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St. Patrick's Day in a nutshell..... captured perfectly by Konrad Paprocki. See inside for lots more from the amazing St. Patrick's Day Festival which took place in Killarney over the weekend.

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A Note from the EDITOR



Huge congratulations to the organisers of the St. Patrick's Day Festival in Killarney last weekend on a wonderful event. The town turned green for the five day festival with thousands of people taking part in various events in the run up to the main event - the big parade.

In this week's Killarney Outlook we take a look back at what was the best festival ever!

In other news, the curtains closed on a truly mesmerising production of Evita by Killarney Musical Society, Muckross House has welcomed a new GM and Killarney Rotary Club marked International Women's Day.

A wonderful art exhibition will be unveiled at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media on March 28th, Killarney Camera Club have embraced the beauty of the dragonfly and Start Ups in Kerry showcased at MTU.

Fossa National School Students were off to see the wizard, a coffee morning is taking place on the 29th March in aid of Gaza and East Kerry Scor na bPaisti showcased the amazing talent in the locality.

In sport, the boys at St. Brendan's College have excelled in both Gaelic Football and Soccer, three Kerry footballers have been named on the Team of the Year and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



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by....A Grey Squirrel caught
on camera by Dony Kelly

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What a festival.... What a Town.... What a Weekend....

KILLARNEY PULLS OUT ALL THE STOPS FOR THE BEST ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL EVER

Killarney did what it does best last weekend when the organisers of the St. Patrick's Day festival left no stone unturned to ensure that there was something for everyone at this year's event.

Thousands of people packed Killarney for the St Patrick's Festival which attracted one of the biggest crowds the town has seen for the annual celebration.

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Festival fans stood 10-deep on many streets to catch a glimpse of the action in what was one of the most colourful and fun parades the town has experienced. There were in excess of 60 participating groups with marching bands, spectacular floats, excited children flying their club colours, novelty acts and many versions of St Patrick himself – from the very little to the extra-large – hitting the town.

Pride of place in the parade went to Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, aboard a 1930 Rolls Royce and she was closely followed, in a sleek BMW 320 convertible, by the three grand marshals, Kerry captain Gavin White, ladies' GAA legend Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Ireland Paralympics star Jordan Lee.

Dancing troupes, gymnasts, Little Blue Heroes, visiting friends from overseas, Disney characters, drama

schools, international dancers and cheerleaders all got to showcase their well-rehearsed routines in front of the grandstand on Main Street and some of the floats were so spectacular that gasps of admiration were audible as they approached.

One of the funnier moments of the day was when a determined lady in a headscarf, curlers and a housecoat – who was part of the Killarney Valley Vintage and Classic Club – demanded that RTÉ's Paschal Sheehy step down from the grandstand at which stage she dropped to one knee and proposed to the station's dapper southern editor.

She went home disappointed, however, as Paschal decided, after careful deliberation, that one wife was enough for him.

St Patrick's Festival Chairman, Jason Clifford, described the turnout for all the weekend activities as "sensational" and he said there was a massive crowd in town on St Patrick's Day from well before midday.

"Transforming the Beech Road car park into the festival zone for the weekend was a wonderful decision as it allowed us to put on so much more entertainment and activities," he said.

The town's first ever AbleFest was a high quality event on Sunday as it proved an ideal day of entertainment for those with diverse needs to enjoy a fabulous afternoon with Jake Carter the headline act for a rousing open air concert.

AbleFest attendees enjoyed drumming workshops, arts and crafts, an open air disco, an animal roadshow, face-painting karaoke, yoga, face painting and so much more.

There was more fun and games when the big parade ended on



Grand marshals of the parade Kerry captain Gavin White, ladies' GAA legend Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Ireland Paralympics star Jordan Lee arrive to the viewing stand in style. Photo: Dylan Clifford.



The charity duck dash on the River Deenagh in Killarney National Park, with proceeds going to Down Syndrome Kerry attracted a huge crowd in glorious sunshine

Monday as all eyes were drawn to the Plunge for Palliative event at which well-known locals were dropped into a giant pool of ice-cold water to help raise funds for the Kerry Hospice.

Among those who experienced the big chill were Mayor Maura Healy-Rae, Cllrs Niall O'Callaghan, John O'Donoghue, Martin Grady and Niall Kelleher, GAA stars Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Gavin White and several local business owners, Jason said the St Patrick's Festival just wouldn't have happened without the enthusiasm and

professionalism of the main organisers and sponsors Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland and the support of GMIB, Muckcross House Trustees, Liebherr Container Cranes, the Dunloe Hotel and Gardens and the Europe Hotel and Resort. Although there was a slight shower of rain during the parade, even the weather gods smiled favourably on Killarney for what was, unquestionably, one of the biggest St Patrick's Festival celebrations the town has ever seen.

A Birds Eye View of the parade from above the Olde Sweet Shoppe on College Square.

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The company's growth has been accompanied by a strong and dedicated team. John's wife, Lillian, has taken on the role of warehouse manager, ensuring smooth logistics and supply chain operations. Meanwhile, Rachel his daughter oversees solar project management, streamlining installations and ensuring top-tier customer service. The office team continues to grow to support customers with expert guidance on solar PV, infrared heating, and energy management solutions.



The Team: From Left to right: John, Lucy, Lillian, Lilly, Rachel, John and Emma.

JM Energy Savings remains committed to its original mission: helping customers get the best energy rates on the market. The company advises clients on optimising their solar and battery systems to maximise savings—charging at off-peak times and using stored energy when rates are highest. This strategic approach ensures that customers not only invest in renewable energy but also manage it effectively for long-term benefits.

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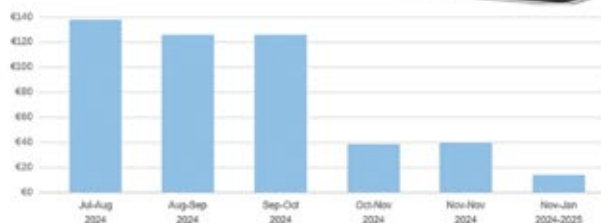
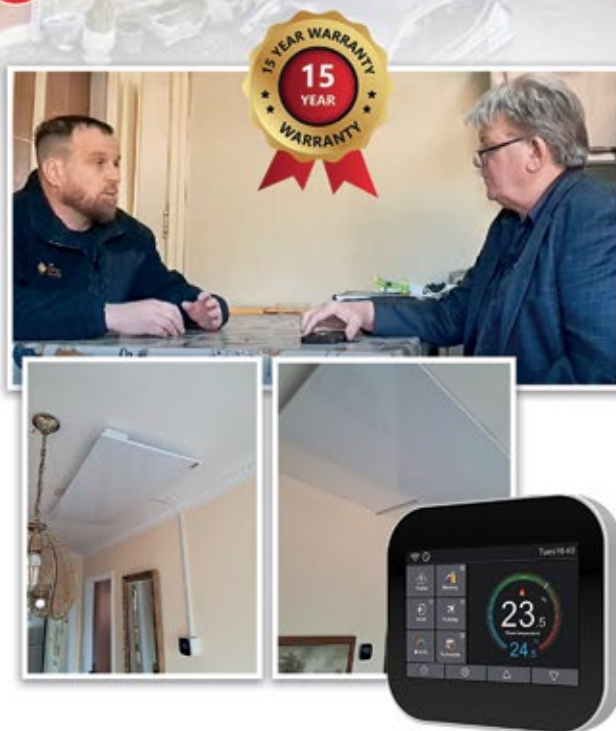
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KERRY ART NOW!

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in Killarney is to host a unique exhibition of 20 professional Kerry artists, from 28 March to 18 June.

The exhibition will be officially opened by Cathaoirleach of Kerry, Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald at 6.30pm on Friday 28 March. On the evening, exhibiting artists will be in attendance, refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided by internationally renowned, Killarney-based group Afrotrad. The exhibition will remain open from 6.00 – 9pm on 28 March for the launch. Members of the public are welcome to attend the opening, or call in to view the exhibition of KERRY ART NOW! during office hours at the Department building in Killarney. The exhibition and all events are free and open to all, Monday to Friday, 9 – 5pm, at the Government Offices, New Road, Killarney V93 A49X.

On 7 May, an 'In Conversation' session will be held with Joe McGill of Radio Kerry and four of the artists. Over the course of the exhibition, local school groups at all levels are invited to visit any time during opening hours, and can meet some artists, and create their own interpretations of Kerry art. Schools wishing to register their interest to meet the artists may do so by email to arts@kerrycoco.ie with KAN in the subject line.

Robert Carter of Grilse Gallery, Killorglin, who is one of the exhibition curators advised that, 'Midway through the show there will be a rehang of new work, so the exhibition will be worth visiting at least twice!' The Department in Killarney is delighted to host this exhibition to support Kerry artists: 'By offering our dedicated exhibition space, we are providing a suitable setting for the work and creating more opportunities for the local community to engage with contemporary arts practice,' stated Michael Moore, Facilities Manager.

The artists participating in KERRY ART NOW! include Regine Bartsch, Dorota Borowa, Lucy &



Artists Rochelle Lucey, Darragh Kinch and Lucy Carter are welcomed to Department by the building facilities manager, Michael Moore (large)

Robert Carter, Kathy Cronin, Clodagh Edwards, Lisa Fingleton, Zoë Uí Fhaoláin Green, Laura Fitzgerald, Michael Flaherty, Cathy Giles, Karen Hendy, Darragh Kinch, Holger Lonze, Rochelle Lucey, Deidre McKenna, Poppy Melia, Silke Michels, Aaron Mulvihill, Niall Naessens, Ciara O'Connor, Alan Ragget, Una ní She and Chris Steenson.

KERRY ART NOW! sees the establishment of an exciting biennial exhibition offering a fitting showcase for the artists on their home turf, and a thrilling mix of established and emerging artists working in Kerry today. It offers an insight to current art practice in the region in a range of media from painting, print-making, sculpture and more.

KERRY ART NOW! is curated by the Grilse Gallery,

Killorglin, and is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Kerry County Council Arts Office.

The artists invited to participate in KERRY ART NOW! first came together for a 'Kerry artists meet-up' held at the Grilse Gallery in early December 2023 organised by the Arts Office of Kerry County Council, co-funded by the Arts Council and supported by Visual Arts Ireland.

That event was hosted by Emer Ferran from Visual Artists Ireland and organised by Hannah Pinckheard of Kerry County Council Arts Office, with curators Dermot Browne and Valeria Ceregini offering one-to-one advice to the artists. Since then the artists periodically come together for mutual encouragement and support.

The Irish League of Credit Unions presented to Chapter 23 a plaque in recognition of everyone past and present for their huge contribution to the Credit Unions of John Long Chairman Chapter 23 Credit Union (seated second from left) with committee members Mary O'Shea, John O'Regan, Kate O'Dowd (back from left) Leo Daly, Abina O'Sullivan, Eileen Casey, Siobhan Dennehy and Jim Kenny. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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A Triumphant Finale -



As the curtain falls on *Evita*, Killarney Musical Society look back with immense pride on what has been a truly sensational production. From the opening scene to the final bow, audiences were captivated by the passion, talent and sheer dedication that lit up the Gleneagle INEC Stage last week.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible cast and chorus, whose powerful performances brought the story of Eva Peron to life with authenticity and heartfelt emotion every night. Every role, from our stunning leads to our amazing ensemble, was played with unwavering commitment, ensuring that every scene resonated with the audience. Your dedication to Killarney Musical Society and to rehearsals over the past few months was admirable, inspirational and truly valued.

To our outstanding production team, Director Liam Butler, Musical Director Jimmy Brockie, Choreographer Stephen O'Riain, and our outstanding crew, your vision and hard work transformed this ambitious show into what was a breathtaking spectacle. The stunning set, the sublime lighting and projections, along with beautiful costumes transported us to 1940's Argentina, while the live 16 piece orchestra under the direction of M.D. delight, Jimmy Brockie delivered Andrew Lloyd Webber's iconic score with precision, perfection and energy.

A very special mention must go to our backstage crew, front of house team, props team, follow spot team and to everyone behind the scenes who worked tirelessly to ensure our production and every detail therein was flawless. Without each and every one of you and your true dedication to KMS, our production would not have been possible.


Finally, to our Patrons, Sponsors and Audiences – thank you for your enthusiasm, loyalty and support. Your applause, standing ovations, cheers and kind words make all the months of rehearsals and hard work worthwhile. Killarney Musical Society has once again proven the power of friendship, loyalty, unwavering power of community theatre, and above all community spirit. We are beyond grateful to each and everyone who played a part in making *EVITA* such an unforgettable experience. And so with full hearts and unforgettable memories, Until the next curtain rises..... Gracias y adios.

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - Signalling changes in our town

The parade is a testament to Killarney. I rarely miss it and look forward to it each year. My perch this year was at pedestrian crossing the Plaza Hotel where I got a bird's eye view of every performance just at the start - before the acts were too exhausted.

The Ukrainian ballroom dancers were a lovely addition this year and one of several performances which brought the parade to life.

To realise how it has improved, most of us need only look back and recall when it was mostly advertising floats drawn by tractors.

There were marked changes this year. There are fewer traditional dancing schools there were lots of stage and cheer and gymnastic schools now.

Marching schools are mainly national schools. In my day the Vocational School float was our pride and joy and we worked on it with woodwork and the metalwork teachers and the school principal.

It would be nice to see secondary schools enter a float in the parade again.

The vintage cars were great but I miss the horses. The Killarney jarveys should again have a role ferrying guests to the stand.

The national park might also get together and come up with a display.

It was left to the Killarney Regatta Committee to remind us we are a town, not just with a national park, but surrounded by water. The

regatta tradition here is the oldest in the world - older than many English regattas and it is worth celebrating. Well done to Muckcross man Pat Cronin and the late Billy Kenny too and others for keeping the regatta going all those years.

THE MANGERTON LUNULA - there may be a glimmer, if we are clever enough

Kerry County Museum recently hosted the Irish Museums Association annual conference at Siamsa Tíre.

I managed to get to one of the lectures - that on repatriation and how museums in colonial countries might be made to hand back objects. Some of the African Benin bronzes have been handed over by France, for instance. The campaign to get the Parthenon marbles returned to Greece is ongoing.

Martin Bradley, barrister, outlined how the



British Museum Act of 1963 - where the Parthenon Marbles ripped from the Acropolis in Athens are just inside the front door - is known as "the fig leaf Act".

Presumably this is because it hides the real motive by the Brits which is to hang onto all they have "acquired" from the world.

Under that Act, "objects vested in the Trustees as part of the collections of this and other museums shall not be disposed of by them," is what it lays down.

Handy. The best way around getting anything back like the 3,000 year old gold Mangerton Lunula therefore is to seek it on permanent loan, Bradley told me after the lecture.

"A long term loan is a way out of this," he said. The Annals of Innisfallen are held in the Bodleian Library in Oxford which is not covered by the Act. They are not the easiest to deal with - I have knocked on their door a few times. The Brits use the Strongbow argument - another figleaf. This is from the 12th century, no less, to say we invited them to rule us. So anything that was ours is theirs.

The best way of all is to form a lobby group, Martin Bradley suggested and keep highlighting the need to "lend back" the objects taken from us, he suggests.

The Lunula was found in a bog in Mangerton in 1848 and sold to an army captain to a collector at the Gunpowder Mills in Cork. It is one of the most prized objects in the British Museum.

The most interesting parts of the Annals were composed on Innisfallen. We should have those too - or the very least we should have a costly facsimile.

IT'S ALL ABOUT TRUMP THESE DAYS.

You can hardly turn on the news anywhere in the world and Trump dominates. He is truly "flooding the zone" as he puts it. The Washington Post has a morning bulletin now of what Trump is up to each day.

You can't get away from him. I crossed the Shannon to Kilimer last week and found Trump's West Clare Golf course was headline stuff.

People had vandalised the golf course for Gaza. As if there isn't enough destruction in the world.

The Doonbeg hotel and holiday homes are awesome and the golf course is kept with huge care and pride by local people so it was such a shame to see the carry on by a bunch of loo-las blinded with rage.

The buildings seem part of the dune landscape. And there is a real welcome on the mat.

Along the seafront the erosion is obvious - maybe Trump does need the wall - around Doonbeg that is.

Lunch was also reasonable - but then "you are from Killarney", someone in my company reminded me. Ouch!

What was not reasonable were the MAGA caps - Euro 45 in the hotel shop. Put a tariff on that cap and it will be close to 80 euro.

Trump's tariff war is an echo of our own during the 1930s. Our economic war also began for political reasons - as an election promise by Fianna Fail to farmers about paying land annuities. Ireland put tariffs on imports of British manufactured goods and raw materials; the Brits responded. 90 per cent of our trade was with Britain. With no market, the Irish calves died on ditches. Emigration soared; unemployment climbed to an all-

time high. Even the cult of DeValera at the time could not disguise it. It was a disaster economically. Someone should tell the US President, the cult of Trump will not disguise the disaster for America either.

Waiting for the ferry we got talking to a mother and her daughter from Atlanta, Georgia. They didn't think Dublin was really Irish, but Killarney they just loved. They had some interesting observations: our food is "too American".

Every president gets Coca Cola delivered - not just Trump.

Also they could not get over the number of Audi cars we drive. "What's with the Audis here?" the daughter asked. I wondered afterwards were they special envoys trying to encourage us to buy more Chryslers? But they turned right for the Cliffs of Moher. And they were renting a small Toyota. Hardly patriotic!





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Muckross House

WELCOMES NEW GENERAL MANAGER

The Trustees of Muckross House and Traditional Farms in Killarney have announced the appointment of Shane Treacy as the new general manager.

With an extensive background in hospitality, operations and business, the Killarney native brings a wealth of experience to the iconic heritage site.

Most recently, he served as managing director of The Murray Group which owns and operates a number of well-known establishments throughout Dublin City.

His impressive career spans roles in project management in the UK and leadership positions in renowned hospitality operations in Dubai, Singapore, London and New York.

On returning to Ireland, Shane played a key role in managing some of the country's most celebrated venues, including Café en Seine and Whelan's in Dublin.

He has a strong connection to Killarney and Muckross and a deep appreciation for the attraction's role in Irish tourism, heritage and the local community.

Bernadette Randles, Chairperson of the Trustees of Muckross House, said Shane's expertise in visitor experience, team leadership and strategic growth makes him an exciting addition to the Muckross House team.

"His experience and leadership will be invaluable as we continue to enhance our visitor experience and preserve the rich heritage of this remarkable site," she said.

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dedication and hard work of a large team that enhance the cultural and museum experiences and the commercial business which fund and future proof such an important place.

The Trustees' partnership with the NPWS and the guide team at Muckross House are an integral part of the success. All profits raised on the estate are used to preserve, improve and share this special place, ensuring its legacy for future generations.

Shane will spearhead a management team that also includes Denis Reidy (financial controller), Patricia O'Hare (research library), Toddy Doyle (traditional farms), Colin Baker (Garden Restaurant), Paul Morgan (craft centre retail), John Cahill (Mucros Weaving), Paul Curtis (bookbindery) and Margaret Phelan (pottery). Shane is already making strides in leading the Muckross team into an exciting new chapter.

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New projects that we are currently restoring at our vintage shed in Upper Lewis Road are a 1980 Ford 76 and Ford Tractor, which are going to auction. Also, upcoming project, a 01 Toyota Hilux which will be raffled

for local charity.

As these are very costly projects, we welcome anyone interested in becoming one of our sponsors. You can contact Tom on 087 2383809. Come along any Thursday evening from 7.30-10pm at the Vintage Shed, Upper Lewis Road, Killarney. Our door is always Open!!

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INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY MARKED AT KILLARNEY ROTARY CLUB

Killarney Rotary Club gathered to mark International Women's Day 2025. The members invited some family and friends to join them on this occasion in the newly refurbished Garden Room Restaurant at the Great Southern Killarney.

The Rotary Club is very international with members representing Ireland, the United Kingdom, Germany, South Africa, Uzbekistan & Canada with more nationalities coming on board soon.

The local club was founded in 1983 but Rotary did not always have female members as it was only in 1989 that the Council on Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide. By the following year, in June 1990, there were 20,000 women signed up as Rotarians. It was 2001 when Killarney Rotary Club first admitted female members as Rotarians. The Club hasn't looked back since.

The current President, Ciara Irwin Foley was the first and was the only female member for quite a while. She served as a Club President for her first term in 2007-2008, secretary of the Club for a few years and is now serving as President for 2024-2025. There are nine female members in the club and these women are all very active participants in Rotary serving the communities, in increasing numbers and serving in leadership positions in Rotary. The whole club runs very successful events and all members work well together to ensure they run smoothly.

After lunch, President Ciara addressed those attending and thanked them for joining in to celebrate this year's theme "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights, Equality and Empowerment. International Women's Day has occurred for over a century with the first being held in 1911. The symbolic purple, green and white colours represent justice, hope and freedom. Purple signifies justice and dignity, and being loyal to the cause. Green symbolises hope



Pictured at the Killarney Rotary Club lunch are from left: Grace Gleeson, Mike Brosnan, Kerry's Eye, Aisling Crosbie, Killarney Outlook, Abbie O'Sullivan, Former Rotary Youth Leadership Winner, Abbie O'Shea, Emir Irwin O'Shea, Ciara Irwin Foley, President Killarney Rotary Club, Mary Hickey and Marie Buckley

and white represents purity. It is a holiday in some countries but not everywhere. The bright yellow mimosa flower took on significance in the 1940's in Italy and became the symbol of the movement. Ciara did not have mimosa's to present but did have vibrant yellow daffodils picked from her own garden to present to everybody. They were tied in ribbons in the three colours of the day with chocolates attached. The guests also received a goody bag from the hotel to celebrate the occasion being marked in the hotel.

Killarney native and UCC Student, Abbie O'Sullivan returned to give a brief update on her pathway since she last spoke at this lunch in 2023. That was following her win and trip to Stormont in Belfast, Leinster House in Dublin & the EU Parliament in Strasbourg with the Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition.

Abbie is now studying Political Science and Government in UCC and told us about the different projects she is involved in, awards she has won and competitions she has and will be taking part in. Abbie also thanked Rotary for the wonderful opportunities that she has had since her win and for the friendships she forged on that trip. She is great friends with other students that were on that trip from all over Ireland. We hope that Abbie will be a future Rotarian wherever she ends up in life.

The Rotary Club were delighted to mark the day again this year. IWD is based on community connection and collaborative action. It is an inclusive day that belongs to all groups everywhere and it is a way to mark it in a way that is relevant and meaningful to their own context and circumstances.



Rotary Club Member, Sherry O'Callaghan pictured with Christiana Nomad-Higgins and Simona Mikelenaitė.



Sheila Casey, Maureen Somers and Teresa Irwin pictured at the Killarney Rotary Club Lunch.



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Sean Taaffe Salon Group Shines at Pro Beauty & Hair Ireland 2025



The Sean Taaffe Salon Group pictured at this year's *Probeautyhairireland* exhibition at the RDS

The Sean Taaffe Salon Group, a multi-award-winning hair and beauty powerhouse headquartered in Kerry, once again captivated audiences at this year's *Probeautyhairireland* exhibition at the RDS Dublin. Celebrating their third consecutive year on the main stage, the group delivered a high-energy show featuring precision cutting, colour techniques, and business expertise—this time introducing two of their brightest talents: Nicole Morris and Kara O'Shea.

This year's showcase marked the debut of Nicole Morris, Head of Education for the Sean Taaffe Group, and Kara O'Shea, a seasoned brand manager and business coach. With 12 and 18 years of experience respectively, the duo brought fresh energy and expertise to the packed auditorium.

Nicole mesmerized the crowd with a bold, trend-forward colour presentation, showcasing her mastery of bespoke techniques and unexpected tonal combinations. Her segment, blending precision and creativity, left attendees buzzing with inspiration.

Kara O'Shea shifted gears to deliver a compelling talk on salon business strategies, team leadership, and brand development. Drawing from nearly two decades with the group, her insights resonated deeply with salon owners and industry professionals.

Nicole and Kara embody the passion and excellence that define our team," said Sean Taaffe, Founder of the Sean Taaffe Salon Group. "Their performances weren't just about skill—they were a testament to the culture of growth and innovation we've built over the years. Nicole's artistry pushes boundaries, while Kara's business acumen empowers the next generation of leaders. We're incredibly proud to see them shine" he added

Embracing the beauty and grace of the dragonfly at Killarney Camera Club

Killarney Camera Club recently held its fourth competition of the season. There were 21 entries for the Shallow Depth of Field themed competition. A diverse range of images with flowers, animals, birds and insects all on show.

Eric had his first win this season, not just in the Novice category but also in the Unrestricted category, with a wonderful photo of a Dragon Fly.

Eric said, "This was taken while fishing on the Chutes River in Oregon. Dragon flies can be difficult to photograph but this one was the perfect model"

The Killarney Camera Club would like to give a shout out to the Anam Arts and Cultural Center, our new home where the Camera Club meetings take place. We are grateful to have this fantastic amenity made available to us. Mile Buiochus

Results top three in the Unrestricted Category

1st Place: Eric Jenkinson, Dragon Fly

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The Little Blue Heroes, honorary members of An Garda Síochána pictured at the St. Patrick's Day Parade with members of An Garda Síochána. Photo: Konrad Paprocki

New 10 Year License for Radio Kerry



Radio Kerry has signed a new 10 year broadcast license with Coimisiún na Meán which will see the station continue to provide a local radio service for Co Kerry.

The license was publicly advertised last year. Raidió Ciarraí Teoranta licence holder since 1990.

Executive Chairman of Radio Kerry, John O Sullivan said that the original vision of shareholders in 1990 was to provide a Voice for the Kingdom, and the license renewal is a vote of confidence in the station's continued commitment to do so. General Manager, Fiona Stack said that the staff of Radio Kerry are very proud to represent the people of Kerry. She thanked the staff, listeners and advertisers for their continued support for the station and said that Radio Kerry looked forward to continuing to work with them to further develop the services it provides.

Radio Kerry broadcasts on 96-98FM across the county of Kerry. The station is also available to the global Kerry diaspora online at radiokerry.ie on the Radio Kerry App and on Smart speakers.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL visits Tourism Ireland in New York

Representatives of Kerry County Council, who are in New York this week for the St Patrick's Day period, met with senior executives from Tourism Ireland last week. They were briefed on Tourism Ireland's promotional programme in the United States for 2025, which is in full swing right now.

St Patrick's Day offers a unique opportunity for tourism to Ireland and Tourism Ireland in the United States has been rolling out an extensive programme of trade, media and consumer activity to capitalise on Ireland's heightened profile at this time of year.

Alison Metcalfe, Tourism Ireland's Head of North America, said: "We were delighted to meet with the representatives of Kerry County Council and to have the opportunity to brief them about the extensive promotional programme we are undertaking in the United States this year. The US remains an extremely important market for tourism to Ireland – in terms of revenue and visitor numbers. Visitors from the United States tend to stay longer, spend more and tour extensively around our regions.

"Our St Patrick's Day programme included a major programme of trade, media and consumer activity. Our aim is to remind American holidaymakers that Ireland offers the warmest of welcomes and great fun, as well as wonderful scenery and heritage. We are taking every opportunity to capitalise on Ireland's heightened profile around this St Patrick's Day period."

Tourism Ireland's 'Fill your heart with Ireland' campaign is live in the United States right now, with ads running on TV and digital channels

Tourism Ireland supported Global Greenings once again for St Patrick's Day 2025 – working with selected iconic landmarks in key tourism markets, including the Empire State Building in New York and the Grand Ole Opr in Nashville.



Councillor Breandán Fitzgerald, Kerry County Council; Chris Lynn, Tourism Ireland; Angela McAllen, Director of Finance of Kerry County Council; Ashling Scanlon, Tourism Ireland; and Christy O'Connor, Director of Corporate Services of Kerry County Council, in the Tourism Ireland office in New York.

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MTU Enterprise Showcase and Kerry Start-Up Challenge 2025

The MTU Enterprise Showcase and Kerry Start-Up Challenge 2025 took place on the grounds of Munster Technological University, North Campus, Tralee,

This event brought together over 14 early stage start-ups in Kerry to exhibit their businesses in the morning to a panel of Judges. The Judges on the day comprised of;

Stephen Stack, Senior Branch Manager, AIB and President of Tralee Chamber Alliance, Anne Looney, External Services Manager, MTU and Tim Yeomans, Center of Applied Bioscience Research (CABR)

Each Exhibitor had the opportunity to deliver a 90 second elevator pitch for the roaming Judges at their exhibition stands. Judges then shortlisted 4x Start-Ups to pitch for the livepitching competition in the early afternoon in front of a live audience.

There were also a fantastic guest speaker address by Shane Finn of Outwest Clothing.

The Enterprise Showcase is run in conjunction with the final showcase event for the Enterprise Ireland's New Frontiers Programme and supported by the MTU Innovation & Enterprise Month.

New Frontiers is Enterprise Ireland's national entrepreneur development programme for innovative, early-stage start-ups. It is a three-phased programme, based in 18 campus incubation centres across the country. In addition to providing entrepreneurs with training in all areas of business including financial arrangements, market research and validation,

business processes, patenting, product development and sales training; participants can also avail of mentoring from experienced business advisors and practitioners.

Kerry participants are based at the Tom Crean Business Centre for the duration of the programme and are supported in the development of an investor-ready business proposition.

The Award Winners on the day included:

• Best New Business Idea: 1 Year Free Desk at the Tom Crean Business Centre *sponsored by Kerry Innovation Centre - Donagh Ó Buachalla;



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- Best Runner Up Business Idea : €500 *Sponsored by Kerry innovation Centre - Peter Regan, Tigre Motor Club
- Best Pitch: €500 * sponsored by MTU - Cian Mahony & Patrick Courtney, Mara Botanic
- Best Pitch Runner-Up: €250 * Sponsored by AIB - Shane Hannon, Mesh bio plastics
- Best Exhibition Stand: €500 * Sponsored by CABR - Alex Carey, The Fertility Studio
- Judges Choice Award; Tickets to Tech Industry's Alliance TechFest: *Sponsored by Tech Industry Alliance: Travis Slattery - Dojovision

The next Phase 1 Programme of Enterprise Ireland's New Frontiers Programme takes place part-time, over a Weekend Bootcamp in May 2025.



Abbie O'Sullivan and Keira Geaney pictured at the MTU Enterprise Showcase and Kerry Start-Up Challenge 2025 with their business idea - My Carbon Buddy. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



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St Brendan's College Under 15 football team Front Row (L-R) Ryan Downing, Isaac Vickers, Jonah Casey, Ryan Vickers

Middle Row (L-R) Daniel Cronin, Ronan O'Brien, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Finn O'Donnell
Back Row (L-R) Roan Guerin, Daragh Keane winners of the Under 15 Football All Ireland Super 9's, Bro Taft Cup and Russell Cup Winners 2023-2024 at their presentation of medals at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's College Under 15 football team (front from left) Ryan O'Donoghue, Eoin Bennett, Conor Moynihan, Paddy Nash, Jayden Hurley, Ryan Vickers (centre row from left) Ms Lucy Saunders Joint Manager, Stephen Shine Doody, Luke Clancy, Daragh Keane, Donnacha Vaughan, Mr David Clifford Joint Manager, Gerry Moroney (back row from left) Hammad Atiq, Adam O'Sullivan, Oisín Cryan, Eanna Hennigan, Eoin Brosnan winners of the Aodhán Ó Chonchúir Cup at their presentation of medals at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's College First Year Soccer team (front row from left) Luke Clancy, Paddy Nash, Jayden Hurley, Donnacha Vaughan (centre row from left) Ryan O'Donoghue, Mr Trevor Nagle Joint Manager, Eoin Bennett, Conor Moynihan, Daragh Keane, Ryan Vickers, Joe Hurley Joint Manager (back row from left) Stephen Shine Doody, Hammad Atiq, Adam O'Sullivan, Oisín Cryan, Eanna Hennigan winners of the Kerry and Munster Cups at their presentation of medals at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's College student and selector Oliver Zuchowski with team managers Trevor Nagle and Joe Hurley of the first year football team who were the winners the Kerry and Munster Cups at their presentation of medals at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Pictured in the photo with Séan is Mairéad Corridan (Acting Principal of Castleisland Community College)

SEÁN BUTLER *strikes a chord!*

Séan Butler, a 17-year-old accordion player, from Scartaglin will be taking part in the Siansa Gael Linn music competition finals on Sunday, March 23rd in the National Concert Hall, Dublin. Siansa provides a platform for talented teenage groups in the area of traditional Irish music and singing. The event is run entirely through the medium of Irish. Séan is part of the traditional Irish group Teorainn, made up of 8 musicians from Cork and Kerry, that meet and practice with renowned musician Conor Moriarty. Séan has won many accolades over the years and he featured on the Radio Kerry 'Travels through a Kingdom' programme.

"Séan is a true exponent of the Sliabh Luachra style of music, showing a musical maturity well beyond his years. He has rooted his style of playing, in that of the renowned Sliabh Luachra masters such as Johnny O'Leary, Paddy Cronin and Padraig O' Keffe. This is evident in his vast repertoire of slides and polkas and also in the rhythmical 'swing' of his music," according to Acting Principal Máiread Corridan, who herself is well known as a concertina player in traditional music circles. "He has been a role model for other students with regard to developing their own musical styles and is generous with his time and musical knowledge to others. He is a true advocate for the traditional arts and has an amenable personality, which coupled with his musical talent will take him far in life!" she concluded.

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Brown tag conservation regulations in force ON ROUGHTY RIVER

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) has this week opened the second lottery draw for anglers wishing to catch and keep salmon from Kerry's Roughty River.

'Brown tag' regulations apply to the river catchment from March 15th until September 30th, 2025, when the salmon fishing season ends.

Anglers interested in entering a lottery draw for a brown tag on April 16th can apply at the IFI website between today, March 18th, and midnight on Sunday, April 13th, 2025.

A total of 74 brown tags are available in 2025. They will be distributed to anglers with a valid rod licence via four draws during the season.

The first draw for 2025 was held on February 26th, after which 19 brown tags were distributed.

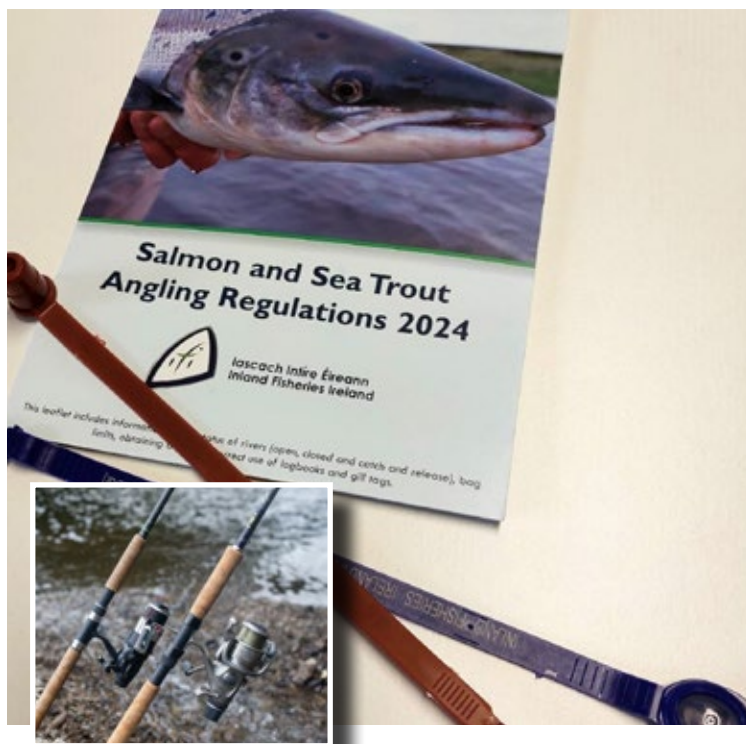
Anglers may only receive one brown tag per season for use on the River Roughty catchment.

Those who receive the tags through the lottery system should place them on the fish – along with a blue tag – as proof it was lawfully caught and may be retained for private use.

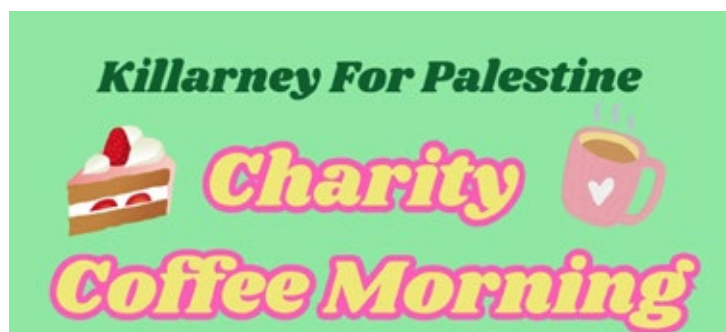
Anglers not allocated a brown tag are only permitted to fish for salmon on the Roughty River on a catch-and-release basis, where the salmon is returned safely to the same waterbody.

Anglers must use catch-and-release methods only, involving single or double barbless hooks. Use of worms as bait is not permitted.

For more information, contact IFI's Macroom office on (026) 41221, or at macroom@fisheriesireland.ie



COFFEE MORNING FOR GAZA



Killarney for Palestine are holding a coffee morning on Saturday, the 29th March at Reidys on Main Street, with all proceeds on the morning being raised in aid of the charities Children Not Numbers and Uisce for Gaza. Children Not Numbers provides lifesaving care to medically vulnerable children in Gaza and helps to evacuate them, amongst several other worthy endeavours. Uisce for Gazadoes incredible work in helping the suffering population of Gaza access clean drinking water, a rare commodity these days there.

This will be a child friendly event with balloon making and face painting,

and it is also open to all sections of our wonderful community both young and older.

"We have been simply devastated at the resumption of air strikes by Israel on the Gaza Strip on the 18th of March, bringing an end to the ceasefire deal. Nobody can leave the strip without Israeli authority and there has been a complete blockade on aid for in excess of two weeks. Palestinians, men, women and children, the very elderly, babies and those with additional needs living in Gaza are already on their knees and suffering so much. It is critical that we keep their profiles raised. We remain committed to raising money for charities affiliated with Gaza through fundraising and will also continue holding our monthly vigils. The next vigil will be held at the Courthouse midday on Sunday the 30th of March, organisers, Susan Larkin and Lisa O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook.

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Fifth and sixth class pupils as *The Munchkins* in the *Wizard of Oz* by the Fossa Primary School pupils in the Fossa Community Centre.

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Colourful joint entry wins St Patrick's parade top prize



Anne O'Keeffe presents the Sean O'Keeffe Memorial Perpetual award for Best Overall Entry to Tracy Sexton, The Art House Studio and Lily MacMonagle Shannon, The MACademy School of Performing Arts, at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Wednesday night. Also included are Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Michelle Rosney, St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford and Cllr Maura Healy Rae, Mayor of Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



St. Patrick's Festival Killarney committee members Stella Maloney, Maureen Hegarty, Jason Clifford (Chairman), Jonathan Aber and Emilia Rypalska, seated, with standing from left, Paul Sherry, Shirley McGough, Thys Vogels, Olive Horgan, Derek O'Leary, Beliza Griffin and Catherine Doyle at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Wednesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

An entry featuring the combined talents of the MACademy School of Performing Arts and The Art House Studio has scooped the overall prize in this year's St Patrick's Day parade in Killarney.

Their hugely colourful and imaginative celebration brought the town to life as the gala pageant, with 65 entries, wound its way through the streets on the national feast day.

The awards ceremony was held on Wednesday night in the International Hotel in Killarney and there was a rousing cheer when the overall winner was announced.

Festival Chairman, Jason Clifford, said this year's parade was a great community celebration that attracted huge crowds with people gathering at the barriers for up to two hours before the parade got underway.

The festival, organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce in association with Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland, had a theme of Echoes of Killarney's Present which is part of a

trilogy that featured the town's past last year and will focus on the future in 2026.

The other award winners were:

Best Original: Garda Little Blue Heroes

Most Stylish: Dance ball by Alina Maslak

Best Sporting: Killarney Legion GAA Club

Best Interpretation of Theme: Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club

Best School: Raheen

Most Entertaining: Raheen

Best Voluntary Group: Killarney Water Rescue Search and Recovery Team

Best Musical Group: Gleneagle Concert Band

Best Children's Group: Scorchers Cheerleading and Gymnastics Club

Best Youth Group: Legacy Cheerleading and Gymnastics Club

Best New Group: Killarney's Liberace/The Grand

Best Sports Club: Killarney Triathlon Club

Best Marching Group: Scoil an Croi Naofa, Barraduff

Best Activity: Irwin School of Irish Dancing



Harry O'Neill presents the Michael Courtney Memorial Perpetual award for Best Interpretation of Theme to Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club members Caoimhe Brosnan and Niamh Foley. Also included are Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Cllr Maura Healy Rae, Mayor of Killarney and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Wednesday night.



Killarney Triathlon Club, winner of the Best Sports Club award at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Wednesday night. Front from left are Mary and Kate O'Donoghue, Sarah Quirke, Linda Mannix and Tina O'Donoghue. Back from left are Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Jacinta Buckley, Ciara Kane, Cllr Maura Healy Rae, Mayor of Killarney, Caitriona Shanahan, Vedran Korotaj and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Garda Gillian O'Donoghue and little blue hero Jack, winner of Most Original Entry, with Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Officer, Cllr Maura Healy Rae, Mayor of Killarney and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Wednesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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Posing for a photo with Jake Carter and Bernard Casey at Ablefest



Festival Chairman Jason Clifford getting cuddles from one of the Canine Companions at Ablefest



Musician Jake Carter pictured with fans at Ablefest



Volunteers taking a well deserved break at Ablefest



Bernie, Niamh and Denis Cronin pictured with Jake Carter at Ablefest



All smiles for the camera at a sunny Ablefest





Bernadette Randles trying out the drums at Ablefest

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“Innovation and Inspiration as Young Kerry Entrepreneurs excel in Kerry County Council Student Enterprise Awards!”

The County Final of the Kerry County Council Annual Student Enterprise Awards was held on Friday 14 March 2025 at MTU Tralee.

Outstanding participation levels saw 20 mini-businesses being set up by second level school students involved in the competition. The competition promotes business idea development, structure, sourcing of finance, marketing/sales and the presentation of a formal business plan.

The students progressed through the establishment of a mini company which trades over a period of months. An exciting and rewarding programme, students get to experience the realities of entrepreneurship from developing a business idea to producing a product, researching the market, promoting the business, managing the books and generating profits.

Prizes were awarded at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level. The winners of the County Student Enterprise Awards in all categories will go forward to the National Finals to be held in Mullingar on 8 May 2025. The Student Enterprise Awards bring a taste of real life business to the classroom.

The winner of the Senior Category was Pobal Scoil Corca Dhuibhne, “Léamh Lámh”. This company was set up by Makayla Ní Bhrosnachain, Anna Ní Chonchúir & Caroline Ní Dhubhda and is a board game for children with special needs using Lámh.

The winners of the Intermediate Category were “We Make Ecosense”, wooden keyrings with sensory stickers from Castleisland Community College. This company was set up by Padraig Murphy and Adam Sinnott.

The Junior level winner was “Helpful Hoist”, a hoist for calves and lambs, from Castleisland Community College. This company was the brainchild of Jack O’Sullivan.

Other prizes were awarded for Best Stand, Innovation Award, Best Business Plan, Environmental Awareness, Duaiseanna Gaeilge and Social Enterprise.

Aine Culloty from Castleisland Community College won the coveted award for Entrepreneurial Educator of the Year and Presentation Listowel won the Best School award.

Tomás Hayes, Head of Local Enterprise Office said “I am pleased to see the level of innovation, resourcefulness, planning and development of all 20 projects in this year’s awards. This is a real-life exercise. It involves idea generation and actual trading. Profits are generated and finance is secured. It is a taste of business and all the issues involved from finding the right idea, funding the business, collecting the money, and building the team. I must commend the teachers for their efforts and the mentors for their support. The judges had a very difficult task!”

Margaret Murphy, Kerry Programme Coordinator emphasised “This was a very strong programme in 2025 requiring extensive work by teachers, mentors, and staff. The results are evident with three category winners which will be taking part in The National Final in Mullingar on 8 May 2025. We hope that we can win another award for Kerry following our great success in 2024.”



Clare O'Shea (SKDP) pictured with Killarney Community College students Cian Walsh, Sophie Ballard and Ella Whiteley who were awarded Runners Up of Social Enterprise for their business 'Moods & Moments' at the County Final of the Kerry County Council Annual Student Enterprise Awards in MTU North Campus on Friday. Also pictured are Caitriona Py Collins (Marketing Consultant and Business Mentor) and Marie McKenna (Teacher) Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Presentation Castleisland students Loren Caldwell, Eva Burke, Caoimhe Fleming, Ciara O'Donoghue and Ava Hickey, won the Junior Runner-Up for their business 'Pocket Pal' at the County Final of the Kerry County Council Annual Student Enterprise Awards in MTU North Campus on Friday. Also pictured were: Paola Kennedy (Mentor Social Enterprise Programme), Joanne Noonan (LEO) and Conor Slattery (LEO). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



The Junior Winner was named as Jack O'Sullivan from Castleisland Community College for his business 'Helpful Hoist' at the County Final of the Kerry County Council Annual Student Enterprise Awards in MTU North Campus on Friday. Also pictured were: Breeda O'Sullivan (LEO), Paola Kennedy (Mentor Social Enterprise Programme), Aine Culloty (Teacher) and Conor Slattery (LEO). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



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Many Inspiring Voices heard at South Kerry Inspiring Women event in Killarney



Pictured are front l-r: Natalia Eismont, Lynne Brennan, Iryna Puzdria, Olena Redrugina, Tetyana Olkhovska

Back l-r: Evelyn Landers, Lisa Newman, Catherine Casey, Olha Yatsyk, Carol Naughton, DJ Moran, Nataliia Nalyvayko, Yuliya Spillane, Gemma Fort, Catherine O'Neill, Cathy McKeefry.

More than one hundred women from multiple different countries were in attendance at the Inspiring Women event held in The Brehon Hotel in Killarney last week. The event, organised by South Kerry Development Partnership CLG (SKDP) under the SICAP programme, offers a platform to provide support, advice and inspiration to women from a migrant background across all aspects of their lives. The event comprised of a number of elements including workshops as well as giving the women in attendance the chance to visit the exhibition stands of organisations that provide targeted support for them. The main workshop was given by the founder of Olspríe Olena Redrugina who focused on the topic of change management in the lives of those women who have arrived in Ireland in the last number of years and the need to ensure that they adapted to the changed environment they now

found themselves in.

All of the service providers present also spoke at the event to highlight the supports available to migrant women in the region and SKDP representatives showcased the broad range of supports they have available in areas such as education, employment, community supports, social enterprise and self-employment etc.

Ukrainian support worker with SKDP, Iryna Puzdria, who was involved in organising the event, said she was delighted with the numbers attending. She said that there was a significant demand amongst the migrant women's community for such an event and it was heartening to see the so many women from so many diverse backgrounds at the event. This is the second time the event has been held and it is hoped that it can become an annual event in the future.

A DOUBLE WIN for Castleisland Community College!

Castleisland Community College's 1st and 2nd year girls are South West Basketball Junior and Minor A Regional Winners. Both teams took part in the regional finals of the league in Athea last week. The South West A region covers schools in Kerry, Limerick and Galway. The second-year team have trained hard under coach Denny Porter and Manager Yvonne Rice to retain their title as regional winners having won the minor title last year. The team have remained unbeaten this year; beating Presentation Killarney in the semi-final and neighbours Presentation Castleisland in the regional final. The second-year team march onto the All Ireland Playoffs in April but not before a trip to Dublin for the U15A Cup quarter final in the coming days. The first-year team defeated Intermediate School Killorglin in the semi-final and faced their neighbours Presentation Castleisland in an exciting final winning by 12 points. 'The team will continue to train under Denny Porter for their U14A Cup semi-final against Loreto, Dalkey as well as the minor A tournament in UL arena in May,' stated Yvonne Rice.



1st and 2nd year basketball teams:

From left standing: Denny Porter (Coach), Jo McGrath (Acting Deputy Principal), Michaela Murphy, Molly O Regan, Katie Mangan, Danielle Sheahan, Chloe McElligott, Kate O'Neill, Rachel O'Donoghue, Katie Burke, Anna McCarthy, Chloe Clifford, Mairéad Corridon (Acting Principal), Yvonne Rice (Manager & Maths teacher).

Middle row from left sitting: Hannah O'Rahilly, Brid McCarthy, Abbie O'Donoghue, Holly O'Neill, Sinéad Galvin, Leah Kelly, Ella Flynn, Orlaith Murphy,

Front row kneeling from left: Rachel Prendergrast, Kayla Roche, Isabelle Walmsley, Róisín O'Donoghue, Julie McAuliffe, Jean McGuire, Nessa McAuliffe, Aoibh Brosnan.



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Brave Celebrities Plunge Into Icy Waters in aid of Palliative Care

The money is still rolling in following the hugely success Plunge for Palliative which was held in the Festival Zone at the Beech Road Car Park after the Parade.

Hundreds showed up to dunk local celebrities in to a freezing cold plunge pool to raise funds for the Kerry Hospice.

Among those who experienced the big chill were Mayor Maura Healy-Rae, Cllrs Niall O'Callaghan, John O'Donoghue, Martin Grady

and Niall Kelleher, GAA stars Louise Ni Mhuirheartaigh and Gavin White and several local business owners.

"We are absolutely blown away by the support we received on the day from everyone" organiser of the event, Grainne O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook.

Almost everyone has been touched by the fantastic work which is undertaken by the Palliative Care team at the Kerry Hospice and we are

delighted to be able to help in any way possible".

In a gesture of huge generosity, a bid of €500 was offered by a local man if Cllr. Niall Botty O'Callaghan took his shirt off for the plunge. The popular Cllr. accepted the challenge, adding much needed funds to this fantastic cause.

There is still time to donate at Who's 4 Shoes on High Street where a bucket will be in place until after this weekend.



Brendan Fuller swaps the mike for the pool.



Cllr. Niall Kelleher making a splash.



Mary Lyne from Killarney Celtic goes in.



Grainne O'Sullivan feeling the cold.



Organiser of the event, Grainne O'Sullivan, centre with Michelle Cronin and Ciara Brosnan.



Cllr. John O'Donoghue taking it all in his stride.



Cllr. Martin Grady pictured before the big drop.



Cllr. Niall Botty O'Callaghan goes topless for an extra €500 donation.



DJ Gavin waits his turn.



Festival Cllr. Niall Botty O'Callaghan waits with bated breath.



Principal Rosin Moore taking the plunge.



Mayor Maura Healy-Rae.



Garda Gillian O'Donoghue drops into the pool.



Louise Ni Mhuirheartaigh ready to plunge.



Gavin White prepares to be dunked.

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By Michael O' Mahony

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Your support is greatly appreciated 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 and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

RATHMORE ST PATRICK DAY PARADE would like to say thank you to everyone who helped out for For stewarding, refreshments, litter picking, to Martin Buckley for sound, Páidie Cronin for viewing stage and Diarmuid McCarthy for doing an amazing job as MC and to the amazing committee who organised such a brilliant day. To all the participants in the parade which couldn't have been held without you, All our politicians and Fr Pat and of course our amazing Grand Marshall Danielle who is an inspiration to us all... and to anyone who helped out in any way and St

Patrick himself who showed up himself And talk about amazing weather. Thanks to you all enjoy your week

Results of Rathmore St Patrick day parade

Frank Buckley Memorial cup winners: Mothers & others

Best vintage vehicle: Charles DINEEN

Best Commercial Float: O'Keeffe's

Best Organisation Group floats: Holy Family N.S

Best window Display: Ava & Kaylum Looney

Dressed Buggy /pram/ Gater: Jake Horgan

Best Agricultural Float: Rathmore panto

Best Dressed pet: Katie May Buckley

SHANE'S FRIEND'S OF THE LATE SHANE O' KEEFFE have come together to challenge themselves while raising money for Kerry Mental, health association. On May 17th Dan, Mikey, Tim, Clarke and Cathal are taking on individual challenges, either completing a half marathon or climbing Carrauntoohil. All Proceeds to Kerry Mental Association

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NOTES

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 1

Spa played Beaufort in Spa on Sunday 16th March. The full time score saw Spa walk away with their first win of the competition having scored 1-14 to Beaufort 0-11.

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EAST KERRY SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ

Congratulations to Grace O'Leary winner of the solo dance and also congratulations to Réidín Ní Laoithe who came 3rd in the solo music competition and to Spa LGFA set dancers who came 2nd and Spa Handball set dancers who came 3rd. Well done also to Spa GAA set dancers and

Marc Flynn in the solo music who represented the club well. Also best of luck to our quiz team who are in the county final on the 28th March

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

There was a great turn out again marching under our Spa GAA banner. Thanks once again to Pádraig Lynch for organising. Our Mascot also walked with our members. We are still waiting for a name for our Deer Mascot. All our younger members received a goodie bag at the end of the parade. Thanks to the wonderful Organising Killarney Parade Committee for a wonderful parade and fun filled weekend.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION: SPA GO GREEN FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY.!

This week has seen Spa GAA swap their traditional blue and gold colours to go green, all for the sake of climate change and the environment. In partnership with REC Ireland Park Road Killarney, solar energy specialist, they have just installed a 28.5 kW Solar PV system at their club grounds in Tullig.

The system comprising 60 PV panels, mounted on the south facing roof of their multi-purpose sports hall and supported by 10 kW battery storage represents a state of the art installation. It comes on foot of the club being one of the first GAA club recipients of Kerry County Council's Climate Action Grant Scheme, launched in 2024.

Speaking this week club Chairman Tadhg Hickey welcomed the

development "as a hugely positive initiative in terms of reducing our on-site carbon footprint, promoting renewable energy and reducing our dependency on oil and gas."

In a further signal of Spa's commitment to the green agenda the club have recently been shortlisted as the only GAA club in Kerry under the Shared Island Sports Club Electrical Vehicle charging scheme where funding is provided to install a network of publicly accessible chargers for communities through local sports clubs. Along with ramping up of public EV charging in local communities the scheme offers significant potential for clubs to generate income, and is another example of the positive contribution of sports clubs in their locality.



Pictured are members of Spa GAA with Stephen and staff members from Renewable Heating Killarney L-R Tadhg Hickey (Spa GAA Chairman), James Cahill, Michael Cronin, Stephen Murphy, Fakhar Abbas, Pa Murphy and Derry Brosnan



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

MULTI AREA STATION MASS

Multi Area Station Mass for Mastergeeha/Glounonea Area in the club house on Monday 24th March @ 7.30pm. Townlands include Knockancore, Toremore, Clydine, Glounnacopple, Lacca, and Reanlougha. Coolick School Area in school on Thursday 3rd April @ 7.30pm. Townlands include Coolbane, Dooneen, Dunrine, Dromadeesirt, Knocklebad, Coolnagarrihy, Knockeenlicka, Clooteens, Lisroe, Ardagh, Ballydunlea, Buddihans, Cockhill, and Gortnaton.

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

FLEADH CHEOIL CHIARRAÍ

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí will take place in Causeway this year from the 18th to the 25th May. Set, Ceili & Sean nòs dancing Sunday 18th May. Music, song, Scèalaiochta & Comhrà Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May. An inaugural Cuimsiù Competition, from Kerry CCÉ, for members with a disability or additional needs will also be held at this year's County Fleadh Cheoil. Entry forms for all competitions are available in The Rural Development Office. Entries to branch Secretary (Rural Development Office) no later than 12 Noon on Friday 21st March.

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí Programme: If any youth member of the branch wants to give a youth contribution for inclusion in the Fleadh programme in May, please contact the branch secretary Geraldine Pigott for details.

Kerry CCÉ: Kerry CCÉ will hold a church gate collection for Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd March. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

DRAUGHTS

Draughts competitions will be held shortly. If your son or daughter is interested in this event, please contact George on 087 918 8893 with their name, address and date of birth by March 20th. Teams are a panel of 7 (5 players & 2 substitutes) all boys, girls & mixed teams under 10, 12, 14 & 16. Participants must reside in Kilcummin parish.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

It was defeat for Kilcummin at home in the opening round of the Credit Union Kerry County Football League Div 1 on Sunday as Kerins O Rahilly's hit seven points in the final quarter to take the spoils. The visitors opened brightly with points from Jack Savage (f) and Conor Hayes but despite not having a lot of early possession, three quick fire points put the home side in front by the 12th minute with a Paudie Moynihan brace and an excellent effort by Paul O' Shea. A two pointer by Kevin O' Gorman kept the home side in control before the games crucial moment arrived in the 21st minute when Gearoid Savage was at the end of a brilliant Barry John Keane pass that saw the Strand Road man shoot the game's only goal.

Strand Road went to the break 1-6 to 0-7 in front. An opening point by Ben Hannifin on resumption added to a two-point effort by Jack Savage kept the home side at bay, who were not helped by a run of wides that took the wind out of their sails. Sean O'Leary and Paul O' Shea cut the deficit back to a goal by the midway stage of the second half (1-9 to 0-9) but a purple patch by Rahillys saw them shoot the next 4 unanswered as they powered to a 1-17 to 0-11 win.

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

Goals by Shane McSweeney, Dylan Cronin and Jack Fogarty paved the way for an opening day 3-14 to 0-6 win in the Credit Union Kerry County Football League Division 7B clash with Austin Stacks.

In a bright opening quarter Shane McSweeney's goal saw Kilcummin push into a 1-6 to 0-1 lead with Aaron Buckley adding 3 points from play. Austin Stacks while having plenty of possession failed to convert many of their opening chances as late scores by Mikie O Shea and Brendan Kealy (45) put Kilcummin into a 1-8 to 0-3 lead at the break. Despite conceding a two pointer to the visitors early in the second half, Kilcummin extended their lead with points from Mikie Shea, Shane McSweeney and Jack Fogarty. Brendan Kealy was needed for a goal line clearance before the TJ Healy gathered impressively in the full back line and began a move that ended with a Dylan Cronin goal. Cronin making his senior debut proving that

keepers can finish as well. As can defenders with Jack Fogarty getting a third goal moments later to secure a fine win.

SCOR NA BPAISTE

A massive congratulations to all involved in our clubs Scor section who on Sunday secured East Kerry overall club having won 4 titles and securing second place in another final in a packed out Fossa Hall with Fear an Tí Seamus Clifford presiding over proceedings.

Having won the Stage Presentation last season Kilcummin defended the title with Alibhe McCarthy, Nessa Brosnan, Saoirse Lucey, Anna Murphy, Rory Leane, Aibhinn O'Leary and Aodhan O'Halloran all putting on a very enjoyable presentation. There was also a first for our Set Dancing team with Ava O' Sullivan, Shane O' Sullivan, Aodhan O' Halloran, Ian Condon, Colm Fleming, Elena O' Riordan, Ella Lawlor, Faye O' Connor and Donncha O' Callaghan winning out. Colm Fleming picked up the win in the Solo Music category.

Our Instrumental Music group also won out with Michael O' Connor, Colm Fleming, Leah Brosnan, Aibhinn O' Connor and Catriona Blake. While Brynn McCarthy picked up second place in a very competitive Solo Singing section. We wish them all the best as they head to Ballybunion's Tintean Theatre on Sunday 30th for the County finals.

COISTE NA NÓG

The Club's youth academy will commence on April 6th. Many thanks to all the players who toggged off especially for the St Patrick's Day Parade in Killarney. It was great to see so many players and parents donned in the green and red.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please contact Donal by emailing pro.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie or Text/WhatsApp 087-7023681 before 8pm on Sundays.

MASTERGEEHA F.C

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 14th March 2025 of the Jackpot €5,400. Numbers drawn were 01, 05, 17, 20. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Alan, Sam, Alison, Tom & Max Breen; K. O'Donoghue, Kilcummin; Kathleen Lynch, Mount Prospect; Tommy Brosnan, Mastergeeha. The next draw will be on Friday 21st March for Jackpot of €5,600.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

U16 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulation to our U16 girls who were bronze medal winners, they played with great determination and attitude in an extremely competitive competition. Many thanks to Patricia for coaching the team and to all the parents for their support.

U11 MIXED BASKETBALL

U11 Mixed Basketball community Games County Finals were held in Duagh last Saturday.

Congratulations on their fourth place finish. Thanks to coaches Neil and Darragh and parents for time and support over the last few weeks.

APPRECIATION

Kilcummin Community Games Committee would like to thank Ms. Sheehan and Kilcummin National School for the use of the school gym which facilitated all our training sessions for our indoor soccer and basketball teams over the last few months. We greatly appreciate all the support, and children have greatly benefitted from their experience.



U11 mixed basketball team



Community Games Girls U16 Basketball team

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1: GLENFLESK 1-9 DR CROKES 1-22

Defending champion's Dr Crokes, helped by an outstanding performance from David Shaw, started their 2025 campaign with a deserved victory over Glenflesk, in a fast paced match, played in perfect conditions in Glenflesk last Sunday. From the outset, both sides were intent on moving the ball at pace. While Glenflesk's early attacks were scuppered by some poor handling and inaccurate passing, Crokes found their scoring touch down the other end. Tony Brosnan prominent early, with 2 frees, and a well struck 2 pointer, as his side took a 6 point's to no score lead after 18 minutes. Glenflesk's opening score came after 20 minutes, with full forward Dylan Roche finding the target with a fine effort from 30 metres out. Jeff O'Donoghue then pounced for a badly needed goal for the home side. With 3 defenders around him, he grabbed Callum Cronin's long delivery and found the bottom corner with a well struck shot. Points from Cronin and Roche followed soon after. Crokes though were using the new 2 point rule to their advantage and a booming effort from Brosnan, plus another long range effort from Shaw, left them with a lead of 1-04 to 0-12 at half time. The hectic nature of the game continued early into the second half. Killian O'Sullivan with 2 brilliant early points for Glenflesk. Crokes though replied with a classy score from Alex Hennigan and a goal from Mikey Casey, who was first to react, after a scramble around the goal. When Glenflesk did attack, they were still looking dangerous, with Jeff O'Donoghue adding 2 more points to his goal. They were struggling at midfield though, with Mark O'Shea and Charlie Keating a powerful combination for Crokes. With Casey and Hennigan linking well inside and Shaw's powerful runs causing Glenflesk bother, he was unlucky to see his blast at goal ricochet off the crossbar and out. He added 3 more seconds half points though, to see Crokes home to a comfortable victory. Crokes look the team to beat again in 2025. O'Shea and Brosnan looked in top form, while Shaw was superb at centre forward. Glenflesk must regroup before heading to play Beaufort away in round 2. With Cian Lynch and Daniel O'Brien impressive in defence today and Roche looking lively up front, they will still feel they can have

a successful campaign. Thanks to Michael Healy for the great report. In Division 6 the B team lost out to Furies on a scoreline of 3:16 to 3:10.

NUTRITION FOR ATHLETES

Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club presents Nutrition for Athletes. Guest Speakers Alan Devane fitness & Susan Bartlett Recipes for Success on Thursday 3rd April at 8pm venue Glenflesk GAA hall. Appropriate for secondary school students and older, as well as coaches, players and parents of every age group. All members of the community are very welcome. Please use the following link for pre-registration <https://shorturl.at/hOj90>. Parental consent is required for all participants under 18 or they must be accompanied by a parent on the night, in accordance with GAA & LGFA guidelines. Registration will also be available on the night.

COFFEE MORNING

Glenflesk LGFA are bringing the community together for a coffee morning this Saturday 22nd of March in The Kerry Way. All proceeds donated to the Lenihan Family to help rebuild their home. All are welcome! Your support would be greatly appreciated.

SCÓR NA BPAISTÍ

Well done to the Glenflesk musicians who participated in the Scór na bPáistí East Kerry final in Fossa last Sunday. Solo music: Laura O'Donovan. Music group: Laura O'Donovan, Gracie Mai Favier, Frankie Favier & Sean MacGillcuddy.

PILATES

Physio led pilates class suitable for all abilities. Beginner to intermediate. Glenflesk GAA Hall. Contact David 086 3410365.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership is now due and can be purchased on the Clubforce App. Membership can also be paid at O'Briens, Glenflesk and O'Donoghue's, Barraduff. Forms and envelopes in store.

NOTES

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

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

Senior men will play Laune Rangers on Sunday, 23rd March at 2.30pm in the Mid Kerry senior league final. Venue to be decided.

Senior Ladies will begin their playing season on Sunday, 23rd March away to Na Gaeil in Division 1, Donal Curtin cup.

RESULTS

Minor Ladies Co League, Group 3. Corca Dhuibhne 5.10 Beaufort 4.08

Senior men's Co League, Div. 6. Ballylongford 1.18 Beaufort 0.09

Senior men's Co League, Div. 1. Spa 1.14 Beaufort 0.11

LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €5,000 on Sunday, 16th March. Numbers: 20,23,25,28. Consolation Prizes €80

Michael Doyle, Carnahone, €50 Maria Breen McMahon, online, Ger. Doyle, Carnahone/U.S.A., Mikie Connor, The Gap The next draw for a jackpot of €5,200 will be on Sunday, 30th March. Thank you for supporting the lott

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You can enter our Sports Prediction quiz during the month of March. Predict the score of 24 sporting events of 2025.

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Syndicate entries also welcome.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €7,950. Winning Numbers 3,14,16,18. Not Won. €100 Timothy McCarthy, Australia (online). €50 Leah O'Donovan. €50 Mary O'Connor, Laharn. €35 Karen Taylor, 23 Faha Court. €25 Tim Fitzgerald, Dromkerry. Jackpot next week: €8,100. Next Draw: March 23rd

SENIOR

Best of luck to our senior team and management who play in the East Kerry Div 1 final next Sunday March 23rd v Rathmore in Fossa at 1.30 pm. We are asking all our loyal supporters to turn up and support.

EAST KERRY AWARDS

Congratulations to senior player Ronan Buckley who was named the East Kerry intermediate player of the year.



Pictured Michael O'Mahony, East Kerry Person of the Year award winner at Rathmore GAA Club Awards night on Sunday last March 16th at Killarney Racecourse with Shane Ryan, Kerry & Rathmore player & Paul Murphy, Kerry & Rathmore player

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Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Ronan Doody, David Kennelly and Noah Keogh participating in the Wizard of Oz.



Noah O'Sullivan, Jane Byrne as The Wicked Witch, Aibheann Moloney as Glinda Gold Witch, Déarbhlá Kiely as Aunt Em and George Nomikos as Uncle Henry in the Wizard of Oz.



Second class pupils Hugh Kavanagh, Troy Hewardine and James O'Connor in the Wizard of Oz.



Fifth and sixth class pupils as The Munchkins in the Wizard of Oz by the Fossa Primary School pupils in the Fossa Community Centre.



First class pupils in the Wizard of Oz.



Eve O'Halloran as Dorothy, Luke Nott as The Lion, Mark O'Connor as Scarecrow and Jennifer Lynch as Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz by the Fossa Primary School pupils in the Fossa.



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CAO March interim figures show a significant 8.5% increase in college applications

INTERIM
Interim figures from the CAO reveal that demand for 3rd level courses has considerably increased. The data covers the period up to 1st March 2025, the closing date for amending course choices. 83,424 applications were lodged with the CAO, up 6,525 (8.5%) on last year. 72,408 applied for Honours Bachelor Degrees (Level 8), an increase of 6,034 (9.1%). Applications for Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates (Levels 7/6) have increased to 30,019 up 2,148 (7.7%). CAO has received 2,248 applications from Kerry, up by 2% on last year's figure of 2,196.

RUSH
A major factor in the rush to college is the positive impact of the Technological Universities in the CAO system. The cost of college and the lack of accommodation for students living away from home is problematic. CAO applicants can now study in a university near home at considerably less cost. The final number of CAO applications in 2025 will increase further by late application closing date of 1st May.

MATURE
Applications from mature students (23 yrs. plus) have increased for the second consecutive year. There were 7,047 mature applicants, up by 944 (15.5%) on last year's figure of 6,103, which may indicate a slowdown in employment for this age cohort!

DARE
12,056 CAO applicants have registered for the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE), up by 1,800 on last year's figure. DARE is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers with an educational or medical disability.

HEAR
8,224 applied for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) route, a third level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are resident in the Republic of Ireland. Despite the current pressure on household incomes, that figure is 53 less than last year.

CHANGE
The interim data will change slightly when late

applications are taken into account and when the Change of Mind facility closes on 1st July at 5pm. The majority of CAO applicants may use the Change of Mind facility from the 6th May to add, remove or re-order course choices, which will result in changes to the March figures.

COMPETITION
High demand courses will be competitive this year although the reduction of 2% in the post-marking adjustment will help to reduce points requirements. Upwardly adjusted grades have elevated CAO course requirements to unsustainable points levels, during the past five years, putting pressure on courses where competition is always very keen.

BROAD
Most of the broad disciplines have seen a surge in first preference applications in the Honours Bachelor Degrees (Level 8) list. Engineering (22%), Health (19%), Manufacturing (19%), Law (19%), and Maths/Stats (14%) have all seen a double-digit increase. Other broad disciplines that have attracted more first preference applications include Social Sciences (9%), Education (7%), Business (6%) and Biological Sciences (6%). Broad disciplines which have experienced decline this year include Environmental Sciences (5%), Information & Communications Technology (5%) and General Arts (1%).

SPECIALIST
In the specialist groupings, Dentistry (41%), Physiotherapy (25%), Nursing (24%) and Veterinary Medicine (12%) have seen a surge in first preference applications in the Honours Bachelor Degrees (Level 8) list, no doubt due to the promise of extra places in 2025. Applications for Medicine and Pharmacy are up by 6% and 4%, respectively. The increase in first preference applications for Primary Education (9%) and Secondary Education (5%) is a very welcome development due to the severe shortage of teachers. Similar broad trends are evident across the applications for courses on the Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates (Level 7/6) courses.

TRENDS
The increase in CAO applications is substantial and is sending out a message. School leavers want to study at the highest level. CAO will continue to be the main focus for the vast

majority, who are keeping a very close eye on the jobs market and are aware that a good qualification is a passport to a successful career. As always, most applications have opted for the broad churches of general arts, business and health. With a reduction in post-marking adjustment this year, prospects for the 2025 Leaving Cert class look very promising. Except for a few very competitive quota-based courses, there will be a third level course on offer for the vast majority of CAO applicants. That's how it should be!

CHECKLIST

- Interim CAO figures show a noticeable 8.5% increase in applications
- 83,424 applications have been lodged with the CAO for 2025/2026 academic year
- 72,408 applied for Honours Bachelor Degrees (Level 8) courses
- 30,019 applied for Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates (Levels 7/6)
- 12,056 CAO applicants applied for Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)
- 8,224 applicants applied for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)
- Most of the broad disciplines have seen a surge in first preference applications
- Engineering (22%), Health (19%), Manufacturing (19%), Law (19%), and Maths/Stats (14%) have all seen a double-digit increase
- Applications for Environmental Sc (5%), ICT (5%) and Arts (1%) are down
- Dentistry (41%), Physio (25%), Nursing (24%) and Vet (12%) have surged
- The increase in applications for Primary (9%) and Secondary Ed. (5%) is very welcome
- Applicants are keeping a very close eye on the jobs market
- Prospects for the 2025 Leaving Cert class look very promising
- There will be a 3rd level course on offer for the vast majority of CAO applicants

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Colm Fleming Kilcummin 1st place Solo Music with East Kerry chairman Gary O Halloran Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.
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A smoothie made with spinach, a scoop of whey protein, and orange juice.

By carefully selecting your pre-workout foods and timing, you can boost your energy levels and enhance your workout performance.

Post-Workout Nutrition

Post-workout nutrition is just as crucial as pre-workout fuel. After exercise, your muscles need to recover, repair, and replenish glycogen stores that have been depleted during your workout. Consuming a balanced meal or snack within 30 minutes to two hours after your workout can contribute to faster recovery, reduce soreness, and promote muscle growth.

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Stage 1: Background retinopathy
Tiny bulges develop in the blood vessels. These may bleed slightly but do not usually affect your vision.

Stage 2: Pre-proliferative retinopathy
More severe and widespread changes affect the blood vessels. These include more significant bleeding into the eye.

Stage 3: Proliferative retinopathy
Scar tissue and new blood vessels, which are weak and bleed easily, develop on the retina. This can result in some loss of vision. If a problem with your eyes is picked up early, lifestyle changes and treatment can stop it getting worse.

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

- have had diabetes for a long time
- have a persistently high blood glucose (blood sugar) level
- have high blood pressure
- have high cholesterol

- develop a serious illness such as sepsis or pneumonia
- are pregnant
- are of Asian or Afro-Caribbean background

Reduce your risk of developing diabetic retinopathy or help stop it getting worse. Keep your blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol levels under control.


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

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

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Happy faces enjoying the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Killarney.
Photo: Dylan Clifford

Minister Norma Foley attends tourism event in House of Lords to celebrate St Patrick's Day 2025

Tourism Ireland co-sponsored a special reception in the House of Lords in London – as part of an extensive programme of St Patrick's Day 2025 promotional activity in Great Britain and elsewhere around the world. The event, celebrating British-Irish relations, was attended by members of the House of Commons and House of Lords, as well as leaders of the Irish community living in London and influential British travel trade and media contacts.

St Patrick's Day offers a unique opportunity for tourism to the island of Ireland. Earlier this week, Tourism Ireland unveiled its extensive programme of St Patrick's Week promotions, with this time of year both attracting visitors to the island and important for teeing up bookings for the season ahead through the heightened profile created.



Deirdre Fraser; Ciaran O'Brien, Champ; Norma Foley TD, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; HE Martin Fraser, Ambassador of Ireland to the United Kingdom; Fleur Anderson MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office; and Siobhan McManamy, Tourism Ireland, at a St Patrick's reception in the House of Lords in London co-sponsored by Tourism Ireland.

Minister Foley completes her St Patrick's Day visit to London

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has completed a five-day visit to London as part of the Government's series of St. Patrick's Day visits.

During her visit, she had a series of engagements with the Irish community in London as well as meetings with senior British politicians.

She marched in the St Patrick's Day parade in London alongside the Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan and the two Grand Marshalls – Irish Olympic gold-medal winning boxer Katie Harrington and Irish Paralympic gold-medal winning cyclist Katie-George Dunlevy.

Minister Foley said: "This visit has all been about promoting and nurturing the ties of friendship that exist between Ireland and Britain. We are living in a very unpredictable world and we need to hold on to everything that keeps us sure-footed. Friendship keeps us sure footed in a time of change."

Trade between Ireland and Britain is worth over €100 billion annually. The relationship between the two governments is being strengthened even further with the establishment of an annual Ireland-UK summit, the first of which took place recently in Liverpool.

Minister Foley spoke at the annual CHAMP St. Patrick's Day reception in Westminster. This is the annual gathering of the not-for-profit organization, named after one of Northern Ireland's favourite culinary dishes, which promotes peace and prosperity in Northern Ireland, and throughout Ireland and Britain.

She had a meeting with Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, whose grandfather is from Galway.

"We discussed shared challenges in both of our countries including providing more early years and childcare places, reducing childcare costs for parents and many other issues," she said.

Minister Foley visited to the London Irish



Centre in Camden to hear about their work with the Irish community. She met members of the London Irish community in the centre's popular café, as well as staff of the centre's Survivors Integrated Service, who support survivors of institutional abuse in Ireland that now reside in London. She was also briefed about their exciting plan to redevelop the London Irish Centre which is being supported by the Irish government.

Minister Foley visited the Irish Cultural Centre in Hammersmith, where she was shown an Irish bible dating from 1830, which was written completely "as Gaeilge."

She attended a reception to celebrate the life of renowned Irish novelist Edna O'Brien who passed away in London in July 2024. She met the Kerry Association in London and many other members of the Irish and British communities. This included SDLP leader Claire Hanna, Ulster Unionist Party MP Robin Swann, Labour Party MP Liam Conlon, Baroness Arlene Foster, broadcaster Ryan Tubridy and actor Jeremy Irons.



Minister Foley attended the St Patrick's Day ball in the Intercontinental Hotel, a key event for the London-Irish community.

Minister Foley concluded her visit by marching along the St. Patrick's Day Parade route in London and addressing the Irish Festival at Trafalgar Square, which featured family concerts and performances by youth groups, community choirs, dance troupes and more.



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8.30 PM
9.00 PM
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Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen
The Village Inn, Kilcummin
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
Larkin's Bar, Milltown
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
Spillane's Headford
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10:00 PM
10:30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
The Lake House Tuosist

Last Monday

8:00 PM
8:30 PM
9:00 PM
10:00 PM

Farranfore Area

Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
John Hendersons, Fries

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
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9.45 PM

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL NOTICES OF MOTION

At the recent Kerry County Council Meeting, Cllr. John O'Donoghue raised the following issues:

PARKING AT LOUGHQUITTANE NS

As was mooted some years previously, that we would write to Coillte, and now also perhaps the Minister with responsibility for Forestry to explore the possibility of acquiring a little ground for increased parking opposite Loughquittane NS.
I'll declare at the outset that this is the school where I work. We were very thankful for the arrival of a new classroom recently which is testament to the growing numbers in the area. However, one downside is that we have lost some playing area. We are hopeful that were we to acquire a little ground directly across from the school to facilitate staff parking as this would free up playing area within our boundary. As the Minister with responsibility for Forestry is now from Kerry, I feel now would be a good time to explore the option further.

CALL FOR WALL PLAQUE AT KILLARNEY RAILWAY STATION

In light of the fact that he is now an Academy Award winner, and that he now has very close ties to the County, that we as a Council would liaise with Iarnród Éireann/CIE to explore the option of erecting a wall plaque and information board at Killarney Train Station highlighting the fact that Cillian Murphy filmed the iconic train station scene from the movie 'The Wind That Shakes The Barley' at the station. The movie The Wind That Shakes The Barley, which was shot in 2006 and won the Palme D'Or, which deals with the War Of Independence, was shot in various locations around the South West of the country, mainly in Cork, but one of the most iconic scenes of the movie was shot at Killarney Train Station. Given that Cillian Murphy is widely recognised as a master of his craft, and

is now an Oscar and Golden Globe winner, I feel there may be an opportunity for us to highlight his involvement in the movie and the fact that Killarney was used as a location. I feel a plaque should be erected at the station detailing its historic links with the movie, as well as perhaps information boards on the train station waiting room. Cillian Murphy now has even stronger links to our county given his recent purchase of the cinema in Dingle, and maybe he could be invited to any unveiling.

ROAD SURFACES NEED MAINTENANCE

That the road surfaces at all roundabouts within the MD, but particularly at Lissivigeen would be examined and any required maintenance work be carried out.
I appreciate that road surfaces at roundabouts are probably tricky to maintain given their busy nature, but the road surface at many of these, but particularly at the Lissivigeen roundabout and also maybe at Cleeney roundabout, have now fallen into a state of disrepair and they need urgent, minor works done as quickly as possible.

SUMMER TRAFFIC

That the Council would detail any plans they have which will be in place by summer 2025 to help alleviate the terrible traffic congestion we have begun to experience all too regularly.
I don't need to elaborate on traffic congestion within the town, particularly during the tourist season, and it is now one of the major topics for locals within our MD. I appreciate that various replies will be given regarding various road projects such as the new N22 bypass etc, but the reality is that these are some years away yet and will do nothing for traffic congestion in 2025, and I probably not 2026 either. I appreciate that the solutions are not easy, and will require major thinking, but they are not impossible. I have previously raised on 2 separate occasions

about the possibility of implementing a city bike scheme where people could park on the outskirts of the town, rent one of these bikes for a euro or two, and deposit it within the town or back at their starting point again. I know we cannot displace existing bicycle providers, but have any of them expressed an interest in implementing such a scheme? If not then we need to look at it ourselves. Also, any further update on park & ride facilities for the summer months.

CALL FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN WOODLAWN

To again request a pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Killarney Athletic FC on the Woodlawn/Ballycasheen road. If the reply is the same as it was previously, that there is not sufficient footfall, to ask the Council what level of footfall is required for a pedestrian crossing as the club currently has almost 800 playing members, the vast majority of whom are juvenile and must get dropped to the field in cars which seems contrary to current Active Travel aspirations.
I am delighted to see that Killarney Athletic soccer club are doing so well and with numbers booming at underage level, that does bring its own problems around accessibility. As the Woodlawn road is so busy, it is not currently safe for children to walk to the club. I have raised the issue previously of parents I know who live a couple of minutes walk from the club, but they cannot allow them their children to walk to the ground as the road is not safe to cross. I was told at the time that there was not the necessary footfall to require a pedestrian crossing, but I hope that my membership figures now render that argument obsolete. This is contrary to Active Travel aspirations and I feel that we as an LA should be doing all we can to facilitate children walking and cycling. The club is very willing to engage with and work with the Council on this matter and I hope that we will see progress before long.

FUNDING FOR STORM DAMAGED FARM BUILDINGS


The Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and the Marine has confirmed to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill that funding will be made available for farm buildings, damaged by storm Éowyn recently, through the Targeted Agriculture Modernisation Scheme.
"Minister Martin Heydon has informed me that funding is been made available under the TAMS scheme in respect of damage caused by storm Éowyn, said Deputy Cahill.
"I raised this important matter with the Minister in the Dáil on the 12th of February and the Minister stated at the time that more will be known when all buildings have been assessed and the degree of damage is known. It is now open to farmers to apply to the scheme" stated the Rossbeigh based TD.
"I wish to thank the Minister for introducing this scheme as I have been contacted by a number of farmers across the county who were hit hard as a result of damage caused during the storm. This new scheme will be a major help to all those affected by the storm" said the Kerry TD.
"The scheme will be open for a 3 week period from the 7th of March to the 28th of March" added Deputy Cahill.

Shannon LNG permission is a victory for common sense - MEP Kelleher

"This is simply a victory for common sense over ideological dogma," says Fianna Fáil MEP for Ireland South, Billy Kelleher following the awarding of planning permission for a new power plant operated by Shannon LNG.
Kelleher went on to say:
"Last year the High Court overruled the planning rejection and requested that An Bord Pleanála revisit the application. Shannon LNG sought permission for a power plant, battery-energy storage system and a regasification unit on a 630-acre site between Tarbert and Ballylongford.
"Today's decision is an important milestone in ensuring Irish energy security into the future.
"Too much time has been wasted over the last 16 years to get to this point. If planning permission had been granted at the start; the facility would have been operational over a year ago.

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MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

SHANDON HOR

It is hard to believe but this weekend will mark the end of the club's winter training season as we get ready for the club's final flatwater time trial event before regatta season kicks off in April. This Saturday, the club will be represented by 15 crews at the Shandon Head Of the River, which was rescheduled from its original January fixture due to bad weather. The 4.3km time trial is a 'big boat' event for Eights, Fours and Quadruple sculls, running from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Best of luck to all!

NATIONAL TRIALS

Well done to all our members who took part in last weekend's national water trials at the National Rowing Centre in Farran. The club was very well represented across the two days of trials and we would like to commend the hard work and commitment of the rowers and coaches involved.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the club members who supported the Killarney Regatta Club entry into this year's St. Patrick's Day parade. Great to see the club colours of Killarney rowing represented in this year's parade, celebrating 'echoes of Killarney's present'. Our thanks also to the Killarney Regatta committee members for their organisation and to Valerie O'Sullivan for her support in preparing the club banners.

UPCOMING

Shandon HOR (rescheduled), Sat March 22nd, Cork Marina; Kilmacimon Coastal Scull HOR, Sat April 5th, Kilmacsimon; Skibbereen Grand League Regatta, Sat-Sun 12-13th; NRC, Farran.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out and took part in this year's Killarney St. Patrick's day parade. It was wonderful to see our club so well represented flying the red and black through the town. A fantastic turnout and a great day for the club.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Raphael, Senan and all the Murphy family on the passing of Raphael's brother Fergus. May he rest in peace.



Members of Fossa Rowing Club taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Killarney

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 13TH MARCH

N/S

1st: Anne Looney & Mary Murray

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1st: Eileen Crehan & Maire O'Sullivan

2nd: Joan Lenihan & Marie Moloney

Congratulations and well done.

BRIDGE CONTINUES every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.

CONDOLENCES

The club would like to express our condolences to our President Pauline on the recent death of her beloved sister, Margaret. RIP

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB

U16 BOYS KERRY LEAGUE

Kenmare Kestrels 40 Killarney Cougars 79

The Cougars travelled to Kenmare and produced a dominant display to secure the points and continue their winning run in the League. Good performances on this occasion from Adam Galvin, James Rooney, Hugh O'Sullivan, Dara O'Sullivan and Luke Foley.

FIXTURES

U18 Kerry Plate Finals

U18 Womens, Saturday March 22nd, Bobcats v Killarney Cougars

U18 Mens

Sunday March 23rd, Bobcats v Killarney

SENIOR NEWS

Basketball Ireland Dominos National League Div 1

Limerick Celtics 134 Killarney Cougars 62

Top Scorers

Cougars: Joshua Strongman 21, Iyan Hristov 18, Dylan Bowler 9.

Celtics: Finn Hughes 28, Abdul Wurie 24, Sean Ryan 18, Cian Gleeson 16, Ayron Williams 15

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club competed at the 3 Day Aspiring Champions Gala in UL over the long weekend.

The club had 29 swimmers compete, and the meet was a huge success. Many swimmers obtained PBs. Evan O'Donoghue took home 5 medals: 1st 50 Fly, 2nd 100 Breast, 2nd 200 Breast, 3rd 200IM, 3rd 50 Free. Ella Cremin came 3rd in the 200 Breast. This was a long course competition (50M pool) and the following swimmers qualified to swim at Summer Nationals in July from their swims at the weekend: Cathal Mackey, Ella Cremin, Sarah Quirke and Evan O'Donoghue. Training continues for the upcoming Future Challenger Gala in UL in April.



Group photo of Killarney Swimming Club at UL accompanied by their Coach Cathal Coffey.



Pictured Evan O'Donoghue 1st 50 Fly, 2nd 100 Breast, 2nd 200 Breast, 3rd 200IM, 3rd 50 Free and has qualified for Summer Nationals.



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Killarney Triathlon Club who took part in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Killarney with the theme Shop Local

Juniors Taking the Spotlight at Gleneagle Squash Club

By Ray O'Callaghan

Club juniors are continuing in their rise through the ranks as four juniors played in the February Semi-Finals, with two of this skilful bunch reaching the February Final sponsored by Keith Cronin of Torc Engineering, also one of our Junior Coaches. Junior Klara Truchan was first up against newcomer Ferghal Dunne with Ferghal taking the first match for Team Tim O'Leary against Team Mike P. O'Donoghue.

Stephen Moore and Kevin Keane, two great club players ebbed and flowed, at 2 games all Stephen was looking like the winner but Kevin had other ideas and won out to bring Team Mike P to 1-1 with Team Tim. Next on were team captains Tim O'Leary and Mike P O'Donoghue, with each game close but Tim the victor at 3-0. Pressure was on Team Mike P who needed a good showing from his vice Captain Ruairi Counihan who was up next against Oskar Przyborski. Oskar went to game point in the first game but the determination from Ruairi brought the first game score 14-12 to Ruairi who then got confidence from the comeback and won out 3-0 for team Mike P.

All square, with two each, and the final match of the night proved to be the decider. Closing out the night was Junior Noah Counihan against club stalwart Eamonn Bowler. What a contest, with young Noah battling hard in the first game, but Eamonn kept the rallies going and saw out an early 1 nil lead. Noah was determined to make a game of it and got his bearings to make it 1 a piece. The third game was tit for tat with some great squash on show, but Eamonn's experience got him a 2 1 lead. Noah went ahead in the third but Eamonn did not want a five steer and turned the leg around to win 3 1 to take it for Team Mike P.

The club are thrilled that for this many juniors to make the semis and the finals shows the club will have a great future. Well done to Áine, Éabha, Klara and Noah, and thanks to Torc Engineering for their generous sponsorship once again. Next month is the annual Maurice O'Donoghue Cup, a knockout competition, and kindly sponsored By Tim O'Leary of BSPM Energy. The squash club is always open to new members - do make sure to get involved as it's great exercise, social and always good fun.



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club monthly competition sponsored by Torc Precision Engineering were seated from left, Klara Truchan, Ferghal Dunne, Ray O'Callaghan presenting first prize to winning team captain Mike P O'Donoghue, Eamonn Bowler, Stephen Moore and Darragh Flanagan. In second row from left are Ruairi Counihan, Noreen Tobin, Bernice Enright, Maree Molan, Connie Doyle, Noah Counihan and Mary O'Callaghan. Back from left are Brendan Counihan, Oskar Przyborski, Donnagh Crowley, Maciej and Ignacy Truchan, Tim O'Leary, Mike Crowley and Domagoj Rac. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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Aoibhinn Creedon Rathmore, winner of the recitation with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.



Set Dance winners Kilcummin with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.

East Kerry Scór na bPáistí Photos: Seamus Healy

Nearly forty different performances made for a terrific day's entertainment at the East Kerry Scór na bPáistí in Fossa Community Centre last Sunday. The standard of talent on show was extremely high and the participating children did themselves, their parents and clubs proud. Irish traditional music, song and dance is safe in the hands of this young generation. Fear an 'Ti, Seamus Clifford, did a great job in introducing the young performers and keeping the event moving to schedule.

The overall club winner was Kilcummin, who won the Stage Presentation, Set Dance, Solo Music and Instrumental Group. In second place was Dr. Crokes, who won the Solo Song and Figure Dance categories. Next was Listry, who won the Ballad Group, Rathmore, who won the Recitation and Spa who won the Solo Dance.



Stage Presentation winners Kilcummin with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.



Instrumental Group winners Kilcummin with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.



Grace O'Leary Spa 1st place in Solo dance with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.

Allie Casey, Dr. Crokes winner of the Solo singing with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.



Figure dancing winners Dr. Crokes with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.



Maria O'Leary Kilcummin Scor Officer receives the best overall club award from Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Seamus Clifford M.C., and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.



Maria Blennerhassett, Olivia Lyttle, Dave Buckley and Adam Blennerhassett Listry, were the Ballad Group winners with East Kerry chairman Gary O'Halloran, Mairead Brosnan, Killarney Credit Union and East Kerry Scor Officer Matt O'Neill.



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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.

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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 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.



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 €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 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 €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.



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.

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Mens Basketball League
Saturday March 15th
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre

Scotts Lakers 97 Limerick Sport Eagles 85

Report by Enda Walshe

With their playoff spot secured and a trip to Ulster University in the quarter finals confirmed there was never going to be a case of going through the motions for Scotts Lakers. Coach Manuel Suarez was always going to be keen to improve his side whilst looking at different ways of getting the most out of his team. With a home game against Limerick Sport Eagles on Saturday night, prior to an away trip to Tipp Talon on Sunday the focus would have been on ending the season with a win in front of their loyal supporters.

And they did so thanks to two superb displays from Mikah Blackwell and Darnell Snyers. Blackwell was close to his best, hitting 34 points, although he may point to some profligacy from the charity stripe denying him a fatter total. Meanwhile Snyers lived up to his "Downtown" handle, netting seven from beyond the arc in a 27 point showing. Jack O Sullivan continued his recent good form while Captain Rui Saravia led by example. With that trip to Tipp in mind Coach Manuel Suarez rotated his line up frequently and that meant the whole squad had decent court time.

The visitors started brightly with Irish underage International Darragh Horkan hitting an early three. Their talismanic figure Alexander Carlisle also had his feet into the stirrups and with Obinna Josephs effective inside they soon led 8-4. Blackwell was the Lakers sole scoregetter but he was soon joined by Rui Saravia who hit a smooth three. Josephs was a handful inside and Carlisle outside but Darnell Snyers landing the first of his threes, Blackwell and Saravia kept the Lakers in touch. Mark Sheehan gave the Lakers the lead for the first time, a lead enhanced by Abdul Oladipupo to 21-18 at the end of the first.

Carlisle closed the gap to one early doors but Snyers was starting to heat up from outside. Efforts on either side of Eoin Carroll baskets pushed the lead out to 32-22 with Ignacio Folgueiras getting in on the Eagles act. Snyers landed one from close range before he stepped out again to widen the gap. Darragh O Callaghan was introduced as the Lakers looked to combat the towering Ronan Cregan with Oisin Spring also lending to the defensive effort and Blackwell was now taking the ball to the rim to great effect. Further scores from Oladipupo, Mark Sheehan and the O Sullivans, Jamie and Jack had the Lakers 50-40 ahead at half time. Horkan was lending great support to Carlisle with his outside shooting with Folgueiras struggling against the hosts defence.

The Lakers started the third quarter like they meant business with Blackwell netting from the off. But the double act of Carlisle and Horkan soon saw the Eagles take flight and that duo succeeded in whittling the lead down to four,

55-51. But up stepped Snyers once again with his hot hand and in tandem with Blackwell they ensured the Lakers lead was maintained at ten, 69-59. Folgueiras got some more joy outside to help his side and prop up Carlisle and Horkan. The fourth quarter was a steering job for the Lakers and one in which Jack O Sullivan certainly enjoyed. He hit five points inside the first minute and that gave his side a comfortable cushion to drive on with. Blackwell and Saravia both hit free throws before O Sullivan delivered again. That duo again, Carlisle and Horkan, did not give up but they could do little to deny Blackwell a huge dunk, courtesy of a sublime Saravia pass. The game was in safe hands now and with a second game in 24 hours the likes of Carroll and Oladipupo remained on the bench. Blackwell, Snyers, Saravia and Mark Sheehan would add to their total, Adam Whitty would make his National League debut and help the Lakers finish their home programme on a winning note.

Mikah Blackwell was the games top scorer on 34, closely followed by Darnell Snyers on 27, Jack O Sullivan shot 11, Rui Saravia 8, Mark Sheehan 6, Eoin Carroll 5, Abdul Oladipupo 4, Jamie O Sullivan 2, Oisin Spring, Adam Whitty, Darragh O Callaghan.

Alexander Carlisle had 28, Darragh Horkan a very impressive 27, Ronan Cregan 8, Ignacio Folgueiras and Obinna Josephs 7 each.

Mens Basketball League
Sunday March 16th
Scoil Ruain, Killenaule, Tipperary

Scotts Lakers 88 Tipp Talons 75

Report by Enda Walshe

Scotts Lakers will be content that they have generated good momentum heading into their League quarter final showdown against Ulster University. They followed up their Saturday night success over Limerick Sport Eagles with a win over Tipp Talons in Killenaule on Sunday. They led from start to finish and Eoin Carroll certainly benefited from his tapered role against the Eagles with a 27 point showing in the Premier County. Mark Sheehan also looked sharp after a busy weekend in a game that the Lakers always seemed to have in hand.

Mikah Blackwell picked up from where he left off the previous night with the opening two baskets which were neutralised by Adam Parker and Justin Wickham for the Talons. But Darnell Snyers and Abdul Oladipupo were crisp in their offensive play and when Blackwell hit a three the Lakers were now 16-7 clear. Carroll was starting to enjoy himself in the paint with two swift baskets which was then followed by another Snyers effort from downtown. Joshua Reynolds who had a quiet quarter and Miles O Donnell added to their sides total but found the Lakers offence too hot, and trailed 29-17.

Eoin Carroll made a bright opening to the second quarter as Blackwell turned creator and the Lakers soon had a 36-20 advantage. Despite a big three from Mark Sheehan the Talons started to enjoy their most productive spell of the game, thanks to the dominance of the imposing Justin Wickham. He helped to whittle the lead down to seven, 41-34 but Sheehan, Blackwell, Carroll and Oladipupo put the boot down again and stretched the gap out to 48-36 at the change of ends.

The third quarter began with another Sheehan three and with Oisin Spring on court the defensive energy was high. Jack O Sullivan was prominent also as the Talons thanks to O Donnell and Wickham pushed to close the gap. But Carroll and Blackwell were aggressive going to the ring, drawing fouls and benefitting from the charity stripe. Reynolds and Wickham were hellbent on reducing the deficit but O Sullivan. Blackwell and Carroll made sure it was still nine, 66-57.

The early exchanges in the fourth quarter were nip and tuck with Carroll, Sheehan and Oladipupo efforts equalling those of Reynolds, O Donnell and Matthew McHale. But the Lakers again put their foot on the accelerator with Carroll weaving his spell and Snyers knocking it down from distance. With the clock ticking down the game got a bit loose but there was still time for a Blackwell three and an Oladipupo dunk. Reynolds, Niall Walsh and Wickham got the Talons final points of the season and left the scoreline at 88-75 in the Lakers favour. Without the work tied trio of Rui Saravia, Jamie O Sullivan and Darragh O Callaghan it was a great workout for the depleted squad that travelled. Eoin Carroll led the scoring with 27, Mikah Blackwell shot 21, Mark Sheehan hit 13, Abdul Oladipupo 10, Darnell Snyers 9, Jack O Sullivan 8, Oisin Spring.



Scotts Lakers Coach Manuel Suarez with some fellow Spaniards after watching his side win against Limerick Sport Eagles on Saturday night

For the Talons Justin Wickham was best with 21, Joshua Reynolds had 18, Miles O'Donnell 16 and Adam Parker 8.

Captain Rui Saravia feels that the trials and tribulations of the season will stand to his side in that clash with Ulster University next weekend. "It hasn't been the easiest of seasons with the up and down nature of it but that has built a lot of character in the team and we feel we are more than ready for the playoffs. Darnell, Mikah and Abdul are great additions to the team because they fight for the ball and they go hard for the rebounds, they are aggressive on every play and as captain I couldn't ask for better teammates. Ulster University will be tough but we are more than ready and I think we can surprise plenty next weekend.

Dominos Mens Basketball League Play Off Quarter Final, Saturday March 22nd 5.30pm, Jordanstown Sports Village, Ulster University vs Scotts Lakers

WOMEN'S SUPERLEAGUE BASKETBALL

Saturday March 15th
Presentation Gym Killarney

**Utility Trust St Pauls 64
Fr Matthews 59**

Report by Enda Walshe

The Presentation Gym has laid witness to many a battle in its gloried past but it would be to beat this game with all it had riding on it. Both Utility Trust St Pauls and Fr Matthews knew that defeat would be a season ender while the victor would march onto the playoffs. With that sole ingredient in the pot it helped to serve a game full of great scores, intense defence and oodles of passion and honesty.

This was a real tug of war and it took James Fleming's side until the third quarter to finally get on top of their Cork opponents. The Leesiders, inspired by the O'Dwyer sisters, Niamh and Grainne, put in a serious shift, defending with a huge physicality and it made for a fascinating watch. Shannon Brady, brought to Ireland by Fleming when he coached Fr Matthews, and Kyra White also combined for 32 points and 12 rebounds but in the final analysis it was probably the all round team effort that carried the day for St Pauls.

Alex Wittinger, who finished the game with 26 points, certainly relished the battle. "It was a tough physical game and it was great to grind it out and come out on top. It was good to win a game like that and winning five games towards the end of the season gives us good momentum. If we stay consistent and play the

best we can play, I think we can beat anyone. All that being said, Waterford are a good side."

The opening quarter was the preserve of Fr Matthews as Niamh Dwyer, Shannon Brady and Kyra White made impressive starts. That was despite Gracen Kerr, Lorraine Scanlon and Wittinger helping their side into an early 7-2 lead. Some accurate outside shooting helped the Cork side into a 14-9 advantage. Not even the introduction of Leah McMahon, Lynn Jones and Rheanne O'Shea deterred Aisling McCann from nailing two outside shots and with Brady finishing well inside they opened up a 24-16 first quarter gap. But perhaps towards the end of that period Wittinger was definitely starting to find her rhythm.

Denise Dunlea and Siofra O'Shea were now on court and they succeeded in upping the ante for St Pauls, especially on defence. It coincided with a 10-2 scoring run with Kerr, Dunlea and Wittinger drawing the game level at 26 each. That was the cue for Fr Matthews to turn up their defensive heat and with the Dwyer sisters finding their range they now seemed to have the initiative. But back came the hosts with Wittinger hitting her stock shot and McMahon netting from the free throw line. The loudest cheer of the half came though when Mathilde Diop hit a big three to put her side 32-30 clear but Grainne Dwyer squared it up before the halftime buzzer.

The opening moments of the second half were a mirror image with Scanlon replying to White's baskets and then Dunlea responding to a White three with one of her own. Fr Matthews then made their move with White effective and Brady going about her business quietly. Concerned by what was unfolding Fleming called a timeout and whatever was said certainly worked. There was a serious shift of the pendulum prompted by a Rheanne O'Shea basket. Wittinger went 100% from the free throw line before sliding in along the baseline to net. Brady responded but Diop again hit from downtown and that meant St Pauls had their noses in front by the minimum, 46-45, turning for home.

Sensing the end of the season was nigh for both sides the atmosphere and intensity went through the roof. Wittinger again struck but if one segment was going to sum up the game it was Leah McMahon's defence on the next Matthews attack. She succeeded in turning the ball over and it eventually ended up in points for Kerr. Kerr came out of a time out to hit a three and St Pauls were now 52-47 to the good. Wittinger was performing heroics on both sides of the court and Dunlea forced another Fr Matthews time out when she made it a nine point game. But in typical rebel spirit Grainne Dwyer and Brady tightened up the game, Pauls now leading by just two, 58-56. But crucially the Cork side were now in team foul trouble with Brady subsequently fouled out. The St Paul's defence was now like hell's kitchen and with Fr Matthews drying up they resorted to fouling in an attempt to prolong the game. But it only succeeded in adding to St Pauls total



Coach James Fleming with the great Stephen Brosnan

with Kerr and Wittinger profiting. McCann hit another three but their race was run and St Pauls marched onto the playoffs courtesy of a 64-59 win.

Captain Denise Dunlea is looking to push on now. "We're delighted that in our first year we are in the playoffs. We came together as a team around Christmas and set our goals. Alex's arrival was a big boost too, she's helped us with our attitude and she's a huge influence off court as well. Waterford will be tough but we'll be looking to learn from our recent games against them. They are a good defensive team but we'll work on things this week and give a good account of ourselves."

Alex Wittinger was game MVP with 26 points, Gracen Kerr had 16, Mathilde Diop 8, Denise Dunlea 7, Lorraine Scanlon 4, Rheanne O'Shea 2, Leah McMahon 1, Lynn Jones, Queralt Almasque.

Shannon Brady was Fr Matthews best with 18, Kyra White shot 14, Grainne Dwyer 11, Aisling McCann 9, Niamh Dwyer 7.

And so it is onto Waterford for the League quarter finals. The two sides only met as recently as March 8th where a strong second half showing from the Wildcats sealed a 65-50 win. They also met in mid December back in Killarney where once again a storming finale from the Southeasterners carried the spoils. There can be little doubt that St Pauls will go into the game as underdogs but in both games they had long moments of ascendancy and if they can produce that consistently they can certainly upset the apple cart. The Wildcats are powered by the Hickey sisters, Sarah and Katie and their American duo Chelsea Cain and Aisha McCalla. McCalla was particularly effective in their most recent meeting but with a strong supporting cast of Helena Rohan and Orla Dullaghan it will take a concerted team effort to carry the day.

Dominos Womens Superleague Play Off Quarter Final, Saturday March 22nd 5pm, Mercy College Gym, Waterford, SETU Waterford Wildcats vs Utility Trust St Pauls

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TEAMS

The club held a 3 club u9 blitz on saturday last with Ballyhar Dynamos along with Castlemaine Utd & MEK FC displaying the skills of the game in perfect weather conditions.

The u11s also had action on sunday. Thanks to the clubs & Coaches for facilitating these events. The u13 girls travelled to Fenit on Saturday last in Division 1 where they got the better of league leaders Fenit Samphires with a 0-4 win. A second half hat trick from Niamh o Sullivan & one goal by Mollie o'Connor secured the win. All the squad impressed with Ella Mitchell, Emily o Callaghan, Anna Fitzgerald, Katie o Connor, Roisin Mannix & Erica McCarthy impressing on the day.

The u14 boys travelled to Mastergeeha FC in Division 1 league action where in a closely fought encounter the home team came out on top on a 1-0 win. Ballyhar battled to the end but were unable to secure the draw with Adam Quirke, Daithi Allen, Eoin Cremin, Aaron Looney, Daragh o Sullivan & Killian o Sullivan giving it their all.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the McCarron family, Furies on their recent family bereavement. May James rest in peace.

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ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

Thank you to everyone that took part in the St Patricks Day Parade

U16 PREMIER RESULT

Mastergeeha 2 - 2 Killarney Athletic

Leo Allen x 2

Our U16's made the short trip to Mastergeeha on Sunday and left sharing the spoils. Our boys started well and got our passing game going and we rewarded with a great goal half way

through the half when Leo slotted home a super Jayden pass. HT: 0-1. We extended our lead in the second half when Leo again slotted home a Donnacha through ball. We then had a red card and having being reduced to 10, the home side increased the pressure and one free kick saw out defender deflect a header to our own goal. Our boys dealt with the pressure pretty well and Gerry pulled off two fine saves. However 3 mins into injury time Mastergeeha got a corner and they scrambled home the equaliser. FT : 2-2. Next up is a home game against Celtic on Wednesday evening

Killarney Athletic U12 B 3 Tralee Dynamos U12 A 1

Jacob Slowakiewiz x 3

The under 12 boys welcomed Tralee Dynamos A to Ferndale on a stunning morning, In an even first 10 minutes both sides looked for openings, Athletic's first goal came from Jacob Slowakiewiz after William Sjogren who won the ball back from Dynamos goal kick and passed beautifully to Jacob who finished it brilliantly!

The second goal came with quick succession Jacob again getting on the the end of a kick out he rounded the keeper and finished from a tight angle. Dynamos then got one back and came into it a bit more, but Jacob again got his hat trick to make it 3-1, the rest of the game was a even contest with Athletic having the better chances.

This was the last league game of the season for the boys and their 7th win the hard work and effort they have put in has really shone today! It's puts them in great stead to have a good run in the cup.

We like to thank Tralee Dynamos for a very sporting game and the ref for doing a fantastic job.

U13 GIRLS PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 1 - 0 Killorglin

Erica Maloney x 1

Our U13 girls welcomed Killorglin to a sun drenched Woodlawn this morning and came away with all 3 points. Our girls started strong and created numerous chances only for some wayward finishing we should have taken the lead early. Our lead did come towards the end of the first half when Clodagh played a great ball through to Erica and she finished brilliantly. HT 1-0. The second half continued in the same vein with Athletic pushing for a second and again we created some brilliant chances only to find the

Killorglin keeper in top form pulling off some great saves. Killorglin to their credit kept going and fashioned some half chances however our defence stood strong to keep them out. A great start to St. Patricks weekend and that's two wins on the bounce for the girls as we look forward to the finale of the season.

U14 DIVISION 2 NORTH RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 4 - 0 Park C

Artem Dzhandra x 3 Kacper Maciol x 1

It was a perfect morning for football as our U14B's welcomed Park to Woodlawn.

The boys took to the field starting the game well and managed to get themselves in front after 5mins as the lively Artem Dzhandra scored after being put through by Nathan Jordan. Park kept going though and were threatening themselves with the lads having to battle hard to stay in the midfield fight but they stood firm with the half finishing with the lads still 1-0 up. A few changes were made at half time and the lads returned to the field eager to get going.

The lads were much more controlled in this half and space appeared to be opening up more and more with the brilliant Kacper Maciol on the right wing keen to exploit it, all his hard work paid off as the ball landed with him in the box perfectly placed to finish. The lads were in firm control from here on with Artem adding another 2 goals to complete the hat trick assisted both times by Ryan O' Keffe. Great result for the lads as they look to keep the pressure on in the league! MOTM - Kacper Maciol

U16 TROPHY QUARTER FINAL

Killarney athletic 1-2 LB Rovers

Ryan Twomey x1

The blues travelled back to sunny Ardfert this morning to take on division 1 side LB rovers in the trophy quarter final. The game started even enough with both sides trying to figure one another out. It was Twomey who opened the scoring for the away side after some good play from James down the left hand side. The boys pushed on but unfortunately couldn't hold out to half time as the home side pulled back 2 quick goals before the halfway point. Athletic were well in this tie still and pushed on for the equaliser, creating a number of chances but the ball just wouldn't go in the back of the net thanks to their keeper and some great defending. We thought we had found our potential equaliser when the referee Pointed to the spot but then gave a free kick instead to the



Ballyhar Dynamos FC seniors who were defeated by Fenit Samphires at Murt Scott Park in Division 1 of the Kerry District League.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14s who were defeated last weekend by Mastergeeha FC in Division 1 of the Kerry schoolboy league.

confusion of everyone on the sideline. The boys kept on pushing and pushing but the ball just wouldn't go in and came away from the game unlucky to not at least have brought the game to extra time which would've been more than they deserved. Heartbreak for the boys as they end the season with no silverware. Thanks to LB Rovers for a sporting game and we wish them well in the rest of the competition

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CHARLEVILLE PREMIER A

Killarney Celtic 3-0 Castleisland AFC

Blake Bolster, Terry Sparling 2

Celtic maintained their good league record with a win over Castleisland last Friday night. Celtic hit the front on 36 mins when Blake Bolster netted. The game was still up in the balance well into the 2nd half but a Terry Sparling double sealed the win and the points.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 3-3 Inter Kenmare

Luca Mosca, Kiernan Kelly, Mark Looney

Celtic and Inter played out a draw in this game played last week. Celtic had good periods but Inter Kenmare stayed in the game and the points were shared.

TUCKER KELLY U16 CUP

Castlemaine Utd 1-5 Killarney Celtic

Luca Mosca 2, Lachlann Scannell, Kiernan Kelly, Sean Collins.

Celtic U16s qualified for the semi final of the Tucker Kelly cup after a fine win away to Castlemaine.

U14 PREMIER

Iveragh Utd 3-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic played some good football but could not find the opening goal and it was Iveragh who hit the front in the 1st half. Despite Celtic's best efforts, they could not find a way past the Iveragh keeper and the points stayed with the home team.

U14 DIV 2 SOUTH

Killarney Athletic C 0-5 Killarney Celtic B

Fionn Culloty, Jack Kissane, Mark Van Der Merwe, Eoin Murphy, Jace Flynn

Celtic continued their good form in this division with a strong performance last weekend.

U12 PREMIER

Killorglin 0-4 Killarney Celtic Green

Dylan McCarthy 2, Josh Buckley, Jamie Downing
Celtic went top after a good performance in Killorglin. Josh Buckley had Celtic in front at the break. 2nd half goals from Dylan McCarthy and Jamie Downing sealed the win.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic White 2-4 Ferry Rangers

Fionn Murphy, Maksym Opala

Celtic White put in a spirited 2nd half performance to push Ferry Rangers all the way to the finish.

U12 DIV 2

Mastergeeha 2-3 Killarney Celtic Hoops

Cian O Connell 2, Denis Kenneally

A strong 1st half performance from the Hoops saw them gain an away win. Celtic led 3-0 at the break and though Mastergeeha reduced the deficit with 2 early goals in the 2nd half, Celtic regrouped to hold on to their lead.

OUR U11 TEAMS played over the weekend



Killarney Celtic U16 girls squad vs Maree Oranmore

as the U11 season heads to the knockout competitions.

GIRLS

SFAI SUBWAY U16 NATIONAL TROPHY

Killarney Celtic 4-2 Maree Oranmore

Sadbh O Halloran 3, Holly Forrest

In a roller coaster of a game Killarney Celtic overcame a fine Maree Oranmore side to qualify for the National trophy semi final. Celtic were quickest out of the blocks and Holly Forrest netted from the spot to give the home side the advantage. Sadbh O Halloran made it 2-0 to Celtic before Maree Oranmore began to make inroads. The Galway side were back in the game after they scored before half time. HT 2-1. The game was turning the visitor's way when they pounced for the equaliser and then came a big moment in the contest when Maree Oranmore were awarded a penalty. However Tara Cronin saved and Celtic regrouped. The game hung in the balance before Sadbh O Halloran edged Celtic in front. Maree Oranmore kept up the pressure but Celtic held firm and the decisive goal fell Celtic's way when Sadbh O'Halloran scored to finish off a fantastic contest between 2 fine teams.

U13 PREMIER

St Brendan's Park 2-2 Killarney Celtic

Niamh O'Leary, Olga Kumour.

Celtic led 2-0 but were pegged back by St Brendan's Park and had to settle for a point.

OUR U10 GIRLS played Tralee Dynamos last weekend and this group is progressing nicely.

CONDOLENCES

Killarney Celtic extends cto our U16 coach David Cronin and family following the recent passing of Dermot.

CONGRATS to Lachlann Scannell who was named on the KSBGL Team of the Week

Congrats to Sadbh O Halloran U16 and Tara Cronin U16 and Cara Griffin U13 who were named on the Girls Roll of Honour.

COACHES FROM CASPERIA

Last weekend the club welcomed coaches from Casperia in Italy to work with our U10 squad. Many thanks to the Killarney Town Twinning Association for organising the visit.

Killarney Celtic have their name in the hat for the semi-final stage of the SFAI U16 Girls National Trophy, as they delivered a strong showing at home against Maree Oranmore. Two decisive second half goals helped Celtic secure safe passage.

The Killarney Celtic girls settled into the game early and dominated the first 25 minutes. Holly Forrest got the opener from the penalty spot after Michelle O'Connor, who was causing havoc was brought down inside the box. Sadbh O'Halloran followed that up and got in behind the Oranmore defence to make it 2-0 and Niamh Brosnan went close to increasing the lead after 30 mins.

Maree Oranmore made it 2-1 just before halftime, and early in the second half they drew level, grabbing the opening goal. At this stage Maree Oranmore were rampant and got a penalty which was well saved by Tara Cronin. Celtic dug deep as the game ebbed and flowed at both ends. Celtic however got a big shift in momentum, when Sadbh O'Halloran got a further goal after getting in behind the defence again.

With the game at a critical juncture, Tara Cronin made many brilliant saves to thwart the visitors from Galway and then Sadbh O'Halloran with a wonderful long range strike made it 4-2, sealing the win for Celtic, as Cronin and O'Halloran were vital contributors for Celtic at either end of the field.

GIRLS

MASTERGEEHA AND CELTIC SET THE PACE IN 13'S PREMIER

After a dramatic late goal saw Mastergeeha get three points over fellow title chasers Killarney Celtic, Mastergeeha followed that up with a second win, to now sit tied on 22 points with Celtic.

Mastergeeha had an impressive week, securing two wins. They clinched a 1-0 victory over Killarney Celtic last Monday, with a dramatic injury-time winner from Kaitlin O'Riordan. They followed up with a 3-1 win against Castleisland, with Lily O'Donoghue scoring twice and Éabha Moynihan adding another. Aoife Reidy got the consolation goal for Castleisland.

In a tight encounter, Park and Killarney Celtic played out a 2-2 draw. Caoimhe Field and an own goal accounted for Park's tally, while Niamh O'Leary and Olga Kumor found the net for Killarney Celtic, dropping points again opened

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CELTIC BOOK SEMI-FINAL PLACE IN U16 GIRLS NATIONAL TROPHY

the door for Mastergeeha.

Killarney Athletic edged past Killorglin 1-0, thanks to a crucial goal from Erica Maloney, securing an important three points.

MEK MOVE TOP OF 15'S PREMIER

A big title clash on Saturday, saw MEK continue their strong form this season, moving top of the table with a 4-2 victory over St Brendan's Park. Powered by an outstanding four-goal performance from Izzy Lyons. Her clinical finishing made the difference as MEK secured the win in an exciting contest.

BOYS

CELTIC HOLD TOP SPOT IN 12'S PREMIER

It was a weekend of contrasting fortunes in the U12 Boys Premier, with Killarney Celtic securing an important three points to pull narrowly ahead in the title race.

Killarney Celtic were clinical against Killorglin with a 4-0 win, with Dylan McCarthy scoring twice and Josh Buckley and Jamie Downing adding to the tally.

Iveragh edged Inter Kenmare in a thrilling 3-2 victory, thanks to goals from Robbie O'Sullivan, Cillian O'Connor, and Seamus Hallisey, while Alisdair O'Sullivan's brace for Inter Kenmare wasn't enough to secure a result. Camp Juniors were 4-1 winners over Listowel Celtic, Tommy O'Driscoll playing a vital role with a hat trick.

Killarney Athletic were in top form, picking up a 6-0 victory over Mastergeeha, while Castleisland and Dingle played out a hard-fought 0-0 draw, with both defenses standing firm.

CASTEISLAND NARROWLY LEAD 12'S DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Another big three points for Castleisland has kept them one point clear at the top of the U12 Division 2 South table. Despite MEK picking up a win at the weekend, they occupy second spot. Castleisland B claimed a 4-2 win over Castlemaine, powered by a hat-trick from Mikey Brosnan and a goal from Darragh Coffey. Meanwhile, MEK B clinched a hard-fought 1-0 victory against Killorglin B, with Dave McCarthy netting the winner.

It was a thrilling encounter between Mastergeeha C and Killarney Celtic C, with Celtic securing a narrow 3-2 victory. Cian O'Connell led the charge with a brace, while Denis Kennealy added the decisive goal. Josh O'Sullivan put in a strong performance for Mastergeeha, scoring twice.

PARK AND CELTIC CLOSE THE GAP TO ATHLETIC

With high scoring wins in the U14 Boys Premier, St Brendan's Park and Listowel Celtic picked up three points this weekend, helping to close the gap to leaders Killarney Athletic.

Park delivered a commanding performance, securing a 7-1 victory over Inter Kenmare. Kian Cronin and Liam Corkery both grabbed a brace, while Shea Horan, Blake Bowler, and Dylan McEvoy also found the net in a dominant display.

Listowel Celtic were also in fine form, claiming a 5-0 win over Killorglin. Joe Joy struck twice, with Cathal Dennehy, Luke Walsh, and Simon Russell completing the scoring in an impressive display. Iveragh proved too strong for Killarney Celtic, running out 3-0 winners with Connor O'Sullivan, Kevin Foster, and Aiden Fogarty all getting on



Killarney Athletic pictured at St. Patrick's Day Parade. Picture: Konrad Paprocki



Killarney Celtic pictured at St. Patrick's Day Parade. Picture: Konrad Paprocki

the scoresheet.

LEADERS BALLYHAR DROP POINTS IN 14'S DIVISION 1

A win for Mastergeeha helped strengthen their hopes at the top end of the table, defeating Ballyhar not puts just a point between the two in the standings.

Mastergeeha edged out Ballyhar with a narrow 1-0 win, thanks to a crucial goal from David Fleming.

Park B put in a clinical performance against their next door rivals, securing a 4-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos A, with Cody Hunt netting an impressive hat-trick.

LB Rovers also came away with a win, defeating Inter Kenmare B 2-0, with Adam Goggin and Adam Burns finding the net.

STALEMATES IN 16'S PREMIER KEEPS KILLORGLIN TOP

Mastergeeha were unable to pick up three points to leapfrog Killorglin in the 16's Premier title race, while Inter Kenmare also failed to close the gap to the title chasers, their clash with Killarney Celtic.

Mastergeeha played out a 2-2 draw with Killarney Athletic, goals arriving for the hosts from Daniel Buckley and Roan Guerin, while Killarney Athletic's Leo Allen bagged a brace in an entertaining encounter.

Killarney Celtic and Inter Kenmare played out an exciting 3-3 draw in a thrilling contest. Luca Mosca, Kiernan Kelly, and Mark Looney were on target for Celtic, while James Leonard (2) and Jimmy McGann ensured Inter Kenmare left with a point.

U16 TUCKER KELLY COMPETITIONS REACH THE SEMI-FINAL STAGE

We are at the business end of the U16 Tucker Kelly Cup, Shield and Trophy competitions, with the semi-finals of each now confirmed after a dramatic weekend of action.

Killarney Celtic A booked their place in the Tucker Kelly Cup semifinals with a 5-0 victory over Castlemaine. Luca Mosca led the way with a brace, while Lachlan Scannell, Sean Collins, and Kiernan Kelly also got on the scoresheet. They will meet Camp Juniors in the semi-final stage as they defeated Killorglin 2-1 to qualify for the last four.

Castleisland will meet Killarney Athletic in the last four, after they edged a hard-fought 2-1 win over St Brendan's Park, thanks to goals from Sam McCarthy and Byron Culhane, securing their spot in the next round.

In the Tucker Kelly Shield, Iveragh claimed a solid 3-0 victory over Ballyhar to advance to the semi-final against MEK, while Mastergeeha B produced an attacking masterclass to defeat Park B 8-2. Darragh Keane was the standout performer, netting four goals, with Patrick O'Donoghue (2), Alan O'Leary, and Aidan Huggard also getting on the scoresheet, as they have a BYE into the final.

In the Tucker Kelly Trophy, LB Rovers secured a 2-1 victory over Killarney Athletic B with Baldazar Rubi and Evan Murphy grabbing the goals to send their side into the semifinals, where they meet Iveragh B.

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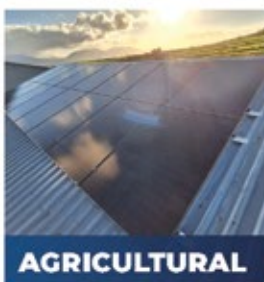
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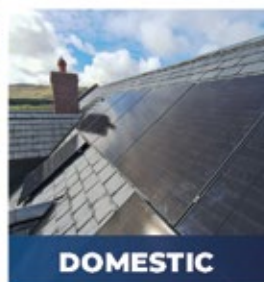
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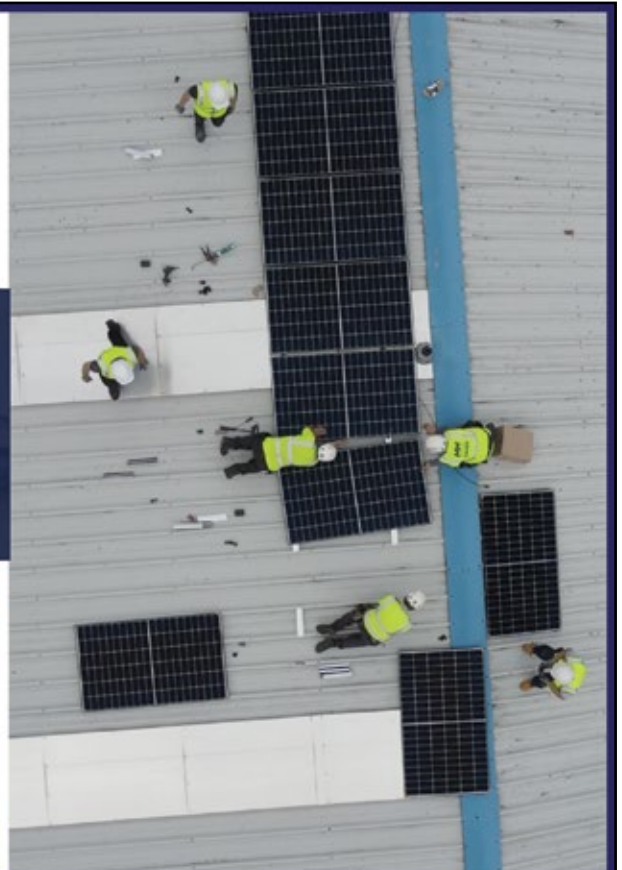
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CAPTAINS' DRIVE-IN

The Captains' Drive-In was held on Saturday, 15th March, 2025. Men's Captain, Martin O'Connor and Lady Captain, Finola Geary, were delighted with the fine weather and the great turnout for the Mixed Scramble. The Captains would like to thank Mark Bowe and the Castlerosse Hotel for very generously sponsoring the lunch on the day.

RESULTS OF THE DRIVE-IN MIXED SCRAMBLE

1st: Captain Martin O'Connor, Jack Murphy, Joe Costello, Eilish Culloty

2nd: John Carlton, Catherine Woods Kieran O'Brien Kay Malone

3rd: Mike Doody, John Angland Helen Healy, Gina O'Shea

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MEMBERSHIP

Please note that membership for 2025 is due now as of March 1st. Prices the same as last year namely- Single Adult- €150, OAP- €100, Juvenile- €80 Family- €300. Club Registrar Bobby Kelly will be available over the coming weeks after the Sunday morning Fourballs for anyone wishing to sign up for the year.

MUNSTER MATCHPLAY

Please note entries for this event must be received and paid for prior to this Sunday March 23rd to meet Pitch & Putt Ireland's deadline. We asked anyone interested in entering to ensure they are a registered member prior to putting down their name.

ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

RESULTS

On March 8th and 9th we held the first round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a stableford competition, kindly sponsored by Avondale Projects.

The winners were :-

1st: Jimmie Smith 39 (13)

2nd: Eoin Moriarty 38 (39)

3rd: Niall O'Brien 36 (12)

Division 1

1st: Donald McSweeney 34 (10)

2nd: Dan Cronin 33 (10)

Division 2

1st: Michael O'Keeffe 35 (15)

2nd: Terence Mulcahy 35 (13)

Division 3

1st: Timmy O'Donoghue 33 (22)



Castlerosse Captains Drive-In



Very kindly sponsored by Joe Scally, Hayfield Manor. Winners pictured Emir Coffey, Brenda Kelleher, Niall Brosnan, Lady Captain Elaine Casey and Men's Captain Peter Wickham missing from photo is Daniel Cronin.

2nd: Denis O'Riordan 33 (40)

On Thursday March 13th our Seniors held a 10 hole stableford competition.

The winners were :-

1st: Seamus McCarthy 20pts

2nd: Jim Delaney 19pts

3rd: Mike Gorman 19 pts

On March 16th we held a fourball better ball competition.

The winners were:-

1st: Denis O Riordan and Donald McSweeney 43

2nd: Derek McAllister and M J O'Sullivan 42

3rd: Anthony O'Mahony and John O Driscoll 42

4th: Rolandas Bendikas and Renaldas Bendikas 38

M D O'SHEA SPRING LEAGUE

On March 22nd & 23rd we will hold the second round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a stableford competition.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

RESULTS FROM BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB FOR 15TH/16TH MARCH 2025

Scotch Foursomes sponsored by the Men's Club;

1st: Paul Fahy and Thomas Gleeson (21) 46 points

2nd: Paudie O'Shea and John Bowler (18) 39 points.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

St Patrick's Day Mixed Scramble very kindly sponsored by Joe Scally, Hayfield Manor.

A big thank you to Joe Scally who sponsored the St Patrick's Day mixed scramble. There was a great turnout with fantastic scores. Well done everyone and congratulations to the prize winners.

Winners: Emir Coffey, Brenda Kelleher, Niall Brosnan & Daniel Cronin

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025 RESULTS

9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition

18-hole winners were:

1st: Elaine Casey 32 points

2nd: Breda Farrell 31 points

9-hole winner: Jennifer Nash

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 22nd March 2025, 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

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2nd: Abigail Graham (22) 38pts

Best Gross: Ann Moynihan 32pts

3rd: Geraldine Rosney (39) 36pts

4th: Eileen Magee (25) 36pts

13 HOLES

1st: Ellen Barry (16) 27pts

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KERRY RECORD A WIN OVER ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Kerry (2-0-21)
Armagh (0-1-15)**

I came out of Austin Stack Park with slightly conflicting feelings. One was ordinary – ye know me well enough. “Ah jaysus, I am absolutely freezing. The brass balls fell off the monkey long ago”. Genuinely. Was it just me? I think polar bears would have been looking for hot water bottles if they were there. The second feeling was definitely relief. I had been nervous enough about this one – I still say that Kerry were not necessarily the best team overall in the games against Derry and Tyrone. Frankly, that Derry result was basically a late smash and grab – nothing wrong with that, but it isn't exactly a statement victory either, and the Tyrone game was more about individual brilliance than a convincing team display.

Was this a statement win on Kerry's part? Or was it a case of Armagh keeping a fair bit of gunpowder dry? Bear with me here, I think that both of these things can be true. Armagh definitely weren't throwing the handle with the hatchet here. Remember the sheer physical power they brought against us in last year's championship? But even so, this was a different Kerry to what I saw in previous games. We played very direct, very fast, heads up football. Lads looked like they knew where they were sending the ball before they even received it. It killed me to see Kerry players taking solos and looking around for options in games, especially around our half forward line. The old mantra from my own glory day as a U12 footballer (I never made a starting team on my best days) was that “kicked ball moves faster than any man”. It doesn't trip off the tongue as easily as Dr. Eamonn's famous “fear fatal fouling” adage, but it remains just as true. Control the ball at speed and you will win. And that's exactly what Kerry did.

David Clifford had a goal effort within the opening seconds, well saved by Blaine Hughes. It was interesting in light of the rule changes that Armagh dropped attacking



Eyes on the prize at the Kerry V Armagh game at Austin Stack Park, Tralee. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

goalkeeper Ethan Rafferty – personally I never liked the whole outfield goalkeeper idea, it felt like a way to circumvent the rules rather than shine within their confines. Overall, I wouldn't say that it helped Armagh's cause. In fairness, Armagh brought a huge support and they were genuinely lovely people (without giving too much oxygen to the eejits with flares, whom I genuinely hope will be introduced to gardaí at the next game they try that, a minority of Kerry supporters certainly did not do us, the team, or themselves proud). There was a bit of 'getting to know you' about some early player confrontations. I don't dress up this stuff but I wouldn't say that there was any nastiness or malice about it. Just a little bit of “Can these lads be bullied? Oh, not at all, fair enough”. And despite reports I have seen since, it was players on both sides laying those markers down. The idea that Armagh tried to intimidate Kerry, or vice versa.....arrah, I'd be telling a few journalists that sometimes the truth can make a grand story even without the embellishments.

David was clearly in a hungry mood and so were the players around him. Joe O'Connor drifted onto the wing and was a revelation. Plenty of us have lamented the lack of a replacement for Ink player Donnchadh Walsh – saying that Joe absolutely excelled at roving from the wing and snuffed out plenty of Armagh fires is an understatement. Dylan Geaney also played a slightly different role to his nominal corner forward role, kick-passing in from a hole created by Paudie Clifford driving relentlessly forward. I'm not sure Dylan would get the same amount of freedom in championship games later on, but he has proven that he has the vision and the skill to send the ball inside quickly. With three up, players like that could become invaluable.

Seán O'Brien didn't cement a midfield berth but certainly put down a place mat. Diarmuid O'Connor is crucial for us, though; he clearly loves scraping the clouds and contested kick-outs are meat and drink to him. Jason Foley was at his imperious best. Another player to impress me a bit more than I expected was Mike Breen – I've always known that he is big, strong, good pair of hands, well able to carry....but his offloads were superb. Again, I love the speed.

Three frees on the board for David. Paudie with a great point from play. Kerry were pressing Armagh's kick-out and it was working perfectly, especially with Kerry players kicking it forward to targeted players at every opportunity. It looks simple; any manager will tell you that kind of synchronicity is almost impossible.

Oisín O'Neill finally got Armagh on the board. Five points in eight minutes -this is good football. Mind you, four of them coming from Kerry was always going to put us in an appreciative mood.

Micheál Burns was absolutely thriving – he was also forcing Armagh's defence out of shape with his positioning, and he joined the Cliffords on the scoreboard.

Armagh were at sixes and sevens. Worse than the scoring was the fact that they simply couldn't get their hands on their own kick-out. I think Hughes over-compensated under such pressure and a poor enough effort at a short kick-out was grabbed by David Clifford, who promptly teed up Dylan Geaney for a goal (good finish by Dylan, he had plenty left to do). 1-5 to 0-1. I had not expected this when I sat into the car earlier on! David – even in a great team display, guess who stood out? - split the posts and Seán O'Brien launched a beauty to add another – I liked the sense of confidence about that one.



Back of the net for Kerry at the Kerry V Armagh game at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Man down at the Kerry V Armagh game at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.
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Rory Grugan, arguably Armagh's best player, notched their second score and Conor Tubritt added another one. Kerry supporters near me weren't worried but in all honesty, I was remembering a twelve point lead against Dublin and how that one turned out. Yes, I suppose I am a glass half-empty kind of person when it comes to Kerry or club football. And younger readers needn't bother laughing at me for that. Gather round, children, I'll tell ye a story about a man named Seamus Darby.....

There's been Cliffords among those minding me all my life and the two boys came to my rescue again. David pointed another free. Then came a really fantastic piece of team football by Kerry – you can't intercept that, not with the ball moving that fast – and Micheál Burns was dragged down in the square before he could pull the trigger. Up stepped Paudie to the penalty spot and kicked a real beauty low to the left corner – Hughes actually wasn't far away from it, that was a great penalty. Paudie got booked for over-exuberant celebrations....all I could think of was Kieran Donaghy in that famous 2006 match against Armagh and his reaction after hitting the net, "who's crying now, baby!" Rory Grugan scored his second point for Armagh but Paul Geaney replied to make it 2-9 to 0-4. Darragh McMullan did get in for a goal chance for Armagh, but Shane Ryan saved well. Would it have been a turning point? Probably not, but better off to give an outright refusal anyway. David Clifford picked off another Kerry point and Joe O'Connor, always in the thick of the action, added another. Jason Foley....I had to stop and take a second look, yep, it's Jason to tap over the Armagh crossbar...2-12 to 0-4.

Oisín O'Neill kicked a great two pointer free for Armagh. The one question I have about Kerry's displays throughout this league campaign is the last of two point scores. The Cliffords, Seán O'Shea, Tony Brosnan, Tom O'Sullivan, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Diarmuid O'Connor, Dylan Geaney (I've always said that I prefer Paul inside as a front foot predator).... we should have plenty of kickers from distance. I might be adding two plus two and getting nineteen (that will not surprise any of my primary school teachers at all)

but I suspect that Jack O'Connor might be keeping a small bit of dry powder in reserve himself for the summer.

David Clifford closed out the first half scoring with another free to leave Kerry in front by 2-13 to 0-6. Two things on my mind at half-time. Number one, this game is done. Some football by Kerry. Make sure to close it out, but this isn't a wind-driven turnaround. Kerry are just playing all the football here and in a role reversal from last year's semi-final, it's Armagh who are running headlong into an immovable defence and getting turned over fast. And the second thing....lads, have I mentioned how freezing cold I am?

Dylan Geaney and David Clifford (f) quickly had Kerry off the mark in the second half. I'm guessing that Jack referenced that Dublin game in his half-time talk as well.....Rory Grugan replied with two frees, with David replying with one. Kerry were not bringing the same intensity now and, in fairness, Armagh's subs were beginning to have an impact. Kerry were definitely slowing down. That lightning intensity just wasn't there.... and that's just grand. I'm still conscious of that game against Dublin, tóg bog é anois, we don't want any frantic scramble over the finish line....

Andrew Murnin with a good point. Paudie Clifford with a fine reply, though, Kerry still leading comfortably by 2-17 to 0-9. Greg McCabe with a free and Rory Grugan on target. Stefan Campbell. Rory Grugan with a free. Oisín Conaty from play. Grugan again. I know it's still 2-17 to 0-15, but the team that were playing a little bit like a tortoise in the first half are still playing and picking off their points, while the team that looked like a hare out of the traps....really aren't.

Tony Brosnan gathers a quick ball, takes one look up, and lets fly....that's how you do it. Jarly Óg Burns replies but that was a statement point for Kerry and it's as if it shook them awake. David Clifford and Tony again split the posts. Stefan Campbell took one last score for Armagh but there wasn't even real defiance in it and Tony Brosnan closed out a Kerry win. That's three points in a short enough span for Tony – now, you can argue that Armagh defenders were tired by the time of his introduction, but those were good

scores. That's a hand up for a summer jersey. However, this silver lining of a game definitely came with a bit of a cloud. Two minutes before the final whistle, Diarmuid O'Connor came down heavily on his shoulder and it looked like a fairly bad injury. Diarmuid has been one of the best midfielders in the country so far this year. If he is out, I expect Joe O'Connor to be returning to midfield, whereas I loved him in the more auxiliary role, ostensibly on the wing but actually roaming. However, if Diarmuid was to pick up an injury, I'd as soon have it happen now and give him time to recover before the championship heats up. Same with Seán O'Shea, an enforced break for the last couple of games is no harm at all. I'll just say it, because I know that I'm not the only one thinking it. I'd be slightly more bothered by the chances of us going down than reaching a League Final, but neither lights any fire for me (yes, I'm still cold in my bones after Saturday). Would a league final be a big inspiration that would drive us on to greater heights? No, it just wouldn't. The year is already plenty long enough. Would relegation be a disaster? And yes, of course I know that every time Jack O'Connor has won a National League, he has won an All Ireland. But that doesn't necessarily link one statistic with another. There were less games with more recovery and preparation time back in those days – and I know we aren't going back decades. Both Armagh and Dublin have won All Irelands coming out of Division Two in recent years and the fact that there is less pressure – still plenty, in a county like Kerry, that's always going to be a given – means that you can give real playing minutes to aspiring players. Can you do that in Division One? I'm not convinced. Look at us, and all the talk about how it will go. I can tell you the All Ireland football winners for any year since they started, I'd be close enough in hurling but hazy about the early years of this century. The National League winners? I'd be with Errol Flynn on that one, "frankly, my dear, I do not give a damn".

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Jason Foley (0-1), Dylan Casey, Gavin White, Mike Breen, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Diarmuid O'Connor, Seán O'Brien (0-1), Micheál Burns (0-1), Paudie Clifford (1-2, 1-0 pen), Joe O'Connor

(0-1), David Clifford (0-10, 7f), Paul Geaney (0-1), Dylan Geaney. Subs: Tony Brosnan 0-3 (for Dylan Geaney, 50 mins), Graham O'Sullivan (for Brian Ó Beaglaoich, 57 mins), Conor Geaney (for Micheál Burns, 61 mins), Killian Spillane (for Paul Geaney, 66 mins), Ruairi Murphy (for Joe O'Connor, 66 mins).

Armagh: Blaine Hughes, Aidan Forker, Barry McCambridge, Paddy Burns, Connaire Mackin, Greg McCabe, Peter McGrane, Ciaran Mackin, Oisín O'Neill (0-4, 1f, 1tpf), Jarly Óg Burns (0-1), Rory Grugan (0-7, 4f), Darragh McMullan, Conor Turbitt (0-1, 1f), Andrew Murnin (0-1), Oisín Conaty (0-1). Subs Ben Crealy (for Andrew Murnin (temp, 11-14 mins), Ben Crealy (for Connaire Mackin, 32 mins), Stefan Campbell 0-2 (for Aidan Forker, half-time), Shane McPartlan (for Conor Turbitt, 51 mins), Jemar Hall (for Darragh McMullan, 55 mins), Joe McElroy (for Ciarán Mackin, 62 mins).

Referee: Conor Lane (Cork).

GAA POLITICAL STANCE

Uachtarán Cumman Luthchleas Gaeil Jarlath Burns has called on GAA supporters to back protests to have the A5 motorway in Northern Ireland upgraded. It's an unquestionably laudable cause, and I fully agree with the protests – over 50 people have died on a very dangerous stretch of road. I would be absolutely fine with



Uachtarán Cumman Luthchleas Gaeil Jarlath Burns

him taking a personal stance on the matter. But in his capacity as President of the GAA? No, I'm not comfortable with that. It sets out a very bad precedent. The GAA has not, does not, and in my simple understanding of its ethos, will not take political stances outside of its sporting and gaelic cultural remit. Back in the early days of the last century, there were clear and deliberate attempts to turn the GAA, already pro-nationalist in its aspirations, into a pseudo-military breeding ground. Look, it was a very tough time for everyone, nationalism and militarism were inextricably linked at the time, war – independence and civil – was fast approaching. But the GAA chose to remain a sporting and a cultural organisation, obviously with nationalist sympathies, but with no outright political stance. It was the wellspring of many a controversy, the Ban and the utterly foolish expulsion of President Douglas Hyde (a national embarrassment for the GAA)....hundreds of stories. But the GAA was adamantly and unapologetically not a political organisation. It's genuinely important. The GAA had at least one



Action from the Kerry V Armagh game at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.

Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

protestant President (and Jack was one of the best of them). I don't just want children of different ethnic and religious backgrounds to feel comfortable playing gaelic games. I want unionists – decent people who simply have different political beliefs than most of us here – to feel comfortable and welcomed in GAA clubs. I really do. A few years ago, well-known referee David Gough, openly gay, wanted to wear rainbow laces in an All Ireland Final as an expression of support for LGBTQ rights. He was, reluctantly, refused, because the GAA does not take political stances. And I supported that decision.

But now the President of the GAA is calling for GAA people to support a political cause? Again, a very laudable one; I don't doubt that. But you can't pick and choose. Either this is a political organisation, and that means that you have imposed a moral obligation on yourself to speak for that diverse membership and take sides, or it isn't. As an individual, Jarlath Burns has every right to take a personal stance. But as GAA President? Not for me, no. Not in that capacity.

CORRIGAN PARK

Very quick and very simple. This isn't 'Newbridge or nowhere'. We aren't going to get into the complete hames of a shambles that is the shambles of an upgrade on Casement Park. Even Roger, a fantastic humanitarian and a great patriot but not exactly recognised as an intellectual giant, would be enormously embarrassed at how nonsensical that has become. But you are meeting the reigning All Ireland champions in the first round of the Ulster Championship, easily the most competitive provincial championship of them all, and your main ground is out of action through no fault of your own, so you want to insist on taking it to Corrigan Park?

I'm not disrespecting Corrigan Park. But it's like saying that the Fitzgerald Stadium is out of action, so Kerry will play Cork in JP O'Sullivan Park or Frank Sheehy Park instead. Great grounds run by very good clubs, but they aren't taking a game like that. Traffic and parking alone....

No, it's even stronger than that. Look, Armagh supporters outnumbered Kerry in Austin Stack Park. And I am not joking when I say that Austin Stack Park is a lot bigger than Corrigan Park. It has an official seating capacity of 3700. Yes, I've heard the nonsense that it can hold 12,000. Rubbish. Maybe if you stack them on top of each other.... Are you kidding me? All Ireland champions in a championship game? It's not a moral decision. It's a practical one. Antrim insist that they will concede if they can't play that game in Corrigan Park? I know what I would be doing if I was the Ulster Council. I'd be calling it fast and cold and just tell them straight out that "fair enough, you have just conceded and we are awarding a walkover to Armagh".

LEITRIM CONCEDING TO SLIGO

Speaking of walkovers....this is a tougher one. Leitrim manager Stephen Poacher announced during the week that they had to forfeit their National League game against Fermanagh because of an injury crisis and the fact that six of his pael would be playing U20 championship on Wednesday. Sympathy appears thin enough on the ground among my own acquaintances. The general consensus seems to be that you have 22 senior clubs, of course you could put out fifteen players if you wanted to.

I'm not convinced. I have argued for a long time that the fixtures schedule is too crowded. There isn't enough recovery time and burnout for elite players is a real thing and still not addressed properly. If Leitrim put out a token fifteen and got hammered, nobody would even blink. Giving a walkover....never ideal, far from it, but it might force some small bit of change. Leitrim, respectfully, doesn't have the depth of talent that the likes of Kerry do. I'm not saying that Leitrim are right in this. But I am certainly slow to pass judgement on this one.

HOGAN CUP

Tralee CBS created a small bit of history this year by fielding a Kerry schools team in the Harty Cup. They lost their opening game to Thurles CBS – a hammering on the scoreboard, given that scoring difference came into play, but Tralee actually played well in a general sense. Last week Thurles lifted the Croke Cup for just the second time in their history after a fantastic comeback against Pres. Athenry.

Absolutely nobody landed a real glove on Mercy Mounthawk in Munster this year. The Sem gave them a really good battle in the Corn uí Mhuirí Final, but Mounthawk had that bit more quality. They lost last year's Hogan Cup Final to an astounding Omagh CBS side (I think this year is a bit to soon, but the stream of talent coming through in Tyrone..... it might be a long way twist slip and twist, to quote the medieval catchphrase, but that's a hell of a head start), but I didn't expect anyone to touch them this year.

Certainly not St. Pats Maghera, who had struggled to scrape through Ulster to win the McRory Cup. I had privately expected Mounthawk to have five points or more to spare in their semi-final. I think, unfortunately, that it shows the competitive difference between the McRory and Corn uí Mhuirí cups. Mounthawk were left chasing shadows in that semi-final; Maghera won fair and square. Last week they saw off St. Colmans of Mayo to win the Hogan Cup, the fifth time in six years for an Ulster side to do so. Maghera have now won six titles and lost another six finals.

DUNLOE CUP

At time of writing, I don't have time or venue, but the Dunloe (Kerry U17) Cup Final will be taking place next week and will feature the Sem against the Green. The Sem beat IS Killorglin in their semi-final last week, largely thanks to a stellar performance by goalkeeper James Murphy. Last Tuesday the Green overcame PS Inbhearr Scéine in a largely wind-influenced game in Lewis Rd. with Nick Lacey, Danny Kingdston, and Seán Hickey doing the bulk of the damage. The Sem versus the Green was the basic story of Kerry colleges football for the bulk of a century. The fact that both struggled to reach this year's final.....it's not that either have regressed, far from, it's that other teams have stepped up to the plate, and frankly, it is great to see. Good football.

IRELAND STUMBLE OVER THE LINE AGAINST ITALY SIX NATIONS

Ireland 22 Italy 17

Arrah, let's not dress it up. There's been a bit of that this week with "Ireland won the triple crown but the grudging Irish supporters won't even celebrate it". Spare me, lads. We were eighty minutes away from a Grand Slam and then we were simply taken to school by a much superior French team. That's what happened. The triple crown? Hard currency in an amateur era, and yes, I do remember 1982. But nowadays you would be as well off trying to buy a pint with a thrupenny bit as tell me that it was a good Six Nations for Ireland. We collapsed. That's the plain truth of it. And yes, I do think that James Lowe being a late withdrawal against France was a real disaster, he brings a width and expanse to our game that is otherwise lacking. More so that Gibson Park or Hansen, both of whom I respect hugely.

We genuinely could and quite possibly should, have lost to Italy. They got the best out of themselves, we most certainly didn't. Now, that's not the issue that it would once have been. I was among the many over the years who felt that Italy simply weren't five nations standard. Everybody was beating them. They weren't competitive games. And Italy kept plugging away, kept working hard and absolutely, over the last couple of years they have completely proven me wrong. Fair play.

But Ireland had the triple crown in the bag before that game against France. We weren't the overwhelming force of last year, and that furore over Sam versus Jack didn't help. Guess what? Neither of them is Johnny, no more than Johnny was that when he started. Did we cling on to Sexton a bit too long? Yes, of course. This is one of the best players in world rugby, at what point do you show him the door? But it's not fair to expect a ready made replacement to just step in and fill those shoes straightaway, life just doesn't work like that. Get over it.

But even so....France taking us apart, and especially the ease with which they did so (and no, it wasn't the 7-1 split – they lost Dupont, for Heaven's sake, and still swept past us at ease) is one thing. But Ireland, this Irish team, barely hanging on against Italy..... there was a mental malaise there.

That's not taking away from Italy. Menoncello was superb and he found Garbisi for a grubber kick that Monty loane reached first. Soft? Sloppy by Ireland? Fair's fair, that was well executed by Italy and the conversion puts them up 7-0. We haven't got going at all. It's messy. We are more or less saying that we are there for the taking. It's one of those games where every Irish player is trying a bit too hard and not really getting anything done. There is no feeling of control. Menoncello is the best player out there and always looks dangerous. Ireland do power over for a try – and 'power' is the right word, no guile – but it's over-ruled. Maybe that will settle us.

Irish scrum. Crowley to Keenan and he is over. This one counts and the conversion brings us level. Alright, let's kick on from here. Enough of the huffing and puffing.

Nope. Still huffing and puffing. Tommaso kicks a brilliant penalty and Italy are back in front. Deservedly so.

Yellow card for Italy. Unlucky enough, to be fair. Ireland, quite rightly, aren't doling out any sympathy cards and drive forward. Lineout, maul, and Dan Sheehan...aren't, quite frankly, if I was an Italian defender, I'd be getting out of his way. They do try and stop him, but it's like trying to harness a hippo. Dan is over the line and, despite a poor effort at a conversion, Ireland are in front 12 to 10 at half-time. I really can't help thinking that only for that yellow card....but look, we have depth, and we have generally (France excepted) been better in the second half of games.

We don't start any better, though. We just don't look right. We are better than this, it has been proven often enough, but we just aren't producing it today. Sometimes games take on their own narrative. Mack Hansen does make a great break and Jmaes Lowe does score a disallowed try (play called back; I'm not actually sure why).

Irish try. Dan Sheehan again on the end of a driving maul that Italy can't match. No, it's not exactly subtle and it isn't pretty. But it's over the line and right now, that's what counts.

Not an easy conversion and the ball swings too far left. It has to be said that Crowley is not at his best here.

Ireland are looking better now, though. Tdgh Furlong comes on, so does Peter O'Mahony, to a standing ovation. A great servant to Irish rugby, nobody could begrudge. The Italian supporters don't either, fair play to them. Italy are back down to fourteen. They are going to have to talk among themselves about discipline when they review this.

Hansen with a great run. Crowley to Keenan and a try...no, ruled out for an earlier infringement. Still, Ireland are looking more confident and composed. Mind you, with a man advantage, they'd want to.

There we go. Great kick by Gibson Park, Hansen keeps it in play, and there's Dan Sheehan to tap down. 22-10, and I expect that we will pile on more now.

Shows what I know. Ange Capuozzo just drives at us, kicks it past seamlessly, and Stephen Varney finishes it off. Try for Italy, conversion, and back to a one score game.

We hold out. And I mean that literally. We hang on for a win and a bonus point but jaysus, that was very hard work. We made it much too hard. This Irish team won two Six Nations titles on the trot, a Grand Slam.....I honestly believe that if Italy had kept fifteen players on the field, they would have beaten us.

A month ago a lot of pundits had ten or eleven Irish players on the Lions. Now it could in theory be just two players looking for passports. That's an over-reaction in itself, there is less of a connection between drama and reality than people think. Andy Farrell will still be taking at least seven Irish players. But he'll be expecting, and demanding, better of them.

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Our Senior Men were unlucky not to take at least a share of the spoils in a high quality contest played in Connolly Park. This was certainly a good advert for the latest rule changes brought in by the FRC as both sides played the game in the correct spirit. David O Sullivan and Ryan O'Grady were lively early on as they shared five points between them to have the sides level. A feature of the opening quarter was an outstanding save from Brian Kelly which denied Stacks a certain goal. This was the trigger for a period of Legion domination with Sam Benson and Peter Mc Carthy joining Ryan and David on the scoresheet. A well worked move saw Peter finish the ball to the net but Stacks finished the half on the up, and the scores were level at 0-11 to 1-8. David O Sullivan was prominent again early in the second period but the Stacks started to look stronger, hitting two pointers and they struck for a goal of their own to open up a four point gap, 1-14 to 1-10. But Sam Benson had a tap in after Josh Bowlers initial shot hit the crossbar to tighten it up again. The Stacks pulled away again, 1-18 to 2-11 but a purple patch which yielded 1-3, through Ryan and a David O Sullivan penalty, had the visitors 3-14 to 1-18 ahead. But misfortune was about to strike as a long ball into the square was flicked on by Shane O Callaghan to snatch the game for the hosts. It was a cruel end to a game that no team should lose in that manner but if the performance levels can be maintained through the season there will be plenty of good days. A gratifying feature of the game was the appearance of young guns Josh Bowler, Tom Benson and Bryan Walsh who looked right at home at this level.

SENIOR B TEAM

Our Senior Mens B Team began their Div 6 County League campaign under the Direen lights on Friday evening against Milltown-Castlemaine. A very young team played with energy and quality throughout to secure a good win. Well done to the 5 players who made their Senior County League debuts in a team that had a nice blend of youth and experience. And also a good start for Team manager Sean McCarthy who has taken the reins this year, having made a great recovery from recent illness. Full time score Killarney Legion 4-14 Milltown-Castlemaine 0-4.

SATURDAY MORNING ACADEMY

Glorious sunshine helped to make last Saturday mornings Academy a huge success with record numbers.. The Academy will continue for the next few months and boys and girls aged 4-10 are always welcome. The morning was also our first morning introducing Hurling to the Academy. The skill levels on show were top notch and it will continue every Saturday as well.

SCOR NA BPAISTI

The East Kerry Scor na Bpaisti were held in Fossa last Sunday afternoon and we were well represented. Abbey O Leary finished second in the solo dance category while Emily O Shea was third in the solo singing. We also had Mia Cox, Sadie Brosnan, Grace Brosnan, Ava Brosnan, Grace Moore, Diarmuid and Muireann O Regan and Aoibheann Hegarty showing up very well in

the set Dancing. A huge thank you to everyone for representing the club so well and ye should all take a well earned bow.

MINOR LADIES

Our minor ladies were in action last Monday night in their first competitive game of the season where they took on Glenflesk in Direen in Co League Division 2. In what was a very competitive and tightly fought contest, Glenflesk came out on top after being more productive in front of goal on a scoreline of Legion 4-04 Glenflesk 4-10.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others group will be returning from their winter break in the coming weeks. Deemed as social football with a twist or two it is the ideal outlet for any ladies interested in some exercise and more importantly fun. The group are going from strength to strength but as always are open to new members joining. It starts on Thursday March 20th from 8-9pm with the emphasis on three "F"s...Fitness, friends and fun.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Margaret O Donoghue. Margaret's sons Robert, David and Kevin all played for the club through all the age grades and we remember them alongside their sister Zelie. May Margaret rest in peace.

LOTTO

Results Monday March 10th. Numbers were 5,7,19,28. Bonus 17. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Aidan Doyle 2. Mary Slattery 3. Grace O'Sullivan

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 16/03/2025 for a jackpot of €9,000 were 7, 10, 16, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Emma Hallissey, Aoibhe O'Connor, Louise O'Sullivan, Eilish Myers, Michael Talbot. 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>

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 5

The B team got off to a winning start in Div 5 of the county league in glorious sunshine on Saturday afternoon in Gneeveguilla. Fossa were quick off the mark with points from Kevin McCarthy and Jack O'Sullivan, they were in control around the middle of the field where Mark Dennehy showed all his experience and class, giving some great ball into the forwards. Sean Dineen was very composed in defence and had a fine game throughout, Ryan O'Leary, Rocco Sheehan and Ted O'Gorman worked very hard and provided the scores to leave Fossa ahead at the break 0-7 to 0-3.

A brilliant ball over the Gneeveguilla defence by Kevin McCarthy put Ryan O'Leary in for a goal at the start of the second half, Rocco Sheehan nailed a great 45 and a point by the rampant Ted O'Gorman had Fossa leading by eight points midway through the half. Gneeveguilla struck for a goal in the 16th minute but Rocco Sheehan responded with a brilliant goal almost

immediately to settle Fossa, Ryan O'Leary added his second goal of the game soon afterwards to leave Fossa comfortable winners on a score of 3-12 to 1-11. They will be very happy with the win as this will be a tough division with some very strong teams to come.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 2

Our seniors recorded a good win in their opening encounter of the county league when they beat Keel in Fossa on Sunday. The first half was an even affair, Keel opened the scoring but Rian Colleran and Eoin Talbot had Fossa ahead by the fourth minute. While both teams were solid defensively, Fossa were able to create more scoring opportunities and points from Harry Buckley, Brian Myers, Tadhg O'Shea and Shane O'Sullivan left Fossa leading at the break, 0-7 to 0-4. The sides traded scores at the start of the second half before Shane Evans struck for a goal for Keel in the 6th minute to level matters. The response from Fossa was immediate and impressive, Tadhg O'Shea kicked two points and a Killian Buckley free restored their three-point advantage. A feature of the game was two superb 45's by Shane O'Sullivan and he kicked his second one in the 13th minute, Emmett O'Shea kicked a two pointer shortly after he was introduced and Harry Buckley extended the lead to six in the 21st minute. Matt Rennie gave Fossa a foothold in the middle third of the pitch, winning some great ball and then Eoin Talbot went on a brilliant solo run, gliding his way past a few tackles before off loading to Rian Colleran who rolled the ball to the Keel net to wrap up the points for Fossa. Final score was Fossa 1-15, Keel 1-08. This was a very solid team performance and the new manager, Jerome Stack and his management team will be delighted to win their first home game of the campaign.

MINORS

Our minors play Dingle in the Club Championship final next Saturday, 23rd March in John Mitchells pitch Tralee at 2pm, all support welcome.

DR CROKES

SFL DIV 5

Dr. Crokes B 3:12 Cromane 2:12

Our B team started their campaign with a home win against Cromane. It was great to see club stalwarts David O'Leary and Jamie Doolan back in the black and amber and both acquitted themselves well. Our minors Kacper Robak and Cian Mulcahy also made their senior debuts. They were joined by Adam Byrne in the second half. This team can be satisfied with their performance but special mention to our chief scorers Dara O'Shea and Cillian Courtney at the front. Cian Mulcahy and James Kelly formed a strong midfield partnership and the defense was anchored with former junior players of the year, Paddy Foley and Sean Coppinger.

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LOTTO took place March 17th. Numbers drawn were 1, 19, 22, 27. Jackpot of €10,400 was NOT WON. 2 patrons matched 3 numbers and

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KATHLEEN'S GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASS takes place on Tuesdays from 11am in the clubhouse. You do not need to be a member to join. All Welcome.

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CONDOLENCES to Shane Murphy and Family on the recent passing of his uncle Fergus Murphy Kiskeam. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

NOTES

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

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Safeguard Security sponsored East Kerry Div. 1 Final

Rathmore V Listry, Sunday 23rd March @ 1:30pm.
Venue: Fossa. Extra time plus result on the day

MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the East Kerry Board will take place on Tuesday 25th March at 9pm at Killarney Heights Hotel.

SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ

A brilliant day today at Fossa Community Hall, as the East Kerry Scór na bPáistí took place. Congratulations to all the clubs for producing brilliant performances. Many thanks to Fear and ti Seamus Clifford, and to Kilarney Credit Union for their superb sponsorship.

CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL

East Kerry primary school boys and girls group stage matches were completed during the week. The standard of football was excellent with all players enjoying the seven aside matches at local venues. Eight teams in both boys and girls competitions have progressed to the next stage of the tournament. Thanks to all the teachers for organising the well run events. Mairead O Donoughe (Mercy Convent) supported Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the large number of group games. The boys last eight games will be completed on Monday 31st March in Dr Crokes club grounds. The girls tournament will be completed on Wednesday 2nd April in Fossa club grounds. Best of luck to all teams.



KERRY PLAYERS CLAIM SPOTS ON TEAMS OF THE YEAR

Kerry's Dr Crokes have received two places on the AIB Football Championship Team of the year while Castleisland Desmond's Eilis Lynch is named on the AIB Ladies Gaelic Football Championship team of the year ahead of FRIDAY'S awards ceremony.

The AIB GAA Football and Ladies Gaelic Football club player awards will take place in Croke Park, tonight, Friday, March 21st where the teams of the year and players of the year for the 2024/25 season will be acknowledged.

AIB is proud to announce the AIB GAA Football and Ladies Gaelic Football Club Championship Teams of the Year. Thrilling seasons in both codes provided some excellent individual and team performances that saw some of #TheToughest players in Gaelic Games delivering for their clubs when it mattered most. The teams of the year were carefully selected by a panel of experts, who diligently assessed performances throughout the championships. AIB will honour these players at the AIB Club Player Awards ceremony this Friday, March 21st, where the coveted player of the year awards will also be revealed.

The nominees for AIB GAA Football Club Player of the Year are Con O'Callaghan of Cuala, Ruairi Canavan of Errigal Ciaran and Micheál Burns of Dr. Crokes. In Ladies Gaelic Football, the nominees for AIB LGFA Club Player of the Year are Eva Noone and Louise Ward, both of Kilkerrin-Clonberne, and Aoife Kane of Kilmacud Crokes.

All-Ireland champions Kilkerrin-Clonberne have been awarded the most players on the AIB Ladies

Football Club Championship Team of the Year. The Galway club boasts eight places on the team of the year, having won their fourth All-Ireland title in a row. In a repeat of last year's semi-final, they held off Kilmacud Crokes in the final to take home the Dolores Tyrrell Memorial Cup. The Dublin champions have five players on the team following their impressive run to Croke Park, which saw them win their third Leinster title in succession. Castleisland Desmonds, who secured their fourth Munster crown this season and first since 1986 have one place on the team of the year, while Ulster Champions Clann Éireann also have one place on the AIB Ladies Gaelic Football Club Championship Team of the Year.

The AIB GAA Football Club Championship Team of the Year, features six players from All-Ireland champions Cuala. The Dublin club clinched their first ever All-Ireland title when they overcame Errigal Ciaran in a pulsating final that saw them come out on top on a scoreline of 3-14 to 1-16. Errigal Ciaran have been recognised with five players on the team of the year following an incredible season which saw them reach their maiden All-Ireland final. Connacht champions, Coolera-Strandhill, and Munster champions, Dr Crokes have two players each named on the team, following impressive seasons for both clubs. Coolera-Strandhill became the first Sligo club to conquer Connacht in 41 years when they overcame Padraig Pearses while Dr Crokes' incredible journey was cut short in the All-Ireland semi-final by Errigal Ciaran who needed extra time to overcome the Killarney club.

KERRY LGFA INTERCOUNTY ROUNDUP

Lidl Ladies National Football League

Division 1 - Round 6

Kerry -v- Meath

Saturday 22nd March

Austin Stack Park - 2pm

Munster Minor Championship -

Round 2

Kerry -v- Waterford

Saturday 22nd March

Cordal GAA Club 12noon

Munster U16 Championship Round 3

Sharon O'Keeffe Tournament

Clare 2-05 Kerry 3-11

Referee: Mark Murphy

Kerry got back to winning ways in the Sharon O'Keeffe Tournament after a hard-fought win in the third round. Played on an astro pitch they got off to a flying start scoring three unanswered points. Grace O'Sullivan, Erin Evans and Holly Burke all getting on the score sheet. Naoise Talty opened the Clare account with a point before a Clare goal had the sides level. An attempted point from Clare saw the ball hit the crossbar with Lucy Watson quickest to react and pam the ball into the back of the net. A brace from Erin Evans saw the Kingdom extend the lead back out to two as the sides exchanged points. A crucial period was to come for the Kingdom in the final seven minutes of the first half. Two goals one from Grace O'Sullivan and Holly Ryan saw Kingdom go in at the break with an eight-point advantage. With the second half underway Clare got off to the perfect start with a goal from Emma Kelly. It spurred Clare on as a further two points from Laura Morrissey and Lucy Watson saw the deficit down to three. Kerry's first score in the half came midway through, courtesy of Grace O'Sullivan. Clare once again reduced the deficit to three and had a chance of a goal but Aime Kelly saved well. Kerry would see out the game strongly much like the first half. Points from Erin Evans, Máire Eilís Nic Gearailt and a goal from Grace O'Sullivan in injury time saw Kerry run out deserving ten-point winners.

Clare Scorers: L Watson (1-1), E Kelly (1-1) N Talty (0-02 1f). C Behan (0-01)

Kerry Scorers: G Sullivan (2-04), E Evans (0-05 1f), H Ryan (1-0), H Burke ((0-01), M E Nic Gearailt (0-01), A O'Connor (0-01)

Munster U16 A Championship Round 3

Clare 1-05 Kerry 9-18

Referee: David Grogan

The A game saw Kerry record an impressive



Kerry U16 A Panel v Clare



Kerry U16 Sharon O'Keeffe Panel v Clare

win in a very much one-sided encounter. It was evident early on the outcome of this game as Kerry dominated the game from start to finish. Six goals by Kerry in the first half well and truly put this game beyond any doubt. Kelsey Cummins and Jessie Lynch amongst the scorers. Kerry had five different scorers of points in the half as they dominated the scoreboard on both fronts. Captain Leah Griffin, Lily Riordan, Avril Doyle and Seoladh Flynn amongst the scorers. Clare registered two points in the half through Ella Healy and Simone Considine. Things failed to improve for Clare in the second half as Kerry continued their dominance throughout the half. A further 3 -09 in the second half from the Kingdom afforded them the opportunity to give much needed

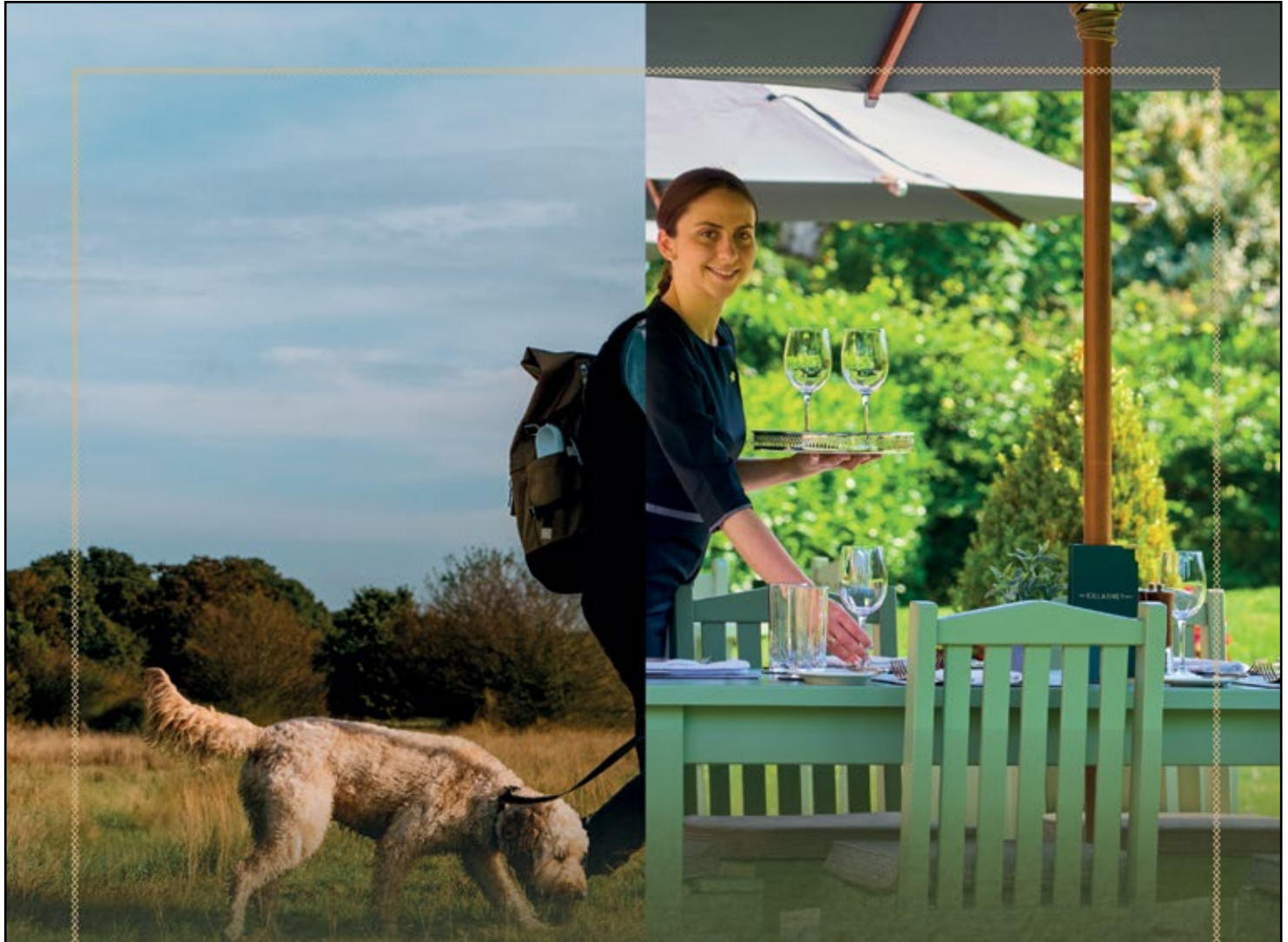
gametime to the panel ahead of the remaining games in the championship. Despite Kerry's dominance Clare to their immense credit and pride fought till the bitter end. Points from Ella Healy and Allisha Ryan and a consolation goal late on from Simone Considine was their reward for the never say die attitude showing by the banner on the day

Clare Scorers:

S Considine (1-01 1f), E Healy (0-02 1f), A Ryan (0-02)

Kerry Scorers: J Lynch (2-03), K Cummins (3-00), S O'Halloran (2-02), L Ni Chiobhain (2-01), L Griffin (0-03), N Murphy (0-03 1f), L Riordan (0-02), D O'Neill (0-02), J O'Connor (0-01), S Flynn (0-01), A Doyle (0-01)

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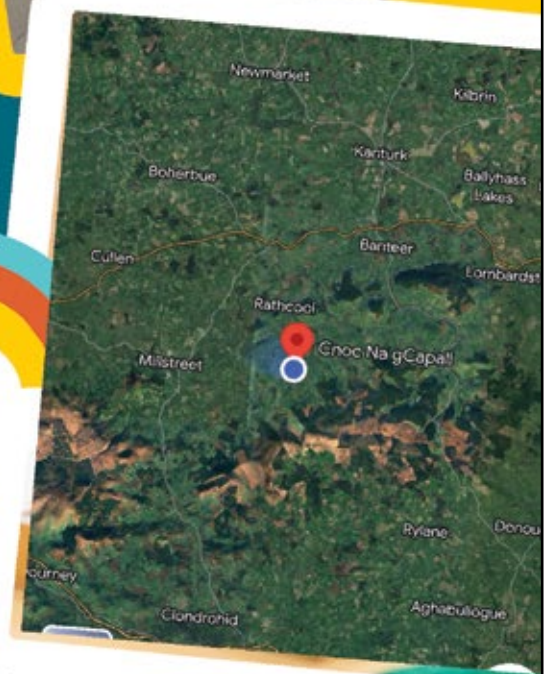
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Welcome back dear student, I hope you enjoyed a fabulous St. Patrick's Day. It's common to see folks enjoying green ice cream or green beer to celebrate – the latter may cause some to be worse for wear. The Word of God has much to say about food and drink, yet some of it seems contradictory, so let's delve a bit deeper. "Wine produces mockers; alcohol leads to brawls. Those led astray by drink cannot be wise" (Proverbs 20:1). How interesting – another translation says ... 'wine IS a mocker and strong drink a brawler', meaning there is a spirit attached to alcohol. And that demon brings its attributes to the one dependent upon drink. It's not called the demon drink for nothing! This is not a word of condemnation friend, generally people binge drink for a reason. There's nothing wrong with a social drink, but it's so easy to fall into addiction, and foolish to ignore that much can lead to broken relationships and even abuse.

"It is not for kings, O Lemuel, to guzzle wine. Rulers should not crave alcohol. For if they drink, they may forget the law and not give justice to the oppressed. Alcohol is for the dying, and wine for those in bitter distress. Let them drink to forget their poverty and remember their troubles no more" (Proverbs 31:4-7). Here, the mother of King Lemuel was giving her son wisdom, so that he would lead with integrity and success. There is a culture amongst some that the more you can drink, the bigger the person you are. But God's Word is clear in this advice: craving alcohol is a trap that leads to problems... 1) forgetting God's ways and entering into sin, allowing bondage take hold, causing that one to do things they would have never done had they not been drinking. 2) Alcohol can open the door to a spirit of death – not just physical sickness, but failure – immorality, broken relationships, lost dreams, and poverty.

The Word explains that people drink for a reason – to numb pain and torment from past trauma, or problems currently endured. These wounds aren't solved by drink: it just makes one forget – for a while. This is not how God planned for His people to live, as it brings curse, hopelessness, and isolation – the opposite of the Freedom and Life Jesus gives (Galatians 5:1). Often lovely people begin depending on drink to heal pain, but the cure ends up worse than the original problem and leads further into a dark world of homelessness, drugs, prostitution, loneliness, and brokenness. So why does God offer wine in the lead Scripture? There are two types of wine listed in the Word. The spirit the world offers may taste good and give temporary relief, but the wine the Holy Spirit gives brings JOY that lasts (Ephesians 5:18-19; Romans 14:17). Jesus said 'I Am the Vine you are the branches' (John 15:1-16). John saw a day of judgement and famine coming, with God protecting those part-taking of His oil and wine (Revelation 6:6; Malachi 3:18-4:2). In Scripture, Oil refers to the Holy Spirit – His Presence fuels God's fire upon us, radiating with the Power of His Love for His children (Psalm 34:5; Matthew 25:3). God's wine is an end product: the fruit of real relationship with the Lord Jesus, Who leads us by His Spirit into True Peace.

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STUDENTS HONOUR ST. PATRICK AT SPECIAL MASSES

St. Patrick's Day saw our patron saint being honoured with special Masses in the Cathedral. At the 10.30 Mass on Monday morning, pupils from three of the local schools led the congregation in Irish prayers, Irish singing and ceol tradisiúnta. Co-ordinated by St. Oliver's National School teacher, Micheál Gleeson, the children spoke Irish with ease and filled the cathedral with the most spectacular song and music, igniting joy in the hearts of those in the congregation. Micheál said, "The children, which were made up of students from St. Oliver's, St. Brigids and Killarney Community College did themselves, their families, their teachers and indeed their parish proud".

The Mass was celebrated by Cathedral Administrator Fr. Kieran O' Brien, who has a particular grá for our native language, and indeed lead much of the Mass as Gaeilge. "It was so lovely to have the young people lead us in our native tongue. This Mass has become an annual tradition, and I hope it will be for many years to come. Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí! Since the Mass on Monday morning so many parishioners who were at the Mass or tuned in online, said that it was uplifting and inspiring in equal measure".

The vigil Mass on Sunday night

saw the Cathedral Choir raise the roof in religious song with so many of the traditional hymns being sung. The singing added to the ceremony, which was led by Fr. Joe Begley, and many of the congregation commented on the spiritual and meaningful blend of prayer and music.

Paula Gleeson, who is director of music in the Cathedral said "I am very proud of our choir, and it is very important that we honour some of the old traditions. Hymns like Dóchas Linn Naomh Pádraig and Hail Glorious St. Patrick filled the walls of our magnificent cathedral over the weekend, and perhaps what made it more special was the number of Mass-goers who joined us in honouring St. Patrick with these hymns."

Paula added " We are so lucky in the Cathedral, and indeed in the wider Killarney parish, to have a host of talented soloists, choristers and musicians, who are willing and delighted to give of their time and talent to enhance our Liturgies. It is also lovely to see that we have young singers 'training-in', and who are enjoying being part of our Masses and religious ceremonies - this will ensure that the tradition of Church music will continue on to the next generations!"



Students from Killarney Schools who took part in special masses to honour St. Patrick pictured with coordinator St. Oliver's National School teacher, Micheál Gleeson

12TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**THOMAS (TOM)
O'SHEA**



BALLYMALIS, BEAUFORT,
KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
24TH MARCH 2013

*Somewhere beyond the sunset
Where loved ones never die
You sleep in a beautiful garden
Beneath a golden sky
Though Heaven and earth divide us.
We are never far apart
For you are always in our thoughts And
forever in our hearts
You left behind some beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you
You are always by our side.
Others were taken, yes I know;
But you were mine, I loved you so,
A prayer, a tear, til the end of time,
For a loving husband, I was proud
to call mine.*

Always remembered by your loving wife
Mai, children John, Mary, Bridgetta and
Thomas, son-in-law Stephen, daughter-
in-law Niamh and grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.

3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**KATHLEEN
O'SULLIVAN**



DUNLOE UPPER, BEAUFORT.
WHO DIED 22ND MARCH 2022.
AND REMEMBERING
SEAN O'SULLIVAN
WHO DIED DECEMBER 9TH, 2017.

*A loving thought, A silent tear
A constant wish that you were here
A loving place no one can fill
We miss you Dad and Mom and always will
Rest in Peace.*

Sadly missed by
Geraldine, Denis, Rory, Ashling
and Ryan.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY HUSBAND
TIMMY HICKEY



AUNASKIRTANE, RATHMORE.
WHO DIED ON
24TH MARCH 2021.

*I little knew that morning
That God was going to call your name
In life I loved you dearly
In death I do the same.
It broke my heart to lose you
You did not go alone
For parts of me went with you
The day God called you home.*

Sadly missed and forever loved by
by your loving wife Margaret.

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TIMMY HICKEY



AUNASKIRTANE, RATHMORE.
WHO DIED ON
24TH MARCH 2021.

*Dad
You held my hand when I was small
You caught me when I fell,
You're the hero of my childhood
And my later years aswell.
And everytime I think of you
My heart still fills with pride,
Though I'll always miss you Dad
I know you're by my side.
In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and through rain
I know you are watching over us
Until we meet again.*

Loved and missed every day by
your sons and daughters,
Neilus, Mairead, Timothy, Flora,
John and families.

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the night, All Enquiries to 064 6644319 or
066 6644252

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