Shane Nolan had 2-16) put the seasiders into the last four.

Kilmoyley 3-16 Causeway 3-13

Colum Harty gave Causeway an early point but they were completely outlassed from there on until half-time. Philip Maunsell goaled and they added an own goal a minute later. Ronan Walsh (he has been phenomenal all year) and Daniel Collins made it 2-4 to 0-1. Philip Maunsell was only denied another gaol by a great save from John Mike Dooley but they were reliant on frees while Kilmoytley had a spread of threats and deservedly led by 2-10 to 0-5 at half-time. I certainly that this one was more or less over. Credit to Causeway, though, they knuckled down, helped by the introduction of Gavin Dooley. Captain Joseph Diggins notched two quick points and Brandon Barrett slotted a penalty won by Dan Goggin. Kilmoyley picked off two points to push the gap back to eight, 2-13 to 1-8. Both sides exchanged points but a goal from Goggins and another point by Joseph Diggins trimmed it back to 2-16 to 2-12. Then disaster struck again for the unfortunate Causeway, a tame enough shot from Kieran McCarthy somehow squirming into the net. To their credit, Causeway battled back. Dan Goggin slotted another point. Gavin Dooley got in for a gola. Suddenly there was just three in it again and in the dying seconds, Evan Murphy's attempt at an equaliser whizzed just the wrong side of the post.

Kilmoyley are in the mix for the title, as always, but Causeway can consider themselves genuinely unlucky here.

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Ireland Manager Unveiled At Last



New Irish Manager Heimir Hallgrimmson

The news finally broke early last week that, after so many false dawns and misleading statements (231 days!), the FAI had finally selected a manager for the Irish team. The name raised more than a few eyebrows – I'll freely admit that it rang no bells with me. However, it has to be said that Heimir Hallgrimmson's appointment has been greeted with more than the usual surge of goodwill by genuine supporters.

There is no gainsaying that this managerial search had passed into laughing stock status. It had seemed initially that Lee Carsley was an heir apparent, but it soon became clear that there was nothing more than smoke and mirrors to the FAI's often convoluted statements on the matter as more and more purported candidates made it clear that they weren't interested in the position, with names as varied and unlikely as Chris Hughton, Roy Keane, Robbie Keane, Neil Lennon, Damien Duff (whose credibility as a genuine voice of Irish soccer has grown in leaps and bounds as Shelbourne manager), Gus Poyet, Willy Sagnol (prior to Georgia's recent successes)....it had gotten more than a bit ridiculous. The general assumption, mine included, was that the FAI could bluster all they wanted (and they did exactly that several times) but they would eventually settle for John O'Shea, for the simple reason that he was the only person openly willing to actually take the job. The fact that the FAI have been embroiled in three serious scandals, the worst of which broke only in the last two weeks, meant that they desperately needed a good news story (I suspect that they wanted to wait to announce this until after the womens' game against England).

Hallgrimmson is no makeweight. This is a serious appointment and one that has genuine potential to move Ireland forward (let's hope that Irish supporters are realistic about our chances of World Cup qualification, it's unlikely but possible at the very most).

Halgrimmson, a former dentist, had modest success with Icelandic club Lev before being appointed Assistant Manager to Lars Lagerback with Iceland in 2011 and becoming Joint Manager in 2013, and Manager from 2016 to 2018. The Icelandic FA took the novel approach of spending money downwards, putting it into coaching (UEFA B license training is provided for every U10 coach) and facilities. Having a talent like Gylfi Sigurdsson (there are obvious Ferguson parallels) was the icing on the cake. But Hallgrimmson and Lagerland still had to manage the end product where it counted and at Euro 2016, that's exactly what they did, knocking England out to reach a guarter-final. To put it in perspective, Iceland has slightly more people than Stoke-on-Trent. With the greatest of genuine respect to a good guy, could you imagine John O'Shea taking Stoke into European competitions?

As sole manager, he gualified Iceland for the 2018 World Cup (from an extremely difficult group, Croatia, Ukraine Turkey, Finland, Kosovo) and secured an opening draw with Argentina (famously, Lionel Messi failed to score against the part-time goalkeeper who did the video for Iceland's Eurovision song entry - I promise ye I am not making that up) before losing the next two games and departing after the group stage. He then took over as manager of Jamaica and had some success in the CONCACAF as well as taking them to the Copa America. That didn't go so well, losing all three games (Venezuela, Ecuador and Mexico) but the Copa America would be accepted by most observers to be a far higher standard than the Euros these days, certainly after the last two European Championship Finals (no offence to English readers, but the games were fairly brutal to watch). For me, the fact that he stepped away from a Jamaica side that was almost certain to qualify for the World Cup as a CONCACAF nation, despite internal tensions that had nothing to do with Hallgrimmson, to take over Ireland is very significant. I'm sure that the FAI did a bit of creative selling in regards to our much exaggerated player potential (we've all been singing that song too long) but this guy is too smart to buy any pig in a poke without

checking the snout. He's on a higher contract than Kenny (€650,000 pa rather than Kenny's €550,000) and it's for 17 months, i.e. a Nations' League campaign and then a World Cup qualifying campaign.

The FAI are saying that they want him to oversee development in our underage squads - I sincerely hope that's just more corporatespiel nonsense. You don't appoint a general surgeon to a hospital and expect him to oversee the general nurses' training. Given that numerous sources have already debunked Marc Canham's claim (Canham, as Director of Football, is actually supposed to be doing that overseeing job) that he was looking to appoint Hallgrimmson all along, I think and hope we can take it as given that Hallgrimmson's focus will be on senior success. I also hope that rumours of John O'Shea being in the backroom team are false, for both mens' sake. A complete clean sweep is needed. A problem for any outside manager is that they are dependent on the inside information that they are given. Fair or not (and personally I like and admire O'Shea) there would be taint by association with the previous administration very fast if things start to go wrong. Hallgrimmson has a very tough job ahead as it is to manage public expectations of an over-hyped but extremely limited team while answering to a badly tarnished administration. Having John O'Shea in there will carry the taint of a previously failed administration, regardless of whether that's fair. I still think that it's a poisoned chalice anyway. I have said, and still maintain, that Napoleon Bonaparte couldn't win much with the players at our disposal.

It's Coming Home

No, it's not. And it didn't really deserve to. I was kind of torn during this European Championship. The quality was brutal. Not just bad, absolutely brutal. Any verve and panache you saw was from supporters, not on the pitch. I will credit supporters on all sides. It was largely trouble-free and well organised (I incline to credit the German authorities more than UEFA, given the respective records of both parties). England, not exactly the most popular tourists anywhere, were an absolute credit. When the Daily Mail is desperately trying to evoke outrage over songs dating back eighty years, you know things are grand. I was actually torn when it came to England.

We criticise our own media coverage, often justly. But the English media? Before the tournament, England only had to show up. Haven't they the most expensive league in the world (let us leave Middle Eastern sportswashing out of the equation)? The fact that it's dominated by non-English (or Irish, Scottish, or Welsh) players is neither here nor there.

Top scorer in Germany? On-fire winger for the European club champions? Tick those boxes. I have to say that I was a little bit bemused when Harry Kane came out and said that he would swap everything he had won for a European Championship. I'm sorry now, Harry, but what exactly have you ever won? To be fair, he was somewhat misquoted. England, unbackable favourites (except to anyone outside England, who was looking at France and Spain from the outset), got through their group easily enough with a win and two draws. That wasn't anything like good enough, with pundits savaging Gareth Southgate. Pundits like Gary Neville, who famously won the European Cup with Valencia, or Alan Shearer, who led Newcastle to so many of those Premiership titles ahead of Man United. Alright, I'll admit I'm punching downwards a bit myself there, they were far from the worst, but honestly, the personal criticisms of Southgate were appalling. Imagine if he had actually lost a game?

That's not saying that England were great. Pickford was brilliant at saves but less so on kickouts, and that's not a small quibble. Kyle Walker just never got going - that goal for Slovakia will haunt him. Marc Guehi really impressed me. Stones was reasonable in terms of an elite performer. Trippier was actually very good as an actual full back but teams nowadays seem to be looking for a Walker or Trent Alexander Arnold bombing up the pitch. That's not what Tripper does. He had to, because Saka seemed to be lost in terms of positioning. Foden even more so. What position was he actually playing? 9.5? He wasn't really a winger, a midfielder, a striker. He was....I have no idea, and I don't think he did either. He wasn't the only one in that regard. Jude Bellingham is truly world class in a particular role, but take another look at Spain's opening goal. It's a genuine wonder tat Brllingham didn't cough up more chances like that; it's just not his game. Declan Rice did well, I thought he didn't get anything like enough credit for the spadework. A lot of it doesn't look spectacular, but it's the only way to keep any semblance of shape. And if, as at one stage, you have Bellingham and Alexander Arnold as your help to hold the middle....well, Rice was very much an unsung hero for me. Harry Kane is a proven goalscorer, and proved it again, but he's a poacher. He isn't the guy to hold it up while support players break at speed. He actually looked ponderous at times.

None of this is criticising the players. They would walk onto any Irish team. Are you kidding me? We would create knighthoods just so we could give them some. And I'm certainly not criticising Southgate. Not only have I always thought of him as a decent guy even in his playing days, he didn't seem half as interested in the limelight as many others. It's a difficult job to manage England, even without the ridiculous burden of expectation. To put it simply and bluntly, they have too many specialist superstars with ball at feet and not enough dog soldiers for the mucky trenches. They did as well as could reasonably have been expected, perhaps even slightly more so, and most English supporters accept that. Could we have lived with the triumphalism if England had actually won it? For once, I actually think that both they and we might actually have the maturity to have done so.
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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 14/07/2024 for a jackpot of €3,750 were 3, 6, 16, 25. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Kevin Curtin, Online; Jo Hart, Online; Pat Sheehan, Petra O'Brien, Lorcan O'Doherty. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/ fossa-gaa-club-lotto

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL Listry 2-14, Fossa 1-10

Fossa faced a strong Listry side in the Development league final. We had many scoring opportunities in the 1st half, but only converted four to leave the half time score, Listry 1-8, Fossa 0-4, with the Listry goal coming from the penalty spot. Listry were awarded a second penalty early in the 2nd half, which they converted. Fossa fought back bravely in the last 20 minutes and created a number of goal scoring opportunities, with one converted by Colm Talbot. Fossa had some excellent performances on the night, with both cornerbacks, Sean Dineen and Peader Kelliher, and both wing backs Ted O' Gorman and Ryan O Leary having great games.

KERRY LADIES

Well done to Seodhla Colleran who was part of the Kerry Minor team who beat Galway in the All-Ireland U-18 semi-final on Friday evening in Rathkeale.

KILLARNEY LEGION

U15 BOYS

The Killarney Legion U15 Boys added the East Kerry Division 1 title to the County equivalent to land an impressive double in what is arguably the hardest environment to do it. They faced a Kilcummin side in Direen on Wednesday evening that was more than plucky and who really put it up to them , especially in the first half. That the win was achieved against the backdrop of absentees through injuries and holidays bodes well as it gave some players some extra responsibility and they embraced it to hold out for a 3-7 to 1-10 win. Even in the early stages Liam Quirke and Jack Grady hobbled off for Legion while Cian Maher left the field injured for Kilcummin and we wish all three well with their recovery.

Jack Culloty opened the scoring but Kilcummin gained control with Darragh Keane, Cian Stack and Mark Fleming hitting 1-3 without reply. It was then the home side's turn to wrestle control with Culloty and Cian Hegarty hitting the onion sack. Those finishes were impressive and they had to be as Kilcummin culbaire Joe O Connor was immense between the sticks. That helped to send Legion in ahead 2-4 to 1-5 at half time.

Mark Fleming hit Kilcummins opener but Jack Culloty again found the net, this time from a spot kick which had to be dispatched expertly to the corner. That goal would prove to be the buffer for the remainder of the game as efforts from Cian Stack and Darragh Keane made no inroads into the lead, thanks mainly to nice point kicking from Samuel Scroope and Dara Horan. Referee Evan Horan did a fine job officiating and when he blew the long whistle , it had the County League champions three points to the good. Well done to the management team of Enda Murphy, Peter O'Leary, Tomas Horan and Conor Myles on the night, not forgetting Fergal Moynihan (and son Conor) who are away this week.

INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

What seemed like a long way off for so long is now just around the corner. With Kerrys All Ireland interest now over, the Intermediate Club Championship kicks off on the weekend of July 27th/28th. We face Glenflesk in the opening round with Gneeveguilla locking horns with St Mary's in the other game in our group. Both ties are to be fixed for neutral venues.

U11 BOYS

The East Kerry Board U11 go games commenced on Thursday evening with a home fixture to our neighbours Glenflesk.

Two very competitive and fast-paced games ensued with excellent score taking from both sides on the evening. Huge thanks to our referees on the evening, John Keane and Oisin Fleming. It's great to see young and younger taking up the whistle to officiate at our Go Games. Thanks to two excellent Glenflesk teams for visiting, and we look forward to returning the visit later in the season.

KERRY MINOR LADIES

Congrats to Andrea Murphy and the Kerry minor ladies who have qualified for the All Ireland football final. They will meet Cavan in the big decider on Saturday July 27th.

KERRY ALL IRELAND SEMI FINALS

No joy for the Senior Men as they just fell short to Armagh in an epic Saturday evening encounter in Croke Park. This Saturday it's the turn of the Ladles as they attempt to raid the orchard with a 7.15pm throw in at O Connor Park in Tullamore. **U12 GIRLS**

Our U-12 Girls Green and White Teams took on Abbeydorney on Tuesday evening in the last game of this phase of their County League games. Played in Derreen against a more physical Abbeydorney side the girls stood their ground, got stuck in and played some superb football across the 4 quarters of the games. Thanks to all who assisted on the evening on both Legion and Abbeydorney sides. With the end of this phase of the competition we will be looking at arranging some challenge games and training sessions will continue as normal.

U16 GIRLS

The U16 girls resumed competitive activities on Monday evening after the State exams when the Division 6 team played their opening round of the county league. Knocknagoshel/ Brosna were the visitors on a calm dry evening, ideal for a game of football. A high scoring contest ensued with goals proving decisive in the end. The visitors were the stronger side in the opening half and the Legion girls had the upper hand in the second period. However the Brosna/Knock girls had raised enough green flags in the first 25 mins to claim the points on offer this evening. Well done to all the girls playing this evening including a few of our younger u14 girls playing at u16 age grade for the first time. Thanks to the referee for officiating fairly and congrats to Knocknagoshel / Brosna who were deserving winners on the night. Final score: Killarney Legion B 4-06 Knock/Brosna 7-10

CLUB TOP

To create a unity on the sideline, the Club Executive, with the assistance of the funds generously donated by JP McManus over the winter, has togged out all our coaches with a Club top, in both long and shirt sleeve. Special thanks to Eamonn Maguire and Ted Healy, who spearheaded the project.

LOTTO

Results Monday July 8th. Numbers were 2,18, 20, 21 Bonus No. 5. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Lucy Clifford 2. Kate Griffin 3. Ger McGillycuddy 4. Fleming Family 5. Kevin Brennan

EAST KERRY NEWS

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Division 1A Killarney Legion 3-07 Kilcummin 1-10 **Division 1B** Firies 1-16 Spa 2 -11 **Division 1D** Dr Crokes 2-8 Glenflesk 1-8 **Division 2B** Kenmare 3-10 Beaufort 2-7 **Division 2C** Gneeveguilla 3-14 Rathmore 3-7 **Division 2D** Currow 2-5 Scartaglen 6-9 East Kerry Junior League 2024 **Division 1** Currow 2 -11 Dr Crokes 3 -15 Rathmore 2-13 Gneeveguilla 1-11 **Division 2** Kilcummin 2 - 20 Firies 4 - 9 Legion 4-7 Spa 1-6 ALL IRELAND LADIES FOOTBALL

CHAMPIONSHIP

Best wishes to the Kerry Ladies in the All Ireland Quarter Final win against Armagh in Tullamore on Saturday.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the East Kerry Board takes place at 9pm on Tuesday 23 July at Heights Hotel Killarney.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the families of Micheál O'Donoghue, Barraduff, Headford & Droumnaharee, Glenflesk, Killarney, and 2 time All Ireland winning manager, John O Mahoney on their recent deaths.

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ACADEMY

Our Academy continues every Saturday morning, for boys and girls between 4 and 11 from the Killarney area. Hurling from 10-11 and Football from 11:15-12:15. Fun and friendship guaranteed. Bring a friend.

LOTTO took place July 15th Numbers drawn were 4, 7, 24, 26. Jackpot of €8,900 was NOT WON. 8 patrons matched 3 numbers and





Killarney Camogie Under 13s who played Tralee Parnells on Monday evening in County League

receive €50 each. Jackpot for draw on July 22nd will be €9,200. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?II_ id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/ play_newa.asp?II_id=734#Anchor)

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BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Club BBQ and Street League Final will take place on Friday 30th August.

BEST OF LUCK to Kayleigh Cronin and the Kerry Senior Ladies in the All Ireland Semi Final on Saturday.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Joe O'Shea who celebrated his birthday recently.

NOTES

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

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE NOTES

KERRY SENIORS

Congratulations to the Kerry seniors on a great win over Galway in the All Ireland Intermediate Quarter Final last Saturday 13th July in Semple Stadium, Thurles. They will now play Kilkenny in the All Ireland Semi Final on Saturday 27th July. Best of luck to the team and management, especially Kate Lynch and Áine Devlin.

KERRY UNDER 15S

The County U15 team will play in the Munster Blitz on Saturday 20th July in Mallow GAA Complex. Best of luck to the team and management, especially Killarney players Shannon Murphy, Laura Griffin, Holly McLoughlin, Maebh O'Connor & Doireann Dineen.

KERRY UNDER 16S

The Kerry U16 team will play Westmeath in the B Shield Semi Final on Saturday 20th July. Throw in is at 1pm in Rathdowney GAA, Co Laois. Best

of luck to the team and management, especially Killarney players Shannon Murphy & Ava Moore.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

LOTTO

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The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, July 8th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 14, 22, 24 and the bonus ball was 7.

Lucky Dip Winners: €50 Colin McKenna, Castlemaine. €50 David Heasman, Milltown. €25 Peter Moriarty, Milltown. €25 Linus & Darina Burke, Milltown. €25 Danny, Johnny & Maura Healy Rae, Kilgarvan. €25 Paul Fay, Killorglin. Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 22nd at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets. Mile búiochas do gach duine for playing Milltown/Castlemaine Clubs Fortnightly Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

CONDOLENCES

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of the late Thomas Bracker O'Regan of Ardshanavooly, Killarney and Tralee, Co. Kerry who passed away recently.

Thomas' daughter Evelyn, his son-in-law Mark and his grandchildren Oisin, Eoghan, Tomas and Ryan are highly valued members of our club community. Our thoughts and prayers are with Thomas' family and friends at this most difficult time. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: GROUP STAGE, ROUND 1 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine will take on Na Gaeil in Round 1 of the 2024 Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Football Championship on Saturday, July 27th with time and venue to be confirmed over the coming days. Stay tuned to our club social media channels for more updates!

Depending on the Round 1 result, they will face further fixtures against Dingle and Dr. Crokes

respectively in Rounds 2 and 3. ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: SEMI-FINAL - CILLIAN BURKE REPRESENTS MILLTOWN/ CASTLEMAINE GAA

Whilst it may not have been the The Kingdom's day on Saturday evening against Armagh in the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi-Final at Croke Park where they went down on a final score of 1-18 to 1-16 after extra time, it goes without saying that all involved in Milltown/ Castlemaine GAA are immensely proud of the ever impressive and inspirational Cillian Burke who put in a superb shift and kept the Kerry side going right until the final whistle.

Cillian came on off the bench in the second half of normal time to take up the wing-forward role but ended up in the middle of the park for the second half of extra time and led the Kerry charge.

A wonderful debut season from Cillian in the Green and Gold and a role model for all the youngsters within the club who aspire to one day play at the highest level with Kerry. Well done.

KERRY SOUTH U14S AND U16S: CLUB REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to our Milltown/Castlemaine club representatives who played at the weekend for Kerry South and had a very successful outing. Evan McKenna and Cillian Casey lined out for the Kerry South U14s on Saturday as they secured impressive victories over Clare and Tipperary.

Meanwhile at Kerry South U16 level, Charlie Griffin was part of the side that picked up a win against Roscommon. Cathal Moriarty was part of the management team.

Always wonderful to see club members lining out in the Green and Gold and it is testament to the outstanding hard work and dedication by the players themselves but also to the coaches at our club who have mentored the lads over the years.

U14 GIRLS: CROWNED COUNTY CHAMPIONS COUNTY CHAMPIONS 2024 ..

An absolute massive shift put in by these girls recently (Monday, July 1st) in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney. A game of two halves, with Glenflesk leading well at the break, our girls rallied and played some impressive football in the second half. A ding dong battle to the final whistle, with our girls winning by the narrowest of margins.

It proved to be a historical evening for our club, the first trophy to grace the sod of Paddy Burke Memorial field won by an LGFA team. This couldn't be done without the Trojan effort by this group of girls, the management team, the families, the supporters .. we couldn't be prouder!!

Thank you to Glenflesk for a sporting game, to the referee, and the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football county board, and to our sponsor Clendennen Electrical Services.

U15 BOYS: KELLIHERS TOYOTA CENTRAL REGION DIVISION 1 AND 5, ROUND 4: FIXTURES

Milltown/Castlemaine's Green and White teams will both be in action in Round 4 of the Central Region on Friday, July 19th in Division 1 and 5 respectively.

The white team will take on Kerins O'Rahillys/

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St. Pats Blennerville in Division 5 on Friday, July 19th at 6:30pm also taking place at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown.

COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE:

Group 1: Austin Stacks 'C' Beaufort 'C' Fossa 'C' Laune Rangers 'C' Milltown/Castlemaine 'C' Rathmore 'C'

U17 BOYS: KEANE'S OF KILLORGLIN COUNTY MINOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GROUP 'C' SEMI-FINAL RESULT

Hard luck to the Milltown/Castlemaine Minors who lost out to Ardfert on Monday night in the Keane's of Killorglin County Minor Club Football Championship Semi-Final on a final score of 2-11 to 1-11.

The boys who went down battling with everything they had in Ardfert trailed 1-6 to 0-3 at half time. They outscored Ardfert in the second half but just came up short in a game hosted by the winners in Ardfert.

The players and management team can be very proud of their efforts on the evening and are a credit to the club and their families. Beidh lá eile againn gan dabht!

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN IN:

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA are continuously looking for help within our club and at this time of year we would like to invite more coaches to come on board for the 2024 season. Parents' involvement in their child's sport increases the likelihood that they play sport and enjoy involvement for life. Don't just drop and go, be a part of their journey. You may be able to help coach, hand out bibs or organise a social outing for the team. You may be able to keep track of any information that the coach needs. If you are interested in any voluntary role within the club just send us a message on our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram or Twitter/X) or text Coaching Officer Ian Twiss on 0872521053. **MILLTOWN TIDY TOWNS:**

Join Milltown Tidy Towns - We need your help. Meeting every Thursday at 6.30pm at The Old Milltown Community Hall. This is an opportunity for local businesses, families and anyone with an interest in creating "a sense of place" in Milltown. All welcome, no experience required. Please call Therese on 089-4767279 for further information or log onto Milltown Tidy Towns Facebook page. MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA CLOTHES RECYCLING COLLECTION:

Our clothing recycling collection is always available at the club grounds so we urge you to clean out your wardrobes of all unwanted clothes, sheets, blankets, towels, curtains, shoes etc and drop them to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown.

This is a wonderful way of doing your bit for the environment and raising much needed funds for our club at the same time. **CLUB MERCHANDISE** Milltown/Castlemaine GAA club gear and merchandise is now available to buy online from the Club Shop.

The Club Shop contains details of the large amount of branded Milltown-Castlemaine & Kerry stock we have available within the club, for immediate delivery, please use the link to check stock levels and sizes.

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ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly notes, then please contact the club's PRO Dara O'Connor on 086 268 8674 before 20:00 on Sundays.

TEAM UPDATES

For anyone New to the Area, who would like to get involved with the club, please contact lan Twiss on 087 252 1053.

TEAM ENQUIRIES

If you want to join your local club, one of the fastest growing clubs in the county, please contact lan Twiss on 087 252 1053.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For any other queries, please send an email to our Secretary or Chairperson at the following addresses:

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It is important at this time of year to do some pruning in the garden. Climbers such as wisteria and pyracantha should be pruned back now after flowering. Rambling roses can also be pruned back if they too have finished flowering. Shrubs like hexes should be given alight pruning at this time of year as the flowers are fading in them.

You can also give your hedges a final trim until next years they will be very little growth from now on. Don't go too hard especially with coniferous hedges as that would leaving them with dead looking patches for the winter.

Also the time is right to dead head your roses as this will keep them flowering into early Autumn. Roses that aren't looking too good now and have lost some of their foliage can be cut back a bit further to encourage new growth.



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FOSSA CLIMATE ACTION GROUP TO MARK THE SEASON OF LUGHNASA

This Thursday 25th of July, Fossa Climate Action Group are hosting an event to mark the season of Lughnasa (August 1st).

This event is part of the 'walk and talk' series in collaboration with the Killarney National Park Education Team.

This season's event will focus on a particular nocturnal mammal that is shrouded in mystery; the bat. There are nine species of



bat in Ireland: common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, Nathusius' pipistrelle, Leisler's bat, brown long-eared bat, Daubenton's bat, whiskered bat, Natterer's bat, and the rare lesser horseshoe bat.

The bat walk will give the public a chance to learn more about the above species with the hope of seeing or hearing them using bat detectors. Meeting place is the old church grounds, opposite Fossa Prince of Peace Church at 9:30pm. Please bring a torch/headtorch and wear suitable footwear for walking. This education event is free of charge.



Forever blowing bubbles...

Henry and Saffron McCarthy, and cousins, Liam and Hannah Doyle, and Tony the entertainer, enjoying the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Altogether now... cousins, Dara McCay, Oran Coakelin, Brendan McCay, Sloan Coakelin, Donal McCay, enjoying the annual July Festival meeting at the Killarney Races. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



"Forever O Lord Your Word is settled in Heaven, standing firm and unchangeable" (Psalm 119:89 Amplified Bible)

Welcome back dear student God gave His Commandments to Moses written on tablets of stone (Exodus 20:3-17; Exodus 31:18). This maybe where the saying 'set in stone' comes from. God wasn't messing. As human beings our attitudes and mindsets may be one way inclined today, and tomorrow we change them. But the Lord never changes (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8). Defying God's Commands opens the door for Satan the accuser to enter and bring his destruction not just upon the one who sinned, but even upon their children and generations to come until it's repented for (Exodus 20:5-6). Keeping the commands of God proved impossible for man. We needed a Saviour and Salvation, or we were lost forever. God is Holy and sin cannot enter His Presence (Isaiah chapter 59). So, God came down Himself to redeem mankind back from sin, destruction, and hell by giving His Son Jesus as the Christ (Messiah). Whoever believes and confesses Jesus as Lord and puts their trust and faith in Him shall be saved from eternal damnation when they die and are given a fresh start to live a fruitful and blessed life here upon this earth (Mark 16:15; John 3:16-21). It's simple.

However, just because we now have the Blood of Jesus to cleanse us from all unrighteousness doesn't mean we can live how we want (1 John 1:5-10). If a person is truly born again they have a conviction of sin from the Holy Spirit living inside. It doesn't mean we won't mess up and fail at times - but if we do, immediate repentance is sought, and that sin is despised, and turned from. For instance, if someone has an issue with gambling you do not keep going into the bookies – you stay away from the triggers. If someone has a problem with adultery or porn - have nothing more to do with those you've been immorally involved with. Even if it means getting rid of smart devices and going back to an old-fashioned phone to halt seeing porn content - do whatever it takes! Determine to walk in Truth and integrity to honour God.

The danger is that some think they can habitually practice a lifestyle of sin, and just come to the Blood of Jesus every so often for a quick wash. This is a false Gospel, and unless they repent they will one day find out the Truth of this deception. We do not treat the Blood of Jesus and His sacrifice with contempt as some common thing (Hebrews 10:29-31). Folks rattle off Psalm 91 as some kind of charm of protection, yet God's Word is quite clear - only those who LIVE in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under God's protection (Psalm 91:1). Jesus Christ paid too high a price to be treated as a casual bit of stuff on the side, a Friend with benefits, or a one-night stand. The Lord warned that many will come to Him saying 'I did this and that in Your Name' and He will tell them 'depart from Me I never KNEW you' (Matthew 7:21-23). People are quick to blame God for mishaps in life, yet they never examine their attitudes and lifestyle. You often hear the Name of Jesus being used as a swear word (Deuteronomy 5:11). Even worse, some place the 'F' word between Jesus and Christ. The Most Powerful Name used as a common gutter word. How come no one swears with the names of any false gods? Power! But the Lord's Power works two ways: both for His children, and against His enemies. Meditate upon it dear friend.

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KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Saturday the 24h of August leaving St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.00am on Saturday, the cost pp is €25 Please Contact Sheila at the Parish Office with names and Contact Details 064 6631014 or email; killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie Please spread the word to those living away who might like to attend.

EXPOSTITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays St Mary's Cathedral 11am - 5:45pm Wednesdays Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross 4pm-6pm Thursdays

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A Bus will leave Beaufort Village for Knock on Sunday July 21st. For further Details and Pick up points, contact 064 6644319 or 064 6644252

ANNUAL PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK; will take place on Sunday 21st of July, Mass at 3pm, will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers, along with Friends and Relations of people who are living "one day at a time" are welcome to come along.

GRANDPARENTS DAY in Knock (day trip) on Sunday July 28th 2024

If there are any queries, we can be contacted here at O'Callaghan Coach Holidays on 064 663109 Theme. "DO NOT CAST ME OFF IN MY OLD AGE" Principal celebrant. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the Pilgrimage and the celebration of the fourth world day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine. Schedule, 2.30 Anointing of the sick in the Basillica, 3pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary Procession. Plenary indulgence granted for the occasion. Those unable to join in person can take part online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

REEK SUNDAY 2024

National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on Sunday 28th July. Masses will be celebrated hourly in the summit from 8:00am to 2:30pm, with the Sacrament of Confession from 7:30am to 2:00pm. For more information visit www. westportparish.ie

KILLARNEY LOOKING GOOD

Míle Buíochas to all householders and business people who have freshened up their properties in time for the first round of tidy towns adjudication. The second round will take place in August, so if you are thinking of a project, now is the time.

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



The Kerry Way Committee have offered their sincerest thoughts and sympathies to the heartbroken family, friends, and community of Commandant Traolach Sweeney, who tragically passed away on Thursday evening.

Traolach served as our Honorary Secretary to the Kerry Way Committee for three terms and was involved for more than 20 years. He was a dedicated family man who lived life to the fullest, always engaging with others, generously volunteering his time, in his adopted Caherdaniel and treating everyone he met with respect. His positive energy and sunny disposition were infectious, bringing a unique warmth to our meetings.

A distinguished member of the Defence Forces, he served as an Army Ranger and a French Interpreter. His commanding skills were honed as a founder of SCC Broadband, where he built a wind and solarpowered radio gateway connecting broadband to his beloved Iveragh Peninsula community.

Chairman of the Kerry Way Committee, Norman Reidy added, "Traolach was a leader and a man

At ease... among the brightest stars

of ideas. He had a love for the stars and a curiosity about life and people. Today, we see a 'Dark Sky' before us, but we know that Traolach has taken his place amongst the brightest of the stars.

He was hard working and deeply committed to improving this patch of heaven on earth in South Kerry. He was actively involved in developing new walking loops and extensions along the Kerry Way and South Kerry Trails. A fluent French speaker, peacekeeper, well-travelled retired Irish Army officer, a skier, diver and mountain man, Traolach gave so much."

We will all miss Traolach dearly and hold so much respect and admiration for him. He has left a legacy, along with those who have gone before him, that locals in Kerry and many other Kerry Way trail users will continue to enjoy."

Noel Spillane CEO of South Kerry Development Partnership added ""I was shocked to hear of Traolach's sudden passing. I had the pleasure of dealing with Traolach on many occasions through SKDP's regular engagements with the Kerry Way Committee and I always found Traolach to be a gentlemen, pleasant and always a pleasure to deal with. His dedicated contributions to the Kerry Way committee and to our regular meetings will be deeply missed."

Our thoughts and prayers are especially with his wife Ena Sweeney, daughter Aislinn, his son Peter, son-inlaw Martin, daughter-in-law Divya, grandchildren Apolline and Crispin, his brothers Pádraig and Domhnall, brother-in-law Michael, sisters-in-law Breda and Ann-Maire, relatives and friends.

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May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear how much we love and miss you Daddy and wish that you were here xx

Your loving daughters Karen, Sandra, Deirdre, Àine & all their families.

PRAYER TO ST. PADRE PIO

PRAYER

O God, You gave Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, capuchin priest, the great privilege of participating in a unique way in the passion of Your Son, grant me through his intercession the grace of which I ardently desire; and above all grant me the grace of living in conformity with the death of Jesus, to arrive at the glory of the resurrection. Glory be to the Father ...(three times)

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us. Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

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

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