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A Note from the EDITOR



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and for readers of this week's Killarney Outlook, the festive season has come a little earlier! This week's magazine is a whopping 112 pages - filled with everything you need to know about events, offers and all things Christmas in the run up to the most wonderful time of the year!

From Carols In the Cathedral to Christmas Parades and from All Star Winners to All things Elections we have it covered!

The majestic Tree of Light is being dedicated to a very special person, Santa and the Mayor are backing a very festive coffee cup push and it's all systems go for the Seasonal Markets which will be held in the Fair Hill Car Park.

It's awards season as Kerry ladies top the table with seven All Star Awards, the IHF honour their dedicated staff and Killarney Athletic hold their annual night of celebration.

The community of Glenflesk gathered for a Rambling House, a Killarney Student is Tokyo bound and it's time to get your skates on as Killarney On Ice Returns.

I hope you all enjoy our bumper edition of Killarney Outlook this week!

Aisling Crosbie



Castlelough Bay Reflections captured by Paul W. Byrne

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Tree of Light Star to honour Rena's memory

A woman who dedicated much of her life to ensuring Killarney was a special place to live in and visit every Christmas is being remembered in the town in a very special way this festive season.

The feature star on the spectacular Tree of Light in Killarney takes on an extra special meaning this year as it will be dedicated to the late Rena Kennelly, the gifted artist who designed and created the magnificent Christmas crib in St Mary's Cathedral for over 50 years.

She had been at the helm of that project every Christmas season since the Church was refurbished in the 1970s and her work was created using life-sized figures, a striking stable full of animals, an artificial lake, fir trees and moss which she sourced herself.

Fittingly, she also helped create the state-of-the-art new crib – designed for a new generation – which was unveiled last year and she was also responsible for the design of the wonderfully atmospheric sacred space in the cathedral.

Rena, who passed away last March, lived in Aghadoe, Killarney and formerly at Cleeny, Killarney and Ballymullen, Tralee.

For her incredible dedication, she received the coveted Benemerenti Medal in August 2022 which is the highest honour Pope Francis can bestow on a person for services to the Church. She was also honoured with a civic award by Kerry County Council.



Rena Kennelly being presented with the Benemerenti Medal by Killarney Parish Administrator, Fr Kieran O'Brien, in August 2022. Picture: Valerie O'Sullivan

Rena worked in her earlier years as a nurse in Scotland before she met the dashing Colm Kennelly, a Trinity graduate and a fine footballer who was the youngest member of the Kerry team that won the 1953 All-Ireland.

Colm then worked as a civil engineer for the ESB in Tralee and affairs of the heart brought her home. They later moved to Guyana in South America before returning home again four years later when Colm accepted an offer to join Kerry County Council, later to become county engineer.

Predeceased by Colm, Rena is mum to daughters Shirley and Kate and son Mark.

She is greatly missed too by her daughter-in-law Paula, sons-in-law John Joe Clifford and Dan O'Driscoll, sister Margaret Moriarty, brother Gene O'Sullivan, grandchildren Jason, Kenneth, Ciara, Colm, Ailbhe, Justine and Catherine and great-grandchildren Roan and Ben.

Chairman of the Christmas in Killarney Committee, Cllr Niall Kelleher, said the star dedication was a fitting tribute to a wonderful woman who is very fondly remembered in the town.

"Rena was a wonderfully creative and gifted woman and we all saw her remarkable work in the cathedral every year," he said.

The Tree of Light and the feature star will be officially switched on after 6.15pm Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Monday, December 2nd.

The 1,000ft Californian Redwood tree is adorned with over 3,500 energy efficient bulbs. In previous years the Tree of Light star was dedicated to the memory of Johnny Hickey and Yvonne Quilll for their dedication to the Tidy Towns campaign and Paul Coghlan who is a former President of Killarney Chamber of Commerce.

Majestic Californian Redwood will illuminate Killarney

A spectacular 100ft tree, festooned with close on 3,000 sparkling lights and topped with a giant star, will again illuminate Killarney this Christmas.

The towering Tree of Light features on the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral on a landmark giant Californian Redwood tree just outside the main door of the Pugin-designed building.

The project is an exciting collaboration between Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and the Killarney parish and it creates a wonderful focal point in the town in the lead up to and during the festive season. The lights will be officially switched on immediately after 6.15pm Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Monday, December 2.

Killarney Parish Administrator, Fr Kieran O'Brien and the project committee extend a warm invitation to all community groups, schools, clubs and organisations, families and individuals to join the wonderful community celebration.

The Tree of Light was first lit to mark the millennium year when it commemorated all those who lost their lives in the conflict in Northern Ireland and it was again illuminated in the mid-2000s to remember those who had been killed on Irish roads.

Since then the project is all about community and it celebrates the fact that Killarney is such a wonderful town to live in and to visit.

The feature Californian Redwood tree is one of the most wonderful visual features in Killarney and it will greet tens of thousands of visitors passing the cathedral on their way to and from Killarney during the festive season.

The tree is being fitted with up to 3,000 lightweight, energy efficient bulbs to symbolise the memory of loved ones burning brightly within the hearts of those that visit the magical space at Christmastime.

The Christmas in Killarney is organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce with support from Kerry County Council.

Tree of Light is set to become the main focal point for the Christmas in Killarney celebrations, which will come to life every evening at 4.00pm over the Christmas season. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (FILE PHOTO)

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SANTA AND MAYOR

BACK COFFEE CUP FESTIVE PUSH

Santa Claus and the Mayor of Killarney have joined forces in the lead-up to Christmas to highlight the importance of supporting the innovative local coffee cup project during the festive season. Shoppers who will be enjoying coffee on the go in the coming weeks have been urged to support the campaign to banish single-use cups and there is a great determination in the town that not even the mischievous Grinch will be allowed to steal the festive spirit and spoil the great work that has been done. The coffee cup project has eliminated over one

million single-use coffee cups – equating to 18.5 tonnes of waste – per year thanks to the huge effort being made by local coffee shops and hotels.

In the absence of a long promised latte levy, the reusable cup takeaway system in operation has sparked a very noticeable reduction in litter throughout the town and the national park and Killarney is setting a great example for every other town, city and village to try to emulate.

Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, noted that the reusable system removed an estimated 23,000 single-use cups from the town every

week and the results are very obvious on the streets and along the nature trails and public amenities.

This Christmas also there will be a novel scheme in operation encouraging people to declutter their home or office by donating a stash of reusable coffee cups for charity.

There will be a charity return station at the Christmas in Killarney Christmas Markets which will be in place in the Fair Hill car park on weekends in the lead up to the festive season.



Santa Claus and his elves Evie and Amelia Spillane supporting the Killarney Coffee Cup project with Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy Rae, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President Johnny McGuire, Killarney Tidy Towns Chairman Michael Gleeson and a group of volunteers from Killarney Tidy Towns at Market Cross, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Santa Claus and his elves Evie and Amelia Spillane supporting the Killarney Coffee Cup project with Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy Rae and Killarney Tidy Towns Chairman Michael Gleeson in 'Deck The Halls' Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

*Don't miss out on the
seasonal markets
village*



A wonderful additional attraction at this year's Christmas in Killarney festival will be a fabulous markets village which will feature rows of seasonally decorated cabins with great gift ideas right in the heart of the town centre.

The exciting project will be located in the Fair Hill car park in an initiative organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce – as part of its annual Christmas in Killarney celebrations – with the full support and backing of Kerry County Council and Killarney Municipal District Council.

Some wonderful gift ideas will be available at great prices and there will be a magical Christmas atmosphere as busy shoppers go about their business.

"This is a very exciting development this year and we are all really looking forward to paying a visit and searching for that unique present for the season that's in it," Chamber of Tourism and Commerce said.

"Kerry County Council is giving the project full and enthusiastic backing and we'd like to thank them for that. All going well, this could become a regular feature in Killarney at Christmastime".

The cabins will be in situ on December 7-8, from December 13-15 and from December 20-22.

They will be up and running and open for business from 3pm to 7pm on Fridays, 2pm to 8pm on Saturdays and 2pm to 7pm on Sundays.

While the interest from businesses and craft vendors has been huge, there are still a limited number of cabins up for grabs with a special three days (one weekend) for the price of two currently on offer.

For further information go to info@christmasinkillarney.com or call 087-2222495.

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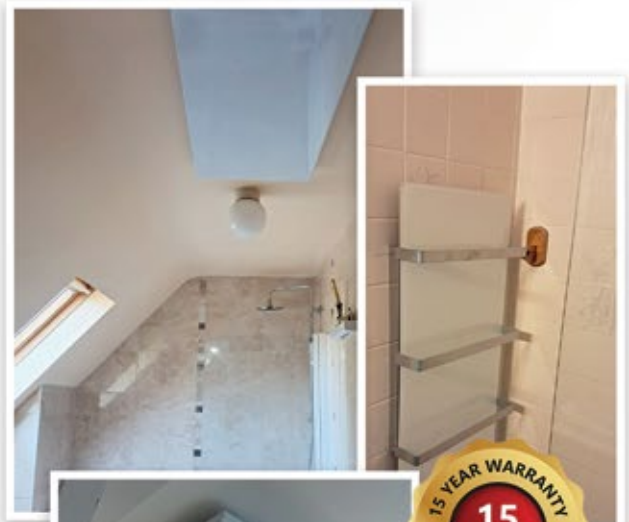
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Season to be jolly in the Christmas capital

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Killarney where the elves are kept busy sprinkling the magic dust to ensure the fully deserved reputation as the most spectacular festive season town in the entire country is maintained.

Organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, with great support from Kerry County Council, the annual Christmas in Killarney festival will feature extra spectacular Christmas Magic street parades, magnificent street lights and decorations and a really unique Santa's Grotto experience at a very special and magical location.

There will also be a bustling markets village with great gift ideas, sensational shopping and all the fun of the season of goodwill which will ensure Killarney is once again the country's Christmas capital for 2024.

The incredible hour-long Christmas Magic parades, with Disney-style floats and characters and, of course, Santa Claus himself, will wind their way through the packed Streets on November 23rd and 30th and again on December 7th, 14th and 21st of December 7th, 14th and

21st, commencing at 6.00pm. The astonishing Christmas street lights will be officially switched on the night of the first parade on November 23. The parades will depart from Fitzgerald Stadium and proceed through the packed streets, taking in Lewis Road, College Street, Plunkett Street, Main Street and High Street with Mickey, Minnie and other favourite Disney characters, snow queens and magical horses mingling with the crowd on the street from 5.30pm.

Each parade will be a family-friendly spectacle, featuring joyful festive entertainment for all ages right in the heart of Killarney town.

A wheelchair accessible viewing space will be available at Market Cross and an accessible, autism-friendly viewing area will be provided at Áras Phádraig on Lewis Road.

This colourful, feelgood celebration showcases Killarney in a truly magnificent light and the parades attract people from all over the country and beyond.

If you haven't been in Killarney for a Magic Parade at Christmas, you really don't know what you're missing.



PHOTOS: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN

Santa to spend weekends in Killarney up to Christmas



He has made his list. He has checked it twice. And the great news is that a visit to Killarney is right there at the very top.

Santa Claus is coming to town and he is so much looking forward to relaxing in his cosy corner at Killarney Outlet Centre from the end of November right up to Christmas week.

The jolly man in red has ensured that the elves will be well able to make, pack and wrap the toys and gifts back at the North Pole while he spends his weekends meeting the children of Kerry and visitors to the county at the busy Outlet Centre.

The great news is that there will be no charge to meet and greet Santa, no booking is necessary and there will be an opportunity to take a selfie as a souvenir of the great occasion.

If Rudolph and the other reindeer have had

enough carrots to be able to keep up with the busy schedule, Santa will arrive in Killarney Outlet Centre on Saturday, November 30 and he'll be back in his cosy corner the next day, meeting and greeting all comers, from 1pm to 5pm on both days.

After that – because he loves Christmas in Killarney – Santa will return every Saturday and Sunday, again from 1pm to 5pm, right up to December 22 and he's looking forward to meeting all the shoppers and hearing what everybody would like him to bring them at Christmas.

There will be gifts galore through the stores and visitors are reminded to bring their cameras or their smartphones to get their own snapshots with Santa.

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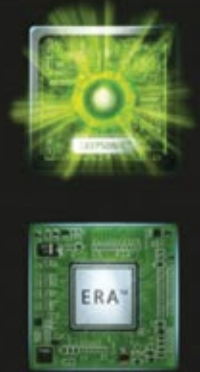
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A MAGICAL EVENING IN STORE at St. Mary's Cathedral

Christmas Comes Early to Killarney: "Carols from the Cathedral" Returns on December 1st Killarney is getting into the holiday spirit early this year with the return of the beloved "Carols from the Cathedral" concert, taking place at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 1 December 2024, at 7:30 PM.

This festive charity gala concert, presented by the Kerry Scotia Ensemble, features soprano Sharon Lyons and the Kerry Concert Choir for a magical evening of Christmas classics.

The concert promises to bring together a delightful mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, with the orchestra commissioning composer Richard Rudkins to create unique arrangements of both beloved carols with a classical twist. Expect to hear favorites like Silent Night, Hark the Herald, and Adeste Fideles, alongside modern classics such as Walking in the Air, all reimagined in a way you won't hear anywhere else.

In addition to the music, the evening will include a raffle with exciting prizes, including a luxury hamper valued at over €150. All proceeds from ticket sales (after costs) and the raffle will benefit this year's partner charity, the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

The Kerry Hospice Foundation plays a vital role in supporting palliative care services throughout County Kerry, providing much-needed care and support to patients and their families during challenging times. Through fundraising, the Foundation helps to ensure that individuals facing life-limiting illnesses receive the highest level of compassionate care in their communities.

Sharon Lyons, an internationally acclaimed soprano who has performed for world leaders and on stages around the globe, will headline the concert. Her album, This Holy Night, is available on streaming



The Kerry Scotia Ensemble Choir

platforms like Spotify, where she has over 1 million streams. The Kerry Scotia Ensemble, established in 2016, is Kerry's only professional string orchestra and has garnered widespread acclaim for its performances, supported by funding from Kerry County Council, the Arts Council, and the Department of Culture & Arts.

Tickets are €20 each and are available for purchase on Eventbrite or at the door on the night. Discounts are available for group bookings on Eventbrite. Go celebrate a heartwarming evening of music, community, and festive cheer – all for a great cause!

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A table quiz to raise funds to purchase a garden table, shed and outside seating area at a residential house for service users of Kerry Parents & Friends was held in Tigh Mary Donal's and raised a fantastic €2254.

"We were absolutely delighted with the support on the night and also to Jack Patrick Healy who acted as quiz master" Jo Harty told Killarney Outlook.



The Mannix family enjoying the quiz



The Hewerdine and O'Brien Families at the quiz



Residents and staff enjoying the night out in Tigh Mary Donal's



Quizmaster Jack Patrick Healy



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Teaching study skills to students before their examinations is crucial for helping them reach their full potential and the College feels the timing is significant for these exam students; with two weeks to their Christmas Exams and a matter of months from their Mock exams and final exams in June.

Effective study techniques, such as time management, active recall, and note-taking strategies, allow students to learn more efficiently and retain information longer. These skills not only enhance academic performance during exams but also promote deeper understanding and mastery of subjects. The College prioritises study skills at this time of the year so that students gain the confidence to approach their exams systematically, reducing anxiety and increasing focus.



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It's the talk of the town...



With Anne Lucey

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



THE COMFORT OF UNIFORMS NEEDED ON OUR STREETS

People tell me openly they are wary of walking the Demesne and fearful in parts of the town centre.

The common complaint is the lack of garda presence. In Killarney, when all we had was a passing tourist trade - and you knew who and where to avoid - a garda was never far away. These days there has been a sudden and phenomenal increase in terms of thousands of people we do not know living among us and speaking languages we do not understand and with whom we cannot communicate - and there are no guards to be seen.

We have always welcomed the stranger in Killarney. We depend on foreign visitors and on foreign workers. We travel abroad. We have people living abroad. I challenge anyone to say most people living here, old or new, are not decent people.

The truth is everyone including bewildered immigrants and tourists and locals alike would feel more comfortable with more uniforms.

Foot patrols by gardai and maybe even an offshoot of the Tidy Towns in yellow jackets called Friendly Municipal Police, FMPs, would be welcome.

Last Friday evening at the top of New Street I feared being knocked over by two stopping young fellas on electric scooters literally scooting among pedestrians on the path at Sewell's Corner.

Back down New Street, near Beech Road, people had to edge their way in towards the shops opposite the post office as a large black car pulled up right on the footpath taking up most of the space. There was no room for buggies or wheelchairs. This wasn't late at night, this all happened between 5 pm and 5.30 pm. Not a Garda or warden to be seen.

ELECTION SOUNDINGS

In 2020, Sinn Fein were on the rise and it was easy for me at least to predict the election of Pa Daly, unknown in south Kerry.

This time, the decline of Sinn Féin seems certain. Pa has Tralee firmly behind him and should survive.

It is beyond doubt Michael Healy-Rae will top the poll again. Despite the lonesome talk, he has his "TD 2025" calendars printed.

Minister Norma Foley will come second. Norma, a clever vote getter, has focused on Dingle, and the Gaeltacht, now a no-man's land with Griffin out. She is articulate in English too, has a good appearance and makes Kerry proud on the national stage. Norma will surely increase from her half quota performance in 2020 of just 6,856.

That's three seats out of the way.

We can expect a mighty contest for the other

two.. The focus is on the Fine Gael seat which was won back after a long drought by Tom Sheahan - on a night I saw old Blue shirts crying.

Fianna Fáil makes no secret of trying to wrest it. But they will have to do a lot of work. Sole candidate Billy O'Shea's campaign is stylish and energetic. More than we are used to in FG campaigns.

As Billy said: "the longer this campaign goes on the more energetic I feel. Because I am getting the response from the people." But will FG be the authors of their own destruction and will one or two FG councillors remain sulking in their corners to the great satisfaction of Fianna Fail?

Fianna Fáil's real target is the Raes. If Killarney wants major projects we will have to look at the big picture and send back a Government TD is what FF are putting out.

The Raes who are solving lots of small problems but can't get their hands on the bigger ones, don't like it.

Michael Cahill has a strong appeal to Rae voters, is what I hear.

Linda Gordon-Kelleher is backed by the party hierarchy, and she offers a clear and let's face it, younger contrast.

But Danny should survive with daughter mayor Maura behind him. A dark horse in Kerry is Thomas McEllistrim, from the FF family and now with Independent Ireland.

If Mc goes out, will his second preferences go to Cahill, Healy-Rae or to Gordon-Kelleher?

Prediction: Same as 2020: One FF, One FG, One SF, Two Non Party, but with an outside chance of Fianna Fáil taking a second seat.

Safety line for Anne: A week is a long time in politics.

Killarney Housing

The stark truth of homelessness in this town - that we have not a single roof for people losing rental accommodation was revealed to Labour councillor Marie Moloney at the recent meeting of Killarney MD.

As I write, news is coming through on the go ahead on Port Road for 224 housing units, all for the private market. This was previously turned down because of the bat on his commute. Those concerns have now been met. Michael Hegarty director of Portal Assets is welcoming the Board Pleanala decision as great news for Killarney "at a time when the housing need has never been greater".

Traffic, density, ecology were all raised by residents and by groups and 29 conditions have been placed.

Meanwhile, there were a total of 42 adults including 6 families with 12 children in emergency accommodation from the Killarney MD. The sad truth is none of the families are

housed here in Killarney - they are sent to Tralee.

Killarney singles can end up in Listowel.

I can't be the only one scratching my head about a so-called local authority with a multi-million euro budget, with a full complement of well-paid councillors, with several empty State and Church buildings from Finan's to the parish hall under its command that can't provide a few houses for emergencies for local people.

"Kerry County Council acknowledges that, at present, there is no facility to provide this service in the Killarney Municipal District due to the shortage of suitable facilities which has been impacted by the various ongoing resettlement programmes. However, Kerry County Council is actively seeking to address the situation and is exploring a number of options with private service providers in the area," they told Marie. Make of that what you will. But they have been saying this with three years.



Killarney does not have a single roof for people losing rental accommodation. This news was revealed to Labour councillor Marie Moloney at the recent meeting of Killarney MD.

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Santa confirms he's returning to Killarney

The most magical time of the year is fast approaching – and even more magical news is just breaking in Killarney.

Santa Claus has sent a special message all the way from the North Pole to confirm that he will be returning to the wonderful venue that is Deenagh Lodge, in Killarney National Park, for the fantastic Christmas in Killarney celebrations.

He will be there to meet and greet all the children – and the young at heart – every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 29th to December 23rd and he is really looking forward to getting into the real spirit of season in the most wonderful town of them all at the most wonderful time of the year.

On arrival at the park, the gatekeeper will meet each boy and girl who will get their special Elf Passport to enter the cottage where they will visit the post office with the musical post box and meet the elves and Mrs Claus. They will then join Santa in his busy Christmas office where he will be double checking his list and making sure all the boys and girls will have a wonderful holiday.

Santa will be in Deenagh Lodge, just opposite St Mary's Cathedral, from 4pm to 9pm on Thursdays and Fridays and from 11.30am to 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays and he can't wait to hear what's topping this year's long wish-list. Advance booking is required on www.christmasinkillarney.com and, as this event sells out fast, book now to secure a place



Killarney told to get its skates on

Killarney is hugely excited to have an opportunity to get its skates on again this Christmas as the Killarney On Ice experience returns in all its glory.

A wonderfully atmospheric addition to the annual season of goodwill festival, the magical ice rink will return to the Beech Road car park on November 29 and it will remain all through the festive season until January 5.

The day and night event was a huge attraction when it was previously in Killarney previously and there is a great air of anticipation and excitement.



KILLARNEY STUDENT ON WAY TO TOKYO

- UCD Commerce student Oisín Walsh who hails from Killarney has been crowned the 2024 Red Bull Basement National champion alongside his team partner Oisín Mallon of Co. Louth. The pair will go on to represent Ireland in the World Finals in Tokyo next month.
- After 1,800 applications nationwide, the search for the next generation of Irish innovators came to a head at TUD Grangegorman on Thursday night when finalists presented their ideas to a panel of judges from across the Irish creative, media and tech landscape.
- Teams from across the country were represented in the final. Each presented their own business plan, created with the support of AI technology. After much deliberation, University College Dublin pair Oisín Walsh and Oisín Mallon were announced as the winners, nabbing a laptop each from partners AMD, as well as a place at next month's Red Bull Basement World Finals in Tokyo.
- The team presented their plans for StepAhead, which seeks to connect young people with mentors who have recently navigated the same career or educational paths, offering real-world advice to help them make informed, confident decisions.



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ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONS KERRY

lead the way with seven representatives on 2024 TG4 Ladies Football All-Star team

ALL-Ireland Senior champions Kerry lead the way with seven representatives on the 2024 TG4 Ladies Football All-Star team.

The annual selection was revealed on Saturday night at the annual TG4 All-Star awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel.

Kerry's seven winners are goalkeeper Ciara Butler, defenders Kayleigh Cronin and Aishling O'Connell, midfielder Anna Galvin, and forward trio Niamh Carmody, Danielle O'Leary and Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh.

Cronin won the Player of the Match award for an outstanding performance against Galway in the 2024 TG4 All-Ireland Final at Croke Park on Sunday August 4, as Carmody captained the Kingdom to a first All-Ireland Senior title in 31 years.

2024 TG4 Ladies Football All-Star team

Ciara Butler (Kerry) – 1st award

Grace Ferguson (Armagh) – 1st award

Kayleigh Cronin (Kerry) – 2nd award (previous winner in 2022)

Kate Geraghty (Galway) – 1st award

Aishling O'Connell (Kerry) – 2nd award (previous winner in 2022)

Nicola Ward (Galway) – 2nd award (previous winner in 2019)

Lauren McConville (Armagh) – 1st award

Anna Galvin (Kerry) – 1st award

Ailbhe Davoren (Galway) – 1st award

Niamh Carmody (Kerry) – 3rd award (previous winner in 2022 and 2023)

Aoife McCoy (Armagh) – 1st award

Olivia Divilly (Galway) – 1st award

Danielle O'Leary (Kerry) – 1st award

Katie Quirke (Cork) – 1st award

Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh (Kerry) – 5th award (previous in 2012, 2013, 2022 and 2023)

County by county breakdown: Kerry 7, Galway 4, Armagh 3, Cork 1.

TAÍ PHEIL NA MBAN TG4 LE LIDL 2024



The 2024 TG4 Ladies Football Allstar team, back row, from left, Anna Galvin of Kerry, Anna Maria O'Donoghue representing Niamh Carmody of Kerry, Aoife McCoy of Armagh, Olivia Divilly of Galway, Danielle O'Leary of Kerry, Katie Quirke of Cork, Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh of Kerry, Aishling O'Connell of Kerry and Kate Geraghty of Galway with, front, from left, Ciara Butler of Kerry, Grace Ferguson of Armagh, Kayleigh Cronin, Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont, LGFA President Mícheál Naughton, Nicola Ward of Galway, Michelle McArdle, representing her daughter Lauren McConville of Armagh and Ailbhe Davoren of Galway during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Kayleigh Cronin of Kerry is presented with her All-Star award by Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont and President of the LGFA, Mícheál Naughton during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Aishling O'Connell of Kerry is presented with her All-Star award by Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont and President of the LGFA, Mícheál Naughton during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry is presented with her All-Star award by Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont and President of the LGFA, Mícheál Naughton during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh of Kerry is presented with her All-Star award by Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont and President of the LGFA, Mícheál Naughton during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Anna Galvin of Kerry is presented with her All-Star award by Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont and President of the LGFA, Mícheál Naughton during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Anna Maria O'Donoghue, representing Niamh Carmody of Kerry, is presented with her All-Star award by Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont and President of the LGFA, Mícheál Naughton during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



Ciara Butler of Kerry is presented with her All-Star award by Ard Stiúrthóir TG4 Alan Esslemont and President of the LGFA, Mícheál Naughton during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonnington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

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Celebrates Apprentice Graduates at National Apprenticeship Awards 2024

Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB), in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (Limerick and Clare ETB), proudly hosted the National Apprenticeship Awards 2024, at the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney. Over 100 apprentices and their families gathered to celebrate their achievements, including a diverse group of graduates from 20 distinct apprenticeship programmes across various industries.

The apprentices honoured at the event represented a broad range of skills and professions, showcasing the wide array of career paths available through apprenticeship training in Ireland. Graduates completed apprenticeships in fields including Agricultural Mechanics, Aircraft Mechanics, Brick & Stone Laying, Carpentry & Joinery, Commis Chef, Construction Plant Fitting, Electrical, Electrical Instrumentation, Hairdressing, Heavy Vehicle Mechanics, Mechanical Automation and Maintenance Fitting, Metal Fabrication, Motor Mechanics, Pipefitting, Plumbing, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning, Sheet Metalworking, Stonecutting & Stonemasonry, Toolmaking, and Vehicle Body Repairs.

The National Apprenticeship Awards not only celebrated the graduates' accomplishments but also underscored Kerry ETB's commitment to supporting Ireland's economic and environmental goals through education and training. The day concluded with a strong message of pride, motivation, and an optimistic outlook on the future of apprenticeship programmes in Ireland.



*Jordan O'Connor, Furies conferred with Motor Mechanic Certificate with his parents Marie and Pat at the Great Southern, Killarney
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LAUNCH OF 2024 JOURNAL OF THE KERRY ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The official launch of the 2024 Journal of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society took place at Tralee Library this week.

The popular scholarly journal, which has been published annually since 1968, makes an important contribution to the story of Kerry and its heritage and history. It was launched by the Leas Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Fionnán Fitzgerald.

The launch was followed by the latest in a series of lectures hosted by the Society at 7.00pm. Tony Bergin, who is the President of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, will

present a talk on 'The History of Kerry Group PLC', marking the 50th anniversary of the formation of Kerry Co-operative Creameries.

"By coincidence, the lecture coincides with the announcement this week that Kerry Co-op will begin the acquisition of the dairy and foods businesses of Kerry Group PLC in early 2025, another major milestone for both entities," said Tony Bergin.

The Journal of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society this year includes a diverse collection of chapters covering topics including the American and Colonial Navigation



Company, the Famine Burial Grounds of Tralee Workhouse, Teeraght Lighthouse, the Knockavrogeen West Megalithic Tomb, and Killarney Irish language enthusiast, Brian Ó Ceallaigh.

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Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor, pictured with the Irish Hotels Federation Employee of the Year finalists at a celebration of staff awards function in the Killarney Plaza Hotel last week. Included are, Maud Dowd, The Rose Hotel, Tralee, overall winner of the IHF Employee of the Year 2024 Award, Mateusz Geppert, Dromhall Hotel, Nikita Kravchenko, Randles Hotel, Esther Mc Carthy, Ballyseede Castle, Shauna Baitson, Ballygarry Estate Hotel Spa, Hayden Coffey, Cahernane House Hotel, Clara Buttmer, The Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, Brenda Courtney, Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa, Lily Fabian, Scotts Hotel, Petra Pechova, Killarney Towers Hotel & Leisure Centre, Maeve O'Connell, The Ross Hotel, John Fitzgerald, Great Southern Killarney, Alison O'Sullivan, The Killarney Park Hotel, Danny Buckley, Killarney Avenue Hotel, Rafaela Cruz, Manor West Hotel, Regina Schroeter, Muckcross Park Hotel & Spa and Bernard Murphy, Gleneagle Hotel.



Brenda Courtney, Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa Killarney pictured with Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor.

Irish Hotels Federation Employee of the Year Awards

PHOTOS: DON MACMONAGLE



Maeve O'Connell, The Ross Hotel, Killarney, pictured with Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor.



Maud Dowd, The Rose Hotel, Tralee, overall winner of the IHF Employee of the Year 2024 Award pictured receiving her award from Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor. Also included are from left, Susan Kelly, HR Manager, Michael Magnier, National President, IHF and Mark Sullivan, General Manager, The Rose Hotel.



Bernard Murphy, The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney pictured with Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor.



Danny Buckley, Killarney Avenue Hotel pictured with Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor.



Alison O'Sullivan, The Killarney Park Hotel, pictured with Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor.



John Fitzgerald, Great Southern Hotel, Killarney pictured with Kerry IHF Chairman Brian Lawlor.

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BANK OF IRELAND STAFF HOST COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE

When it comes to fundraising for Kerry Hospice the staff at BOI, Killarney are not found to be lacking in their support. They recently held a coffee morning and raised the fantastic sum of €1,121. The event was organised by Denise Doolan with the support of colleagues and Branch Manager Hugh Gleeson. It coincided with the Bewley's sponsored "Big Coffee Morning For Hospice" series of fundraisers held throughout the county. The lovely home baking and other treats on display were enjoyed by all in the pleasant surroundings of the recently refurbished branch.

"We are grateful to BOI, Killarney for their support. The coffee mornings along with the Good Friday Walk, Sunflower Day, "Models in Recovery" Fashion Show and Christmas Card sales are our main annual Kerry Hospice fundraising events locally" said Pat Doolan of the Killarney Branch. The Christmas Cards are currently on sale in various outlets in Killarney.

It is timely to mention here, also, the upcoming "Carols from the Cathedral" concert in aid of Kerry Hospice on Sun, 1st December at 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral featuring Kerry Scotia Ensemble and Soprano, Dr Sharon Lyons with the Kerry Concert Choir.



LOCAL SCHOOL WIN TRAINING SESSION



Rang I from Gaelscoil Faithleann Killarney were the winners of the 'Win a Training Session with Kerry GAA' sponsored by Lee Strand. On Wednesday morning the excited pupils and staff met with Senior Football Manager Jack O'Connor and players Paudie and David Clifford at Dr Crokes GAA Club for a training session. CEO of Lee Strand Gearóid Linnane presented a signed Kerry jersey to parent Kerstin Fitzpatrick who nominated the school in the competition and Príomhoide Lisa Ní Iarlaithe also received a signed Kerry jersey as a keepsake for their school. Also pictured were pupils from Rang I with Muinteoir Mary Olibhear and Cúntóir Niamh Ní Mháille. Following the training session pupils received a Lee Strand goody bag and milk for post training recovery.

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



The Killarney Community College recently planned, organised and baked for a school fundraiser The group managed to raise over €250 for the Killarney Lyon's Club.



Olympian Monika Dukarska gave an inspiring talk to the Killarney Community College TYs and officially reopened the school library. The latest best sellers and contemporary books have been added to the already well stocked library. New shelving, seating, bean bags, pod cast and green screen equipment have also been added to the space to make it and welcoming and quiet space to read for pleasure and study.

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"I'm absolutely thrilled to be cooking alongside Rob Krawczyk for this special event. Rob is a true talent and his approach to food is both innovative and deeply rooted in the rich culinary traditions of West Cork," says Chad Byrne, Executive Chef at The Brehon.

The afternoon will feature the expertise of 'Kenmare Foodie' Karen Coakley, who brings a passion for locally inspired Irish cuisine. K.D. Evans from The Wine Buff Killarney will guide guests through a selection of festive wines, providing tips on choosing the perfect Christmas wines for seasonal gatherings.

"Brú Columbanus is such a worthwhile and wonderful charity that many people aren't aware of, but any of us could need the service it offers at any time," says Karen Coakley,

Kenmare Foodie. "It provides a home-from-home for families with loved ones in hospital, saving the long journey to and from Cork City. We had the personal experience of using the service when my mom stayed there while my dad was undergoing surgery, and it made a difficult time much easier. This is why I wanted to give back and when K.D. suggested hosting a festive event, it felt like the perfect opportunity."

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Brian McCarthy

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Brian worked with Allied Irish Bank from 1963 to 1981 before he identified an opening in foreign exchange. The rest is business history.

He was honoured in October 2002 when receiving the Ernst & Young International Entrepreneur of the Year Award and he also received the Sean Lemass Award for Excellence in Marketing in 1987 and the RDS Gold Medal for Enterprise in 2021.

He was also the recipient of the inaugural Cantillon Entrepreneur Award and, in 2016, he became the first non Kerryman to receive the Kerry Person of the Year Award from the Kerry Association in Dublin.

Acknowledged worldwide as one of Ireland's most prominent, dynamic and successful business leaders, Brian McCarthy has demonstrated significant professional and entrepreneurial abilities, instilled confidence within Ireland's business community through their achievements and played a pivotal role in fostering job growth and economic progress in



the country.

Fexco has always been driven by fresh thinking. From its original business in foreign exchange, it has evolved into a world leader in payments and FX technology and business services. Focused on strategic innovation, Fexco has built deep relationships with partners, growing with them, creating entire industries and expanding to employ more than 2,600 people and providing solutions in more than 50 markets.

Fexco employs people across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, North America, Latin America

and Australasia but Brian McCarthy and his family have always remained loyal and true to Killorglin and to Kerry and their commitment to the county, through so many projects and sponsorships, is legendary.

The Cairde Chill Áirne Order of Inisfallen awards scheme is a joint initiative between Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and Kerry County Council. It was established in 2005 to recognise outstanding contributions by people to the economic development of the town and its tourism industry. Those selected for the honour are invested as Members of the Order of Inisfallen.

Previous recipients include former Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Charles, the King of England, actor Michael Fassbender, entertainer Daniel O'Donnell, industrialist Isolde Liebherr and business personalities Margaret O'Donoghue, Donal Ring and Micheál O'Donoghue.

Inisfallen Island is one of Killarney's best-known and most historic heritage sites. It began as a place of healing and became a major centre of learning where the Annals of Inisfallen, the oldest contemporary source of the history of Munster, were scripted.

The 2024 Order of Inisfallen award will be presented by Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Maura Healy-Rae, at Muckcross House, Killarney at 4.00pm on Thursday, November 28th.

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An Abundance of Talent at Glenflesk Rambling House

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The Lowe family from Barraduff enjoying the Glenflesk rambling house last Saturday night.



The Hacksaw Keili Band from Muckross in brilliant form at the rambling house in Glenflesk last Saturday night.



The fantastic talented Kelliher family from Beaufort at the rambling house last Saturday night in Glenflesk.



The talented Angland family from Glenflesk playing some lively tunes at the Rambling house last Saturday night.



Funny man Joe Sheehy from Askeaton at the Rambling house in Glenflesk Hall last Saturday night.



Sean O Keefe from Gneeveguilla after performing his amazing brush dance at Glenflesk Rambling House last Saturday night.



The O Leary sisters from Kilcummin after performing their lovely songs at the Rambling House last Saturday night in Glenflesk.



Brilliant night at the Glenflesk Rambling House.



Ben Switzer from Glenflesk played some fantastic tunes at the rambling house last Saturday night.

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A fifth year student from Killarney Community College (KCC) has been selected as the zone final winner in this year's prestigious Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition for the zone which incorporates all Kerry & Limerick Rotary Clubs.

Mischa McCarthy was announced as the Zone Final Winner held in the Great Southern Killarney on Wednesday 20th November, 2024. Mischa impressed the judges at the Zone finals with her vast knowledge and her articulate and fluent presentation. Her success came after she was selected to represent Killarney Community College in the Youth Leadership Development Competition club rounds. She was then recalled to the second round of Club interviews and subsequently was chosen as the Club Winner progressing to the Zone finals. As a result of her big win Mischa will now enjoy a week long all-expenses paid trip to Strasbourg, Belfast and Dublin in the coming months with fellow zone

winners from Rotary Clubs all around the island of Ireland.

It is run in conjunction with the EU Parliament office in Dublin and Euroscola in Strasbourg.

On being announced as the Zone Final winner Mischa said 'I am delighted and over-whelmed to be selected and I am honoured to represent Killarney Rotary Club and my school Killarney Community College.

The President of Killarney Rotary Club Ciara Irwin Foley congratulated Mischa on her wonderful achievement and praised all the students who had participated in the various stages of the competition representing their secondary schools. Ciara "The standard of presentations was excellent this year and great credit is due to all the participants at Club level and to the Zone finalists. She would also like to thank the schools who entered their students but especially thank the teachers who prepared these students in their own time. Ciara hopes

that everybody enjoyed the experience and benefitted from taking part. The competition is continuing to go from strength to strength but of course this would not be possible without the invaluable support which teachers and parents give to students. Sincere thanks for that support'

Mr Brian Hehir from Killarney Community College said 'We are incredibly proud of Mischa for winning the Youth Leadership Award. This achievement reflects her outstanding leadership skills, dedication to community service and her commitment to making a positive impact on those around her. She is an inspiration to our entire school community.'

The competition is adjudicated by a panel of non rotarian professionals. The competition, which is one of Rotary Ireland's longest running youth projects, rewards young people with clear leadership potential based on their extra-curricular activities. The Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition is open to 16 and 17 year olds who are living on the island of Ireland. For more information go to Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition - Rotary in Ireland (rotary-ribi.org) Rotary is one of the world's leading membership and humanitarian service organisations, with 1.2 million members globally. Members of Rotary volunteer their time to make a difference in their local communities and around the world through projects which support education, fight disease, provide clean water and much more. Rotary Ireland is an all-island body with 72 clubs and 1,700 members. For more information visit - www.rotary.ie



Pictured at the Leadership Competition at the Great Southern Hotel are: From l-r Jerry O'Grady, Paul Sherry, Kevin Taylor, Overall Winner Mischa Mc Carthy (Killarney Community College), Ciara Irwin Foley, President - Killarney Rotary Club & Brian Hehir, Killarney Community College.

The Greatest Show

a St. Pats school production not to be missed

In St. Patrick's Secondary School the annual Christmas drama production is a key event in the school calendar. This year the production is called the 'The Greatest Show' and will take place on the 12th and 13th of December in Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál Castleisland. Preparations for this production began all the way back in August with auditions being held, which gave all students the opportunity to take part in this year's production, with rehearsals beginning in September.

The show has over 40 boys involved along with students from the Presentation Girls Secondary School making it one of our biggest shows ever. The production has also students from surrounding National schools Kilmurry National School, Gaelscoil Aogáin, Currow National School, Scartaglen National School, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál and St. Oliver's School, Killarney.

This year's production "The Greatest Show" is based on the movie The Greatest Showman with some added twists. The students are currently in the final stages of rehearsal for the upcoming shows.

There will be four performances on the 12th and 13th of December, two matinees starting at 11am and two evening shows starting at 7pm on

the 12th and 13th December which will be held in Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál Primary School, Castleisland.

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The eleventh annual Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul will take place on Friday, 6th December. Over the past ten years the generosity of individuals, school communities and businesses across the county has led to over €175,000 being raised, every cent of which goes to assist the work of St Vincent de Paul in Kerry.

Christmas Jumper Day is designed to encourage and enable everyone of all ages to take part in their own local environment simply by wearing a Christmas Jumper and making a donation. Then all you need to do is share a photo or video via social media, email, text and WhatsApp and make a donation to St Vincent De Paul. Private individuals, families, school and university students, teachers, lecturers and administration teams, colleagues in small, medium and large enterprises – whether working from the office or home can all participate. Register to let us know you are taking part in Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day 2024.

Radio Kerry Christmas Jumper Day 2023 raised over €12,000. We are so grateful to everyone who participated and donated. Once again we appeal to you to get involved on December 6th and help us to help fellow Kerry people who are facing a very difficult Christmas.

Speaking at the launch Marion Moore, Area President of St Vincent De Paul, Tralee and West Kerry said, "We at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Kerry would like to thank everyone at Radio Kerry and the Kerry people for once again supporting us this year for our annual Christmas Jumper Day.



We are preparing over 1,000 food hampers once again this year for the Tralee and West Kerry area alone. Separately, all other local SVP Conferences will also be supporting individuals and families with basics such as heat and food. We cannot do that without your support. Please spread some Christmas Cheer by wearing a Christmas Jumper and supporting your local Kerry SVP Branch (Conference). We wish everyone in Kerry a very happy Christmas and New Year".

Donations may be made directly to the St Vincent de Paul Kerry bank account, their shops around the county or to Radio Kerry. Online donations can be made via www.radiokerry.ie/jumperday and through Payzone. There is also a dedicated phone line for donations (066) 712

8021 (Extension 1) with 100% of the money going to St Vincent de Paul Kerry.

The money raised via Christmas Jumper Day is used to fund a number of St Vincent de Paul projects right across Kerry including Christmas food hampers, Santa gifts for children who are homeless and in direct provision, Christmas Day Meals on Wheels and the Kerry Education Fund. St Vincent de Paul operate a donation centre in Tralee and eight stores across their Conference areas in Tralee, Castleisland, Listowel, Killorglin, Killarney, Dingle, Kenmare and Abbeyfeale.

We are very grateful to everyone who has been a part of Radio Kerry's Christmas Jumper Day in aid of St Vincent De Paul since 2014 and we hope to have your support again this year!

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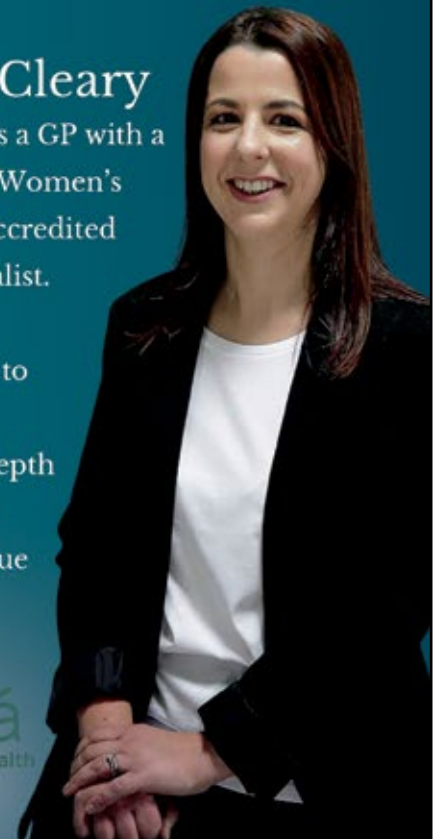
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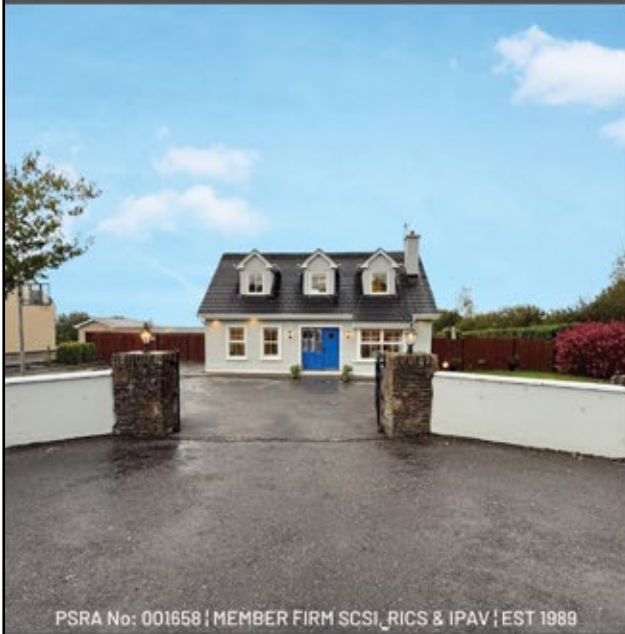
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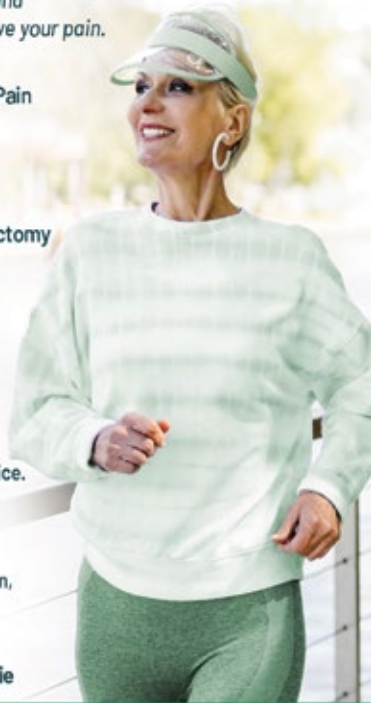
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LISTEN TO THE WHISPERS OF WINTER

As we move deeper into winter, I am reminded to slow down and take time to notice the changing of the season. The air is cooler, the trees are continually shedding their leaves and the nights are dark and long. It is in these moments that life invites us to turn inwards and pay more attention to our thoughts, insights and reflections. So often, we only pay attention to the voices in our heads that are delivering messages that make us feel stressed or panicky. These inner voices are often from the past or even what we have internalised from our culture or society. They are often judgemental or authoritarian. Their urgency often stems from a feeling of being disconnected from the centre of our authentic self.

However, there is another inner voice that stems from our heart and that often can only be heard when we slow down enough to truly listen to what our heart and inner knowing desires. This inner voice whispers reassurance and that everything will be okay. It is a voice of kindness, compassion and love. Once you really tune into this voice, you will know that it speaks the truth of who you are and what you desire.

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MY WILLPOWER DISAPPEARS IN DECEMBER

According to the American Psychological Association "willpower can be defined as the ability to delay gratification, resisting short-term temptations in order to meet long-term goals. The capacity to override an unwanted thought, feeling, or impulse".

So why is it that our willpower is challenged so much in December? The simple answer is that it is a time of celebrating with family and friends. For some it is meeting people that we may not have seen or met in some time. Of course there is lots of socialising then to catch up. And for the majority of us socialising means eating out, going for drinks and due to the time of year plenty of over-indulgence.

People can feel that in December they undo all the good work that they have done during the year when it comes to their fitness goals, but it does not have to be this way.

With the right plan in place, you can enjoy the festivities during December but also maintain your fitness goals, setting yourself up for success rather than failure. As the saying goes if you fail to plan then plan to fail.

If you are worried about planning for December then you should talk to your trainer and working together you can work on the plan. Yes, it will require discipline on your part but it will be worth it. It may be as simple as changing your workout schedule, so for example if you are someone that normally works out in the evening then this is likely to be in direct conflict with when friends and family may be wanting to meet up, so for this person they will have to change to maybe an early morning workout, and this is where the self-discipline comes in. You could look at it as a trade-off, so for example - I will train this morning at 7am so that I can socialise at 7pm this evening without feelings of guilt that I missed my workout.

Going back to the original statement that "my willpower disappears in December" – you can let this be true or you can change the narrative and be able to say in January that your willpower to get the workout done in December, at times that you wouldn't normally workout, set you up for success heading into the New Year.

Forget New Year, New Me – stay consistent in December with your fitness goals and hit 2025 with the same willpower, drive and determination to keep progressing with your goals.

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OCULAR MIGRAINE

Retinal migraine (ocular migraine) is an eye condition that causes brief attacks of blindness or visual problems like flashing lights in one eye.

These episodes can be frightening, but in most cases they're harmless and short-lived, and eyesight goes back to normal afterwards.

Some people get retinal migraine every few months, although the frequency can vary.

Retinal migraine is a separate condition and should not be confused with headache-type migraine or migraine with aura, which usually affects the vision of both eyes.

The symptoms of retinal migraine may include:

- partial or total loss of vision in one eye – this usually lasts 10 to 20 minutes before vision gradually returns
- headache – this may happen before, during or after the vision attack

It's unusual for an episode of vision loss to last longer than an hour. The same eye is affected every time in almost all cases.

Vision may slowly become blurred or dimmed, or there may be flashes of light. Some people see a mosaic-like pattern of blank spots (scotomas), which enlarge to

cause total loss of vision.

Retinal migraine is caused by the blood vessels to the eye suddenly narrowing (constricting), reducing the blood flow to the eye.

It may be triggered by:

- stress
- smoking
- high blood pressure
- oral contraceptive pill
- exercise
- bending over
- high altitude
- dehydration
- low blood sugar
- excessive heat

Retinal migraine tends to be more common in:

- women
- people aged under 40
- people with a personal or family history of migraine or other headaches

Treatment for retinal migraine usually just involves taking pain relief for any headaches and reducing exposure to anything that might be triggering the retinal migraine.

If you experience any sudden changes in your vision it is important to have a sight test to rule out more serious causes.

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LOTTO

Spa Lotto 18/11/24 Results Numbers drawn: 6, 10, 17, 23 No jackpot winner Lucky dips €50 each: Michael Foley, Online; Des Spillane, Kilbreen; Marie Cronin, Tiernabouli; Keelin Bartlett; Next weeks draw is on Monday 25 Nov @ 9pm for a jackpot of €5,100

CONDOLENCES

We are saddened to acknowledge the passing of our former Chairman Andy O Sullivan. Andy was a great friend to us all here in Spa GAA, the wider Community and was an unbelievable clubman. He served as Chairman twice and was a driving force behind the development of our great club facilities.

Condolences to his wife Kathleen, and children Ronan, Grainne, Niall, Maria and Diarmuid. May he Rest in Peace.

Condolences to the family of Breda Lynch. Adored wife of Con and much loved mother of Sinead, Miriam, Conor and Shane. May she Rest in Peace.

SANTA VISIT

Save the date, Santa is coming to Spa! Saturday 7th December @ 4:30pm. Please see our social media accounts to complete your expression of interest.

NOTES

Any items for the Spa notes please contact Club PRO on 0857762411 or email pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie before 7pm on Sundays



President of the GAA, Jarlath Burns pictured sympathising with Niall O'Sullivan at the funeral of his father Andy O'Sullivan last weekend. The President travelled from Armagh for the funeral and spoke to Andy's family about how important the GAA family was to everyone, especially in their time of need. He also said that the reason he had travelled to the funeral was a testament to the hard work and dedication that Andy had shown at Spa GAA Club over the years.

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURES

The playing season came to an end on Sunday, 17th with the Mid Kerry senior championship final against Keel.

Beaufort won the game by the narrowest of margins of one point. Congratulations to Beaufort and hard luck to Keel. They will be back again in 2025.

RESULTS

Keel 0.12 Beaufort 1.10 in Mid Kerry Senior Football Championship Final **THANK YOU** to all our Beaufort G.A.A. Club coaches who volunteered their time to coach our various teams in 2024. It is a big commitment and the Club is very grateful for all your help. Thanks also to the backroom teams and Club Officers who helped and to all our supporters in 2024.

LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €3,400 will be on Sunday, 24th November

in Beaufort Bar. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto and our lotto sellers.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Autumn classes are beginning in Beaufort G.A.A Clubrooms, week nights Monday to Friday. Classes at present are Yoga and Pilates. Pilates with Colleen include Ladies, Men's and Active retired classes. Please contact Colleen at 086 1731469 for times and details. Yoga mixed class by Ondata-Well-Being. Please contact 087 2547746 for details or the Club at 087 9975737

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

CHRISTMAS IN RATHMORE

Join us for the turning on of the Christmas Lights this Sunday November 24th at 6pm. Carol singers & hot chocolate while we wait for Santa to arrive to meet all boys & girls. What better way to start Christmas than with a picture with the man himself. Every welcome

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €215 and the winner was Cormac Collins. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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CONCERT

Tureencahill Community Group is holding a concert with Rosie & Derry Healy in Tureencahill Community Centre on Friday Dec 27th commencing

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DUHALLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Sunday 1st December – Christ the King Church, Knocknagree @ 7pm Tuesday 3rd December – Cúlurlann, Newmarket @ 7.30pm.

SLIABH LUACHRA JOURNAL will be launched on Friday 22nd November @ 8pm Gneeveguilla. The official launch will be done by our neighbour & friend Donal Dineen, a well-known Radio & TV Presenter. Prior to the launch- Donal will show his award-winning film.

CONGRATULATIONS to Danielle O'Leary on winning an All Star Award with Kerry Ladies Football. A fantastic achievement .

TEACH IASAGAIN RATHMORE

Reminder that we are taking bookings for stallholders to participate in our Teach Íosagain Christmas Market taking place Sunday 8th December 11am-1pm. It is €20 for a table. Please contact 087-0324826 to book a table.

EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Rathmore on reaching the East Kerry Senior Championship Final. Dr O'Donoghue cup Rathmore 1-13 Glenflesk -011 Congratulations to Dan Murphy who got man of match.

NOTES

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GLENFLESK

Written by: Sean Daly

O DONOGHUE CUP

We were beaten by a strong Rathmore side in the semi final, played in Fitzgerald Stadium last Sunday afternoon. Final score Glenflesk 0:11 Rathmore 1:13.

THE RAMBLING HOUSE

A great night of entertainment was had in Glenflesk GAA Hall last Saturday, with funds raised going towards the Jerry O'Leary fund. Well done to all involved.

CONCERT

The Glenflesk Comhaltas Christmas Concert will be held in St Agatha's Community Hall this Friday 22nd of November at 7pm. Everybody welcome!

PARISH BAZAAR

The annual Glenflesk Parish Bazaar will be held this Sunday 24th of November at 3pm in Glenflesk GAA Hall. Great prizes on offer!

BABY BOY

Congratulations to our Club Secretary Emma, Senior player Jeff and their daughter Kayla on the birth of their baby boy Brogan.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 11/11/24 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,600. The numbers drawn were 1, 15, 19, 25. Consolation Prizes of €50 - Edward O'Connor, Droum (Yearly Ticket), Catherine O'Sullivan, Artigallivan, Cathy Somers, Shronedraugh (Sellers Prize), Brendan O'Brien, Inch, Clonkeen. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 25th November. Jackpot will be €3,800. Thank you to all who support our Lotto, our sellers and Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating Ltd for sponsoring the tickets.

NOTES

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

Glenflesk Parish Bazaar 2024

PARISH BAZAAR THIS WEEKEND IN GLENFLESK

Glenflesk Parish Bazaar is taking place this Sunday the 24th November at 3pm in St Agathas Gaa Hall Glenflesk at 3pm with great prizes on the day including hampers and vouchers this is also a draw for 500 litres of home heating oil with other great prizes. On the day there will be a lot of different stalls for all ages, there will also be a coffee cart on site on the day.

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

November 17th. Jackpot €5,550. Winning Numbers: 4, 10, 22, 26. Not Won. €100 Columba Glavin (online). €50 Shane Burke, Australia. €50 Kathleen Hobbins. €25 Kathleen Diane. €25 Sean O'Connor, Keelties. Jackpot next week : €5,700. Next Draw: November 24th

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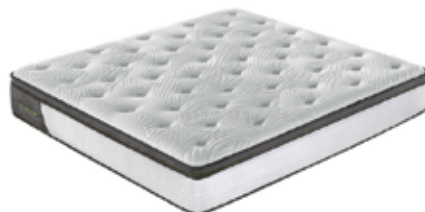
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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Kilcummin Rural Development would like to thank the local Enhancement Programme 2024 and Kerry County Council for financial assistance in the maintenance of access routes of the Red & Green Bog Walks in Kilcummin.

TEAM IRELAND FUNDRAISER

Team Ireland Fundraiser in Support of Emily O'Connor, Kilcummin and the National Team who will represent Ireland at the Cheerleading World Finals in Florida next April. Fundraising Variety Show will take place at Siamsa Tíre on Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm. Tickets are €20 and are available by calling the Box Office on 066-7123055, Lines Open 10am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday.

KILCUMMIN LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB

Kilcummin Ladies Gaelic Football Club AGM will be held on Tuesday evening, 3rd December at 8.00 pm in the Club House Kilcummin. There are a number of important positions on the executive to be filled. This is a good opportunity for new people to get involved in the running of the club. Any parent, senior player or person in the parish who is interested in getting involved, please contact Esther O'Connell on 087 9924603. For the continued development of ladies football in Kilcummin its important new people get involved. All parents, senior players and people with an interest in ladies football are asked to attend the AGM.

KILCUMMIN GAA

O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI-FINAL: Kilcummin 0-10 Dr Crokes 1-06

Our senior team reached their first O' Donoghue cup final since 2018 when they overcame Dr Crokes by a single point in Fitzgerald stadium on Saturday last. We opened the scoring through a Cian Foley point after two minutes followed by another from Sean O' Leary. Dr Crokes added the next three during a good five minute spell but two Paul O' Shea frees and a point from play by Matt Keane saw us lead by two at half time 0-5 to 0-3. Dr Crokes started the stronger in the second half and were level after ten minutes. Philip O' Leary put us back in front but this was cancelled out immediately. Paul O' Shea again pointed and when Mark O' Shea added two more and Gary O' Leary kicked over we led by four, three minutes into injury time. A scrambled Crokes goal made us endure a further nervy two minutes but our defence held out to see us through to face Rathmore in the final in two weeks' time. This was a great team effort but great credit must go to our entire team and in particular our defence who kept their focus and concentration for the entire seventy



The club would like to congratulate Sheila O'Leary on her win and also thank everyone who supported our lotto since the last jackpot was won.

minutes. Special mention to Kevin Gorman who was named "Man of the Match" after his sterling performance and leadership on the day.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 18th November of the Jackpot for €14,500. Numbers drawn were 11,13,20,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Helen Healy, Catherine Broderick, Rachel Clifford, Sheila Fitzgerald. The next draw will be on Monday 02nd December for Jackpot of €14,750.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 15th November 2024 of the Jackpot €2,000. Numbers drawn were 16,18,24,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Eileen Williams, Glounonea; Peter O'Brien, Tiernabouli; Geraldine Moriarty; Katie O'Leary and Donagh Nagle. The next draw will be on Friday 22nd November for Jackpot of €2,200. Cheque presentation to Sheila O'Leary in the Village Inn with Mastergeeha Lotto Committee members, winning ticket seller, Sheila and family.

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Donie Doherty entertaining the crowd with Joe O Shea, Timmy Brosnan and Padraig Kissane in the Kerryway last Friday night.



Joe McSweeney from Ballyvourney sings a funny song in the Kerryway Bar and Restaurant at the rambling house last Friday night. (2)



Jeremy and Brian Brosnan with Mary Sweeney at the Kerryway Rambling House last Friday night.



Mary Kissane and Nuala O Doherty enjoying the rambling house at the Kerryway Bar and Restaurant last Friday night.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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



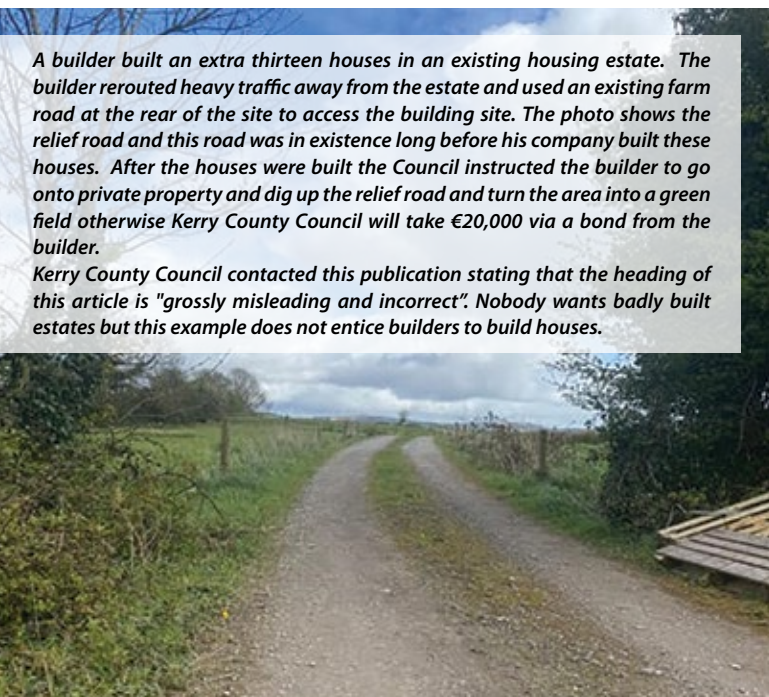
This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from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

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

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

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.

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THESE ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES I HAVE BEEN RAISING IN THE DAIL AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

KILLARNEY BYPASS - Killarney Town is clogged with traffic on a daily basis and many people have called for an outer relief bypass road, we have been waiting for over 20 years for a defined route, the TII came back with a proposed route 2 weeks ago taking in a route of over 400m in width which is the equivalent of the length of three football fields, this is very unfair and worrying for all the landowners whose land this proposed route is to go through, I have asked the TII to act immediately and go into discussion with each and everyone of the farmers and householders involved on this proposed route. I have asked that the defined corridor be announced as soon as possible.

HEALTH – embargo on recruitment of medical staff has to be lifted, respite care has to be transformed, abolish carers means test, restore reimbursement for cataracts, assessments for ADHD, autism and mental health issues need to be addressed urgently. I have continuously raised the urgent need for an injuries clinic, residential services and day services for Killarney and have asked the HSE and Government that the District Hospital and St. Columbanus Home be used for this purpose.

HOUSING – affordable housing in Killarney and throughout the County, rural cottages need to be progressed, emergency accommodation restored in the Killarney Area.

PLANNING – planning permission is too restrictive for local people in their local areas, lack of wastewater treatment systems is stifling development.

FARMING – food security, too much regulations on farmers, delays and red tape on grant applications and payments, there is no real incentive for young farmers to stay in farming whether it is dairy, beef or sheep.

ROADS – funding for Local Improvement Schemes which has over 600 applications needs to be increased yearly, funding for bridge repairs, maintenance and replacement increased, funding for tertiary roads needs to increase.

BUSINESS – the VAT rate needs to be reduced to 9%, rates have doubled and trebled, self-catering providers targeted.

IMMIGRATION – Government handling has been shambolic, no cap, no additional services, no purpose-built accommodation as promised. I have worked for all people, all nationalities and I respect anyone that comes here to live, work and contribute.

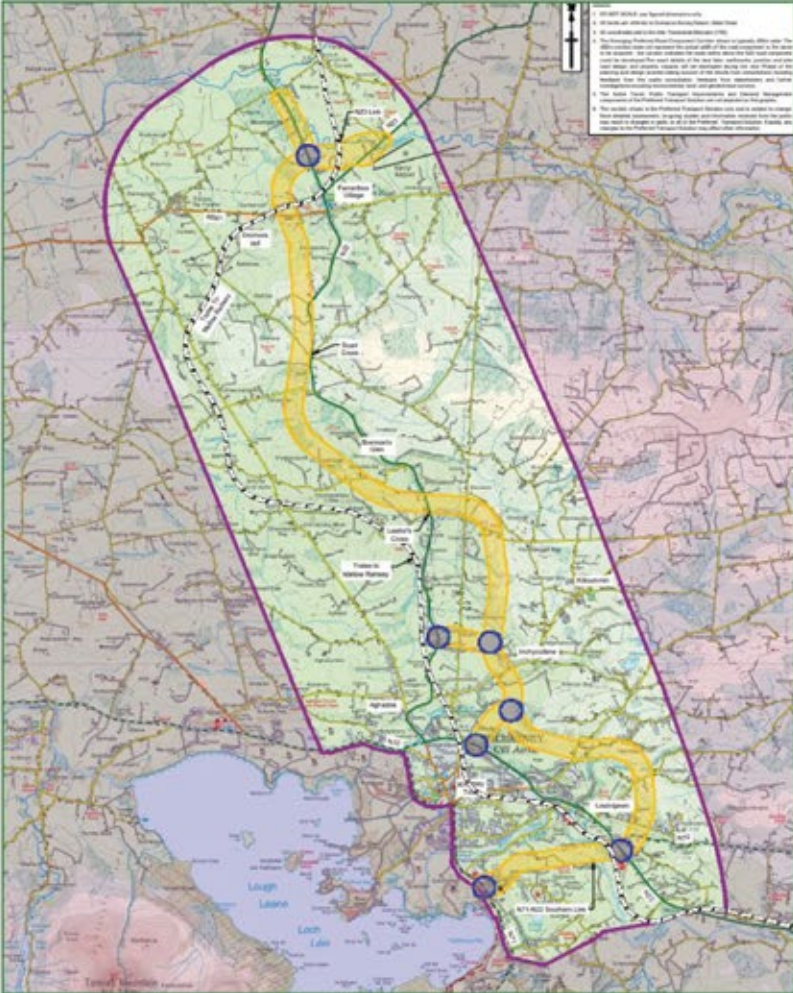
EDUCATION – class sizes need to be reduced, lack of special needs teachers, the availability of free childcare, students who work should not be penalised when applying for the SUSI grant.



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I am seeking your **Number 1 Vote on Friday, November 29th**. As a Killarney woman, I know the issues facing our town. I sit in the same traffic every morning and evening from Lissivigeen roundabout to Lewis Road and the "car park" that is the Killarney bypass. I know that our town has been under-represented at Government level for more than twenty years and **I want to change that**.

I want delivery on a hospitality training centre in Killarney, a Killarney College of the Future. I know, from my father's experience with CERT, that Killarney was a centre of excellence in hospitality training and this then led to excellence in the guest experience of hospitality and tourism in Killarney.

I firmly believe in the reinstatement of Town Councils. Killarney has suffered since the loss of its former council in 2014 and then the expansion of the Dáil Constituency in 2016 which further weakened the representation for the town. We need major infrastructural investment, the delivery of the Killarney Bypass, Primary Care Centre and Minor Injuries Clinic.

I am committed to further investment in Killarney National Park, the jewel in our crown. We must do all we can to protect and promote the park and to tackle the issues of over grazing, Invasive species like rhododendron and protect and improve water quality so that generations to come will have a better park to enjoy.

We need high quality, affordable childcare, and we need to support our wonderful providers and qualified skilled professionals with the challenges of staff retention and supports for the cost of doing business. We need to tackle the rising energy prices and our commitment to a reduction in VAT on energy will help householders and businesses. We need affordable housing so that our young people can buy houses in their hometown to live, work and raise their families here.

I am committed to:

- Delivering on the N22 Farranfore to Killarney Road
- Provision of affordable childcare capped at €200 per child per month
- A primary care centre and minor injuries clinic for Killarney
- Increased investment for Killarney National Park and protecting its biodiversity
- Reintroducing the Killarney Town Council
- Development of community facilities and amenities such as Dereen, Aras Phaidraig, and Fitzgerald Stadium
- Development of the former Pretty Polly site as a Hospitality Training Centre
- Increased support for tourism business in Killarney

I want to shape the future of our town and our county for generations to come, I want to ensure that my children and your children have a future that affords them the opportunity to live, work, play and thrive in the place we call home.

- Linda Gordon-Kelleher



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MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Martin Murphy and Orlagh Moloney on the birth of baby Emily last weekend. Wishing the family every health and happiness for the future.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER QUIZ

Save the date! The club will hold a festive fundraiser Table Quiz on Friday night, December 27th at the Muckross Park Hotel. The perfect occasion to catch up with friends and family over the holidays.

SKIBBEREEN HOR

The Skibbereen Head Of the River is scheduled for this Sunday, November 24th on the River Ilan in Skibbereen (weather permitting). Muckross RC has 22 crews entered, best of luck to all our rowers, coxes and coaches!

NATIONAL TRIALS

This weekend sees the return of national trials, with water based trials scheduled for the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. The club has a number of Junior 18 members taking part, wishing them all every success.

MUCKROSS HOR

The next event on the competition calendar is our very own Muckross Head Of the River, scheduled for Saturday, December 7th from 9am-3pm at the NRC in Farran, Cork. Thanks to all those members, supporters and parents of junior members who have signed up to assist on the day. If you can assist for part or all of the day, please do get in contact. No past experience required! Please confirm availability by email to muckrosshor@gmail.com. We are also seeking the support of event prize sponsors for €50. If any business or body wishes to sponsor a prize for the Muckross Head event, please email to the address above.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL

JUVENILE NEWS

It was another very busy schedule of League games in the past week and also the hosting of the the U10 Girls & Boys Tournament on Sunday morning.



WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB – CLUB TRAINING

Back Row l/r: Nially Moynihan, Zac Donaldson, Liam Breen.

Middle Row l/r: Grace Mannix, Kayla Wharton, Aoibhinn Coffey, Paula Prudnikovaite, Faye Mannix, Liadh Counihan, Roisin O'Donoghue, Donnacha Ireland,

Front Row l/r: Joseph Locke, Christian Wharton, Evan Wharton, William Loughnane

KABB U10 BLITZ

Well done to our Under 10 teams who participated in the Kerry Area Board Blitz today which we hosted at short notice for the KABB. 15 teams participated, 12 visiting teams participated from Gneeveguilla, Rathmore & Kenmare, with 15 games being played, Over 30 Killarney Cougars boys & girls participating

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the event. We had twelve members on duty to ensure a good event including Secretary Caroline, Referees Kelly, Josh, Ciaran Table Officials Grace, Mia, Callum, Coaches Juan, Brendan, Mary & Kelly and our staff Mary & Candice for providing refreshments through the morning. Thank you again to Sean at St Brendans College for the Gym facilities.

U12 GIRLS KERRY LEAGUE

St Pauls 9 Killarney Cougars 19

Our girls travelled across town for a meeting with St Pauls a good competitive and sporting contest saw the Cougars come out on top in the closing stages. Good performance for the Cougars from Juila O'Gorman, Chloe O' Sullivan, Siena Birdthistle and Dearbhla Kiely.

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U14 GIRLS KERRY LEAGUE

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SENIOR NEWS

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tipp Talons 100 Killarney Cougars 64

In their first-ever meeting, the Tipp Talons delivered a commanding performance to secure a big victory over the Killarney Cougars at Scoil Ruáin, Killenaule, Tipperary, on Saturday evening. After a good opening period by Killarney, the Talons surged to take control in the second quarter and never looked back, setting the stage for a well-earned win.

Despite the challenging evening, the Cougars can take heart in the performances of Joshua Strongman (21 points) and Kani Glover (18



Cougars Academy Girls U10 Pink team at the KABB Blitz on Sunday.



Cougars Academy Boys U10 Red team

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points). With this young squad gaining crucial experience, they will need to bounce back as they head north to face the Carrick Cruisers in their next outing with lessons needing to be learned to strengthen their resolve moving forward.

Top scorers

Killarney Cougars: Joshua Strongman 21, Kani Glover 18, Gerdas Malukas 10.

Tipp Talons: Shemarri Miles 32, Miles Felletti 20, Sammy Bah 13, Justin Wickham 12

NEW MEMBERS are welcome and registration remains open for boys & girls U6 to U12 contact for information 087-4175493.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney had 6 swimmers in the Munster Short Course Championships at the weekend. This was a three day event. Swimmers that attended were Emily Brosnan, Raegan Browne, Ella Cremin, May O'Mahony, Sarah Quirke and Shane Tomlinson. All had excellent swims and we came home with plenty PBs.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 14TH NOVEMBER

1st: Ger Foley & Finola Spillane
2nd: Horst Rosler & Ciaran Broadbery
3rd: Ger McSweeney & Conor Dwyer
Congratulations to all.

THURSDAY MORNING BRIDGE at 10am sharp continues at The Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

PAIRS

The Club Pairs continues for the second week next Thursday. Best of luck

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB NEWS

Workmen's rowing club would love to hear from potential oars people born before 2012((12+)). Rowing provides a great opportunity to experience the water and generally improve fitness levels. If you are interested please contact Mary on 0868098182 for fun on the water at Ross Castle.

The club had great training at the weekend and all members made a great effort on the day.

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KILLARNEY RFC

It was a fantastic week for Killarney RFC, with impressive results across various age groups and lots of activity both on and off the pitch.

WEEKEND RESULTS

BOYS U16S

Killarney RFC defeated Listowel RFC 29-15 in a thrilling match at Aghadoe in the Boys Clubs U16 Munster Conference 2.

MINI RUGBY BLITZ

Our Minis had an action-packed day out in South Kerry, competing against Iveragh Eagles RFC at the South Kerry Sports Centre. It was a

fantastic experience for all involved, showcasing the future stars of Killarney RFC.

BOYS U18.5S

A dominant performance saw Killarney RFC beat Charleville and District RFC 40-10 in the Boys Clubs U18.5 Munster Conference 2 at Aghadoe.

GIRLS U16S

The combined Killarney/Iveragh/Killorglin/Listowel team secured a 22-10 victory over Clonakilty RFC in the Girls Clubs U16 League Conference 1 at Aghadoe.

A huge congratulations to all our players, coaches, and supporters for their hard work and dedication.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Stay tuned for next weekend's matches and show your support for our teams as they continue their campaigns.

YOUR CLUB, YOUR COUNTRY' GRAND DRAW

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the IRFU 'Your Club, Your Country' Grand Draw! All proceeds go directly to Killarney RFC. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://app.galabid.com/killarneyrfc24>.

KILLARNEY RFC WINTER SOCIAL

Don't forget to book your tickets for our Winter Social Event, happening on Friday, December 13th, 2024, at the Avenue Hotel, Killarney.

Enjoy a fabulous 2-course meal with wine, tea, and coffee, followed by live entertainment with a DJ. Rugby fans will also get to watch the Munster vs. Castres match on the big screen.

Early Bird Tickets: €45 (available until November 30th). U16s Tickets: €30. Tickets can be booked online at killarneyrugby.com/events/winter-social-2024.

This promises to be a great evening, and all proceeds will go towards supporting the club and its future.

GET INVOLVED

Killarney RFC welcomes new members at all levels, from Minis to Seniors. For more information, visit our website killarneyrugby.com or follow us on social media.



At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club first monthly competition of the season sponsored by O'Keefe's Oil Rathmore were seated from left, Noreen Tobin, Connie Doyle presenting first prize to winning team captain Brendan Counihan and Paula McElligott. Standing from left are Ray O'Callaghan, Mike Doolan, Tony Mackey, Mike O'Donoghue, Noah Counihan, Paul O'Brien, Bernice Enright, John O'Sullivan, Seamus Howard and Mike Crowley. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

Cllr.



Michael Cahill

County Councillor on Kerry County Council

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"I have been involved in politics all my life, serving the people of Kerry. My late father was a Member of Kerry County Council from 1960 up until his untimely passing at Christmas 1989. I was co-opted onto Kerry County Council in January 1990 and was elected for the 7th consecutive time in the most recent Local Elections.

Between my late father and I we have given the people of Kerry almost 65 years of loyal unbroken service. Neither of us was ever given the opportunity to go before the Kerry public in a General Election. I am well known for my strong work ethic throughout the county.

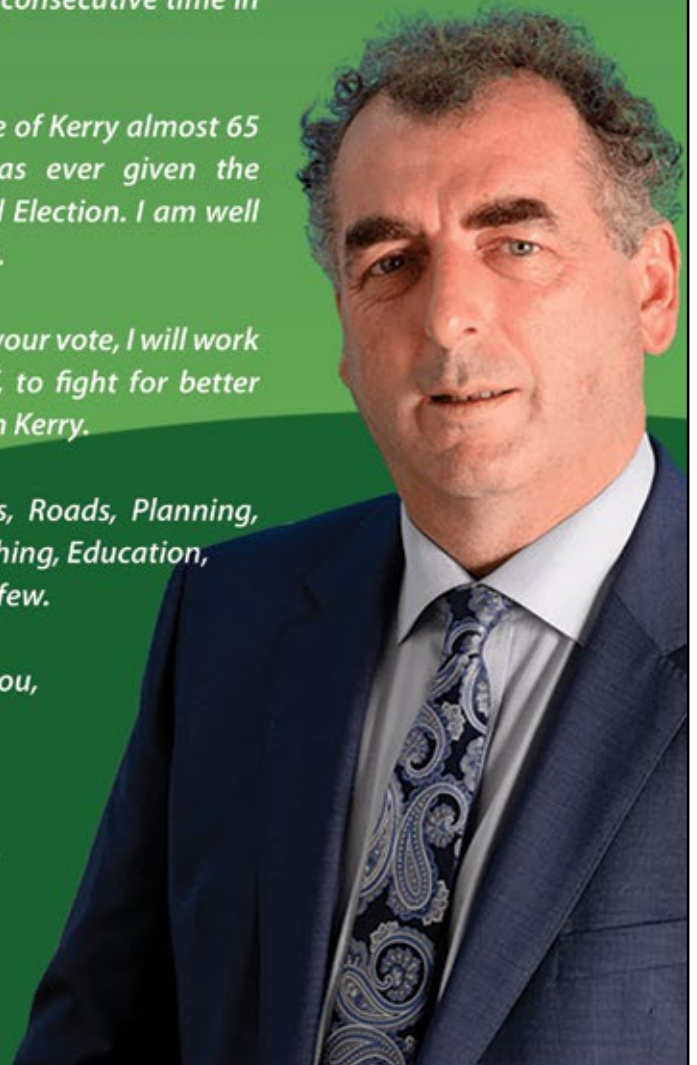
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Councillor Michael Cahill



GRADY RAISES LACK OF AMENITIES FOR TEENAGERS IN KILLARNEY

Cllr. Martin Grady has raised the issue of the lack of amenities for teenagers in Killarney. "Some people may believe Killarney has it all, that's not the case, I think it terms of tourism we may have it all, but for our teens and senior citizens we are lacking amenities", Cllr. Martin Grady told Killarney Outlook. Teens will tell you themselves the Lack of amenities can lead to anti social behaviour, they need a safe place to meet up winter and summer, i.e, pool tables, snooker, a Bowling alley, according to the last census 1 in every 3 are over 60 in Killarney, The Killarney Women's Shed and Active Retirement Group, needs a purpose built, permanent home to meet the needs of 160

women currently signed up at the Shed. Renting a space does not work because they are restricted in terms of access. They can only use the space once a week. They are also restricted and greatly inconvenienced by having to put out chairs/tables, equipment for activities, equipment for catering etc. having to clear away and pack up all our equipment. What cannot be stored has to be taken home by committee members. The women of Killarney have no space to call their own. Retired women in particular who attend the women's Shed need 'connection'. Sheds help to alleviate isolation, depression and help many who are going through bereavement.

1 in 3 women in Killarney is over 60. (1 in 4 nationally) Kerry has highest rate of over 65 yr olds. Men's Sheds have access to their premises all week. Women may not need work benches and power tools but they do need a space for activities, talks, dancing, exercise classes, Art/ painting etc. Renting a space that us not fit for purpose is not 'Age Friendly' and is just not working especially with large numbers. The over 65 demographic has increased by 40% between 2013 and 2023. This trend is reflected in Killarney town but there is not even a community hall in the town", he added.

CARER'S ALLOWANCE

Means Testing for Carer's Allowance is unfair on both Carers and Patients and is costing the State millions of Euro more every year, according to Kerry Fianna Fáil General Election candidate, Councillor Michael Cahill. Carer's Allowance is a weekly Social Welfare payment to people who care for someone because of their Age, Disability or Illness (including mental illness), for at least 35 hours per week over 5 to 7 days. "If you have savings, shares or property, other than your own home, it will affect your Carer's Allowance. After a lifetime of working hard, I believe people are entitled to have savings and this should not be taken into consideration when applying for Carer's Allowance. People should be entitled to a nest egg after their life's work and many of those caring for a child, may have other offspring for whom they may need to provide for" stated Councillor Cahill. "If somebody who has savings needed to change their car for example, there may not be much left of it and in these cases the Means Test would prevent many from applying Inflation over the years has also rendered this scheme out of date and I have contacted the Minister for Finance, Jack Chambers and the Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys to remove Means Testing from this vital Government support" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor. "If our people do not qualify for the Carers Allowance, many more patients will have to rely on the State for their daily care and the bill to the Exchequer could run into hundreds of millions extra" added Councillor Cahill.

GNEEVEGUILLA GRAVEYARD NEARLY FULL

Residents of Gneeveguilla are getting extremely anxious about the number of burial sites available in their local graveyard, according to Fianna Fáil General Election candidate, Michael Cahill. The Kerry County Councillor says it is a similar situation to the issue that arose in Beaufort, the solution to which he helped bring about. "It can cause elevated stress and worry to people if they believe their deceased loved ones would have to be buried outside the parish and the residents of Gneeveguilla deserve burial spaces in their own area. Kerry County Council have been unsuccessful to date in sourcing suitable land to extend the existing graveyard on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Rosary" stated Councillor Cahill. "I know the graveyard quite well, having deceased family connections buried there and I understand the feelings and fears of the locals. If an extension

has been totally ruled out at this stage, we may have to look to a new site for the future. While this would not be ideal, there would seem to be little choice" said Cahill. "The vast majority of residents in Ireland wish to be buried in their own parish or town and the residents of Gneeveguilla are no different. The fear of families being divided between different parishes is a very real concern and can cause quite alot of upset. Every measure must be taken to avoid this from happening" stated the experienced Councillor. "I have contacted Kerry County Council and I will liaise with any local interested parties to facilitate any meetings or negotiations that may be needed, in order to bring a speedy solution to the Gneeveguilla burial site issue. This is what I did in Beaufort and we were successful" added Councillor Cahill.



Members of Retired Nurses Kerry Branch on a recent visit to the Dàil and Seanad hosted by Michael and Danny Healy Ray We were also welcomed by Simon Harris and Brendan Griffin A very enjoyable and informative day was had by all Mile Biochas

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Fine Gael will ensure financial security for older people - O'Shea



FG Kerry candidate says, Older Person's Guarantee will raise State pension and extend the household benefits package

Fine Gael is increasing financial supports that will enhance and support the wellbeing of older people across the country, a Fine Gael General election candidate has said.

Billy O'Shea, who is running for Fine Gael in Kerry, said these supports will go a long way to helping older people with the cost of living.

"I'm delighted to see the confirmation from An Taoiseach Simon Harris that older people will be prioritised if Fine Gael is returned to government.

"Our commitment to older citizens includes the Older Person's Guarantee, which will ensure financial security through improved working-age payments and social protection measures.

"We will extend the household benefits package, which reduces monthly gas or electricity bills for people over 70 and provides a free TV licence.

We want to ensure that people between the age of 66 and 70 can also get support from this package.

"Fine Gael also wants to raise the State pension to at least €350 per person per week in the next government's term. This will build on

increases we've provided over the last number of years from Fine Gael in government.

"This will benefit tens of thousands of people right across the country, and I know will be a huge help for so many people.

"The Living Alone allowance, which is an additional payment given to people over 66 who live alone, is something we also really want to see increased.

"We will build on the progress we've already made with Budget 2025, where we committed to an automatic companion pass for over 70s and expanded the Fuel Allowance to those 66 and over.

"It is that generation of people who have helped build our country and have ensured the economic foundations that we have today, so it's only fair we give back to them.

"Fine Gael in government have continued to give back to older people for their hard work, and if returned to government they will be a core focus once again", concluded Billy O'Shea.

MICHAEL CAHILL HIGHLIGHTS KILLARNEY ANGLERS CONCERNS

Fianna Fáil General Election contender, Michael Cahill has called on Minister of State for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Malcolm Noonan to progress the long overdue overhaul of the canal water at Ross Castle in Killarney.

"Killarney Salmon and Trout Angling Club have been in contact with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), requesting that canal waterway at Ross Castle be made safe and passable for all anglers and boat owners there. This canal creates the island of Ross, entering the Lower Lake on the eastern shore at Bunrower and on the western side, it flows under the centuries old Guards bridge, into the Bog Bay at Ross Castle" stated Councillor Cahill.

"The canal, according to the anglers, is in a sorry state, with maintenance not being conducted on it in decades. The area itself, offers a safe haven for boats, but not safe transit. There will of course be environmental sensitivities that have to be taken into account with such a project, but I have urged the Minister and senior officials in the NPWS, National Parks & Wildlife Service to progress it urgently for Killarney" added Michael Cahill.



CALLS FOR THE RESTORATION OF TOWN COUNCILS

The restoration of Local Government Town Councils, with their full statutory powers, needs to happen as a matter of urgency in Kerry, according to Fianna Fáil Councillor and General Election candidate, Michael Cahill.

Councillor Cahill believes that the larger towns like Tralee, Killarney and Listowel need localised representation and decision making to be returned to them, to ensure those who understand their challenges best, are at the heart of it.

"Talking with representatives of local community organisations in all Kerry towns, it is clear to me that the majority favour a return to the Urban District Councils. People felt a more direct connection and sense of place and achievement, when dealing with their local town council. The centralisation of powers has taken that away from townspeople" said Cahill.

"Killarney town, for example, is the capital of tourism in Ireland, attracting visitors from all corners of the globe. Killarney in the past had its own Town Council, its own budget, its own decision makers, Management and Town Councillors who had Killarney at the very heart of the community and were more than capable of making decisions in the best interests of Killarney" stated the Kerry County Councillor.

"The same can be said for Tralee and Listowel. Local democracy is hugely important and motivates people to work for and on behalf of their own area. Not alone do you feel a sense of belonging, but you feel a sense of some control over your destiny" added Michael Cahill.

The Fianna Fáil General Election candidate has called for the restoration of Town Councils on a number of occasions since they were abolished back in 2014.



Billy O'Shea and Taoiseach Simon Harris on the campaign trail in Killorglin last Saturday



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NEW SIGNS TO BE ERECTED AT ACCIDENT BLACK SPOT

Cllr. John O'Donoghue has raised the issue of Poulgorm Bridge at the recent meeting of Kerry County Council.

In light of yet another serious accident at the junction, that we would again ask the TII to examine further safety measures at Poulgorm Bridge at the junction of the N22 Cork road and R569 towards Kilgarvan. This junction, which I have had repeatedly on the agenda, is consistently an accident black spot. I feel that until the speed limit is reduced and some extra lighting put in to highlight that there is a junction there, the problem will not be resolved and my great fear is that we will have a fatality here if the TII do not take action. While some improvements have been made at the junction, local residents feel that these measures do not go far enough and it remains a source of worry for them.

Reducing the speed limit to 80kph would go a long way in addressing these concerns and I again ask that we call upon the TII to heed our call.

" I was delighted with the response to this Notice of Motion when told that several signs will go up in the coming days indicating a turn off in 1km, 500m 200m etc. This is very positive as it will make the junction much more visible by alerting motorists it is coming up. They have also agreed to apply for more funding in early 2025 for further safety measures. While these changes may not solve the issue completely, they are a huge step in the right direction and I both thank the TII for their reply and welcome the proposed changes", Cllr. O'Donoghue told Killarney Outlook.



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KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

COMPETITION RESULTS

11 Hole Single Stableford (Club Sponsored) played on Killeen Course on 17th November 2024

Overall Winner & Best Gross: Anne Moynihan 24pts (02)

2nd: Mary Looney 23pts (15)

3rd: Annette McNiece 23pts (12)

4th: Grace Dennehy 23pts (15)

NEXT FIXTURE will be 24th November 2024 Mixed Foursomes on Mahony's Point Course, kindly sponsored by Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company.

ANNUAL MASS for deceased members will be celebrated at Killarney Golf Club on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7 o'clock. Save the Date for Ladies Branch Christmas Party Night 'Jingle & Mingle' Thursday 5th December 2024.

ROSS GOLF CLUB (MENS)

RESULTS

On November 17th we held a Champagne Scramble with a good turnout despite the testing weather conditions.

The winning teams were:-

1st: Peter Wickham, John Hurley, Tony Lenihan

2nd: Niall O'Brien, John Cuskelly, John Ivory.

APPRECIATION DAY FOR OUR SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday last we held our annual Appreciation Day for our sponsors and volunteers. This was a very enjoyable day of golf followed by some food, drink and then music, song and dance in the clubhouse. It proved a great opportunity to say Thank You to our very generous sponsors



Photographed at the Ross GC for the presentation of the Autumn Series Sahara Cup are (l to r) Karl McCay, General Manager, Killarney Racecourse, Peter Wickham, Winner, Silvia Villena, Manager, Racecourse Cafe, Padraig Bruton Course Superintendent and Sponsor.

and volunteers. One of the highlights of the day was a superb hole in one on the 10th hole by Ivo O'Sullivan which was celebrated later in the clubhouse

The winning teams in the scramble were:-

1st: Johnny Brosnan, Ivo O'Sullivan, John Ivory, Seamus McCarthy

2nd: Mike O'Leary, Elaine Casey, Terence Mulcahy.

ON THURSDAY NOV 14TH OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY COMPETITION.

The winners were :-

1st: Mike O'Leary (10) 20 pts

2nd: Pat Mitchell (12) 19 pts.

3rd: John Ivory (7) 18pts

FIXTURE - CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

On Saturday Nov 23rd and Sunday Nov 24th we will hold our Christmas Hampers Competition, kindly sponsored by Killarney Race Co. The usual process applies for tee time bookings for both Saturday and Sunday.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Sheila O'Mahony and Donie Broderick and all the Lynch and O'Mahony Families on the recent death of Breda Lynch (nee) O'Mahony R.I.P.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Thanks to those who took part in our first Sunday of Christmas Turkeys (sponsored by Tim Jones Butchers) last Sunday which produced the following results on the day: Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Murphy & James Foley 36, Gross: John McGrath & Bobby Kelly 43 and Second Nett: Robbie O'Brien Jnr & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 37½. Same again this Sunday with draws at 9am



Photographed at the Ross GC for the presentation of the prizes to the winners of Sponsors and Volunteers scramble are front l to r: Betty Farrell, President, Johnny Brosnan, Captain, Elaine Casey. Back l to r: Peter Wickham, Ivo O'Sullivan, Mike O'Leary, Terence Mulcahy, John Ivory, Seamus McCarthy.

Hole in one

Photo shows Ivo O'Sullivan retrieving his ball from the 10th hole at Ross Golf Course after getting the hole in one!



and 10.45am. €5 per draw.

CE SCHEME

A vacancy has arisen on our CE Scheme for the New Year. Please contact Club Chairman Sean Kelly on 086 0508686 for further information.

PRE-CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

This takes place in Murphy's on Friday night December 6th. Prizes being presented on the night include (i) Victoria House Hotel Multicard, (ii) Club Matchplays (Adult) and (iii) Christmas Hamper. We ask all prizewinners in these competitions to note same. The Dan O'Leary Memorial Shield for Club Person of the Year will be presented on the night also.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club offers its deepest sympathies to Denis Reen and the O'Sullivan family on the death of Denis' brother-in-law Andy O'Sullivan last week. The Club also offers its condolences to former Juvenile members Conor and Shane Lynch and their family on the death of their mother Breda last week as well. May they both Rest in Peace.

KIA IRELAND ANNOUNCE EV3 PRICING

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battery is also equipped with a liquid cooling system, which is used during charging to optimise battery thermal management and enhance charging speeds enabling charging from 10 to 80 percent capacity in 29 minutes. EV3 will be available with 0% finance for 251 and is available from a monthly price of just €186pm. The Earth 2 trim is available from €36,790 with the 58.3kWh battery, or €40,350 with 81.4 kWh battery and standard specification includes 17" alloy wheels, dual 12.3" display screens, LED headlights, Heated front seats & steering wheel, Wireless phone charging and android auto/ apple car play. Earth 3 is available exclusively with the 81.4kWh battery from €42,840 and features include 19" alloy wheels, Vegan leather seats, Power adjustable front seats and blind-

spot collision avoidance. The range topping GT-line is available from €47,190 and adds GT-line styling, Vehicle-2-Load capabilities, Power adjustable sunroof and a Smart power tailgate. Kia Ireland will offer the EV3 in seven body colors – Clear white, Snow white metallic, Ivory silver, Shale grey, Frost blue, Black pearl and Aventurine green which is exclusive to the new EV3. **Full details are available from McElligotts, Tralee.**



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SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993**

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Stages SS1, SS4, Moll's Gap

Roads Closing Times: from 06:00 to 14:15

Road Numbers: N71, R568

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Starting at Rowantree Bar via Dromstaba, Cappamore, Dromdoory, Blackstones, Bunglasha South, Coad, Quaybaun, and finishing at Tooreennasliggaun.

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In addition, all adjoining public roads will be closed for a distance of 205m from each junction with the above routes.

Parc Ferme

Lewis Road Car Park will be used as Parc Ferme and will be unavailable for parking purposes from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 28th November to 10.00 p.m. on Saturday, 30th November 2024.

Ceremonial Start

Kenmare Place and Main Street, from the Killarney Plaza Hotel to the junction of Main Street and New Street (known as Market Cross) will be closed from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 29th November 2024 for the holding of the ceremonial start.

Ceremonial Finish

Kenmare Place and Main Street, from the Killarney Plaza Hotel to the junction of Main Street and New Street (known as Market Cross) will be closed from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 30th November 2024 to facilitate the finish ramp and the holding of the ceremonial finish.

The laneway adjacent to Killarney Town Hall and Killarney Plaza Hotel, from its junction with the Upper New Street Car Park and its junction with Kenmare Place, will be closed from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 30th November 2024 to facilitate the holding of the ceremonial finish.

Liam Quinlan

Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club u9s & u11s had friendly games v Mastergeeha FC & MEK FC over the weekend at Murt Scott Park, where great enthusiasm & skill were shown by all. Many thanks to the players, coaches & parents of all teams.

The U13A team travelled to play Camp Utd on Saturday last and came away with a fine 2-2 draw. Jack Duggan & Ruairi Casey scoring for Ballyhar who also had Adam Quirke, Evan Greensmyth, Brian McMahon, Lorcan O Mahony, Liam Smyth & Ollie Kirwan in fine form.

The U13 B team travelled to Fenit on Saturday where they won on a 0-7 scoreline with Tadhg Fitzgerald scoring six & Jack Cooper hitting the net once. Diarmuid Fitzgerald, Elliot Lyne, Euan Costelloe, Lachlan Leslie, Sean Evans, Bryan Evans & Jack Sheehy were also on top of their game for this early kick off.

The U15 A squad received a walkover from Kildysart Celtic (Clare) in the National cup. The Ballyhar squad now travel to Moneygall FC of Offaly who play their soccer in the North Tipperary League in the 4th round of the National Cup. The 44th president of America Barack Obama ancestors hailed from Moneygall. The U15B squad welcomed Dingle A to Murt Scott Park on Saturday morning last with the with Dingle taking the win on a 1-7 scoreline. Daniel Ryan scoring the goal after a fine work by Pau Oliver Pazos who along with Killian O Sullivan, Odhran Leslie, Dylan Dyas & Eoin Cremin were excellent for Ballyhar Dynamos in a game in which the squad worked hard & kept going until the end.T

he seniors hosted Lenamore Rovers on Sunday in a Division 1 encounter in a game in which Ballyhar won 1-0 thanks to a Danny Cronin half volley on the 30 minute mark. All the squad played well with Patrick & Declan O Connor outstanding in defence along with Dan O Shea, Maurice O Donoghue, Luke Henderson, Michael O Sullivan, Micheal Fitzgerald, Eoin Walsh & Eugene Deniel in a hard earned win.

SYMPATHY

The Club offers its condolences to the O Mahony & Lynch Families on the passing of Breda & the O Sullivan Family, Ballaugh on the passing of Andy. May both rest in peace

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

Round 4 on the horizon for Kerry teams in 13's National Cup

Dingle, St Brendan's Park, Killarney Celtic and Inter Kenmare all booked safe passage into Round 4 of the National Cup at the weekend, while Fenit Samphires, Killarney Athletic and Killorglin, playing in an all Kerry tie, bowed out. Dingle secured a 6-2 win over Killorglin, with their opening half performance taking a 3-0 lead into the break, laying the groundwork. Sonai Mac an tSíthigh scored twice, with additional goals from Conal Ó Sé, TJ O hAinfeín, Robbie Smyth, and Krystian Dudus. Killorglin's Eoin McClure struck back with two second-half goals, but it wasn't enough to overturn the tide. Killarney Celtic delivered an emphatic 7-1 win over Aisling Annacotty, with a standout performance from Cillian Scannell, who netted a hat-trick. Supporting goals came from Jack Kissane (2), Conor Doherty, and Dylan McCarthy.

Inter Kenmare showcased their attacking firepower with a convincing 6-2 win over Killavilla United AFC. Sean Moriarty and Shay O'Connor each scored twice, while Liam Randles and Dara O Sullivan added to the tally. Kilmallock United narrowly defeated Fenit Samphires 3-2 in a tightly contested clash to book their passage, while Charleville AFC booked their passage with a 4-0 victory over Killarney Athletic.

PLENTY OF GOALS AND DRAMA IN U15 NATIONAL CUP

28 goals scored in games involving Kerry teams in the 15's National Cup at the weekend, Killarney Celtic needed extra time to book their passage.

In an enthralling match that went into extra time, Killarney Celtic overcame Herbertstown AFC with a 5-3 win. Kiernan Kelly's hat-trick proved pivotal, supported by strikes from Marco Mosca and Luke Clancy

Castleisland delivered a commanding 6-1 victory over Lifford AFC, with standout performances from Dean O'Donoghue and Liam O'Connor, who both bagged braces. Goals were added by Ronan O'Connor and Joey Kelly. Mastergeeha dominated Newport Town in a 7-1 victory, led by remarkable hat-tricks from Darragh Keane and Noah Clifford, with Aidan

Huggard adding another goal to cap off an impressive team performance.

Pike Rovers advanced with a 6-0 victory over Inter Kenmare, while Ballyhar Dynamos were awarded a walkover from Kildysart Celtic, to book their passage.

MIXED RESULTS IN 15'S NATIONAL TROPHY GIRLS

Castleisland continue to lead U12 North

Five wins from five now for Castleisland as they sit five points clear at the summit in the 12's North.

Castleisland continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 4-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos. Ava McCarthy and Bella Clifford were in sensational form, each scoring a brace to secure the three points.

In a closely contested battle, Listowel Celtic claimed a hard-fought 3-2 win against Camp. Goals from Emer O'Sullivan, Katelyn Joy and an own goal proved the difference, to keep firmly on the heels of Castleisland. In another closely contested game, Park emerged victorious with a 2-1 win over Fenit, putting them a point behind Celtic in third.

TITLE RACE HEATS UP IN 12'S SOUTH

It may still be the early days of the season, but we have a four horse race developing in the 12's South, as Mastergeeha, Iveragh, MEK and Killorglin are all deadlocked on 12 points.

Mastergeeha showcased their attacking brilliance in a commanding 7-1 victory against Killarney Athletic. A standout performance from Gracie Maher saw her score twice, supported by goals from Sophie Moynihan, Lucy Devane, Freya O'Keefe, Annie Mai O'Donoghue, and Aine Herlihy. Caitlin Hickey scored a consolation goal for Killarney Athletic.

A stunning hat-trick by Sienna Boyle led Killorglin to a 3-0 victory over Inter Kenmare B. MEK secured a narrow 1-0 win over Killarney Athletic B thanks to a decisive goal from Abbie Coffey Straka. Elsewhere Iveragh claimed a 5-1 win over Inter Kenmare.

UNBEATEN RUN STRETCHES TO FIVE FOR MASTERGEEHA IN 14'S DIV 1

Mastergeeha have had quite the impressive start to the season, as they extended their unbeaten run to five games with another win at the weekend.

A hat-trick from Anna Lenihan guided Mastergeeha to an impressive 5-1 win over Iveragh. Additional goals from Ava Brosna and



Killarney Celtic Boys U13 National Cup



Ballyhar Dynamos u15 B team who played Dingle Bay Rovers at murt Scott park on Saturday last in Division 2 of the Kerry schoolboy league.



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Julia Casey helped to wrap up the three points. LB Rovers powered to a 5-1 victory over Listowel Celtic, with a sensational performance from Eilidh Cregan, who scored all five goals for her team. Amy Williams found the net for a consolation goal for Listowel Celtic. Castleisland emerged victorious with a narrow 3-2 win against Killarney Athletic B, a Maeve O'Connell brace along with a goal from Julie McAuliffe, helping Castleisland to the three points. Goals from Leah Heineman and Elsie O'Doherty kept Killarney in contention, in what was a tightly contested game.

A pulsating encounter saw Dingle claim a 5-3 victory over Fenit, thanks to an impressive attacking performance. Goals from Hannah Farrell (2), Niamh Sé, Eilis Nic Gearailt, and Cara Fitzgerald ensured the win for Dingle.

**BOYS
MASTERGEEHA OVERCOME TITLE RIVALS
PARK TO LEAD 13'S DIVISION 2 NORTH**

Overcoming their closest title rivals in St Brendan's Park, Mastergeehea hold a three point lead at the summit in the Division.

Mastergeehea emerged 4-2 winners in their match against Park C. Luke O'Sullivan was the star for Mastergeehea with a hat-trick, while Michael O'Donoghue added another goal to wrap up the points.

Elsewhere in a highly exciting weekend of action, Listowel Celtic C put on an impressive performance, running out 6-0 winners against Ballyheigue. Goals from Dara Cinnéide (x2), Gearóid Brosnan, Conor Mahony, Brádan Byrne, and Fionn Buckley sealed the points.

Tralee Dynamos B triumphed 6-0 over Killarney Celtic D. Lucas Browne was the star of the show with a hat-trick, while Fionn Smith (x2) and Caspar Wozik also found the back of the net for the Tralee side.

In a closely contested match, Castleisland B and LB Rovers B shared the spoils with a 1-1 draw. Yevhenii Mamontov scored for Castleisland, while Lewis Butler Mulvihill found the net for LB Rovers.

Other results saw Ballyhar B overcome Fenit 6-0, while Camp B got the better of Park D with a 4-1 win.

**DINGLE THE LEADERS IN COMPETITIVE U15
DIVISION 2**

It has been a tightly contested start to proceedings in the 15's Division 2 this year, with Dingle holding the advantage after the latest

round of games by a single point.

Dingle put on a superb attacking performance, defeating Ballyhar B 7-1. Ashton Matthews (x2), Lúic MacGearailt, Sean O hAinfein, and Cillian O Dalaigh all found the back of the net for Dingle. Elsewhere Camp A triumphed 3-1 over Tralee Dynamos B. Padraig O'Connor was the star of the match with two goals, and Cole Shanahan added a third to seal the win for Camp. Killarney Celtic B put on a dominant display, defeating Castleisland B 5-1. Goals from Simon Sirotiak (x2), Josh Salvador, Baba Ameri, and Majid Khaleel helped Celtic to the three points. Killarney Athletic B edged out Mastergeehea B with a 1-0 win. The only goal of the game came from James Marshall, who secured all three points for his side in a hard-fought encounter. 191 324

**KILLARNEY ATHLETIC A.F.C
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CUP**

**Killarney Athletic 4 - 0 Listowel
ROUND 2 OF THE YOUTHS NATIONAL CUP
Killarney Athletic 3-1 Newmarket Celtic**

James Dempsey 1 Jack Rudden 1 Luke Doolan 1
We welcomed Newmarket Celtic to Woodlawn today for our delayed 2nd round fixture in the National Cup. We got off to a great start when James Dempsey put us ahead after 2 minutes when he got on the end of a Jack Rudden header to lift the ball over the onrushing goalie. We kept the pressure on and doubled our lead when Jack scored from a Luke Doolan pass. Luke got in on the act when he slotted home an excellent through ball from Brian O'Shea. 3-0 after 20 minutes. We had efforts off the post and crossbar also but the score remained 3-0 at the break. Shortly after the restart Newmarket scored when a deflected shot spun in off the post. Not a great goal for us to concede when we had a few chances to clear our lines. The remainder of the second half wasn't a great spectacle where we managed the game for most parts without looking as threatening as we did in the first half. Credit to Newmarket who stayed in the game and made us see it out to the final whistle. Thanks to them for a sporting game and we wish them well for the remainder of their season. Some good performances throughout the team but special mention for Brian O'Shea who was back to himself after a few niggling

injuries. Thanks to our U16's, Alex Doolan and Ryan Kissane, for coming at late notice and both did well when introduced.

We now look forward to a home game against Duleek of Meath next week in the last 32.

Killarney Athletic A.F.C 4 - 0 Listowel Celtic

Pedja 1 Oisin O' Sullivan 1 Josh Bowler 2

We welcomed listowel to Woodlawn Sunday in the Munster Junior cup third round. We got off to a great start with a lovely finish from Center back Pedja who volleyed Fionn Daly corner into the back of the net. We added a second through the lively Oisin o Sullivan who calmly finished into the bottom corner while one on one with the keeper

Listowel never gave up and kept pushing but we added a third through Josh bowler with a lovely finish set up by great work from Fionn daly. Josh got his second late on to add to his impressive goal tally early on in the season. Good team display with a clean sheet to progress into the next round Thanks to listowel for a great game

U13 BOYS DIV 1 LEAGUE

Killarney Athletic B 3 Killarney Celtic B 3

Malik Jinad 2 Sean O'Connor

The boys played out a highly entertaining draw this morning in Woodlawn in a game where the lead changed three times. Athletic opened the scoring in the first half through Malik Jinad after a scramble in the box from a corner. Celtic responded very well grabbing 2 goals to go in with the lead at half time. Athletic rallied in the second half to pull back the lead with Sean O' Connor scoring an excellent lob from the edge of box before Malik broke through for a second. Celtic were rewarded for their pressure at the end of the match scoring an equaliser at the death. Great effort by both sides and a fair result on the balance of play.

U15 B

Killarney Athletic 1 - 0 Mastergeehea

James Marshall 1

We welcomed Mastergeehea to Ferndale this morning and they played their part in what turned out to be a cracking game decided by a stunning 20 yard strike by James Marshall. Athletic keeper Darragh Lucey made 2 super saves and Marshall rattled the bar from distance as we reached halftime level.

More of the same 2nd half with Athletics excellent defence of Myles, Doyle, O Sullivan and Coleman managing to contain the opposition allowing a bit of Marshall magic to win us the



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All in all a superb team performance with Matthew Myles just shading man the match ahead of his fellow defenders and keeper Lucey .

NATIONAL CUP 3RD ROUND - U13

Killarney Athletic 0 - 4 Charleville

The lads had a tough day at the office today. They came up against a very strong Charleville team. The lads fought hard but went down 2-0 at half with two unfortunate goals. They pushed forward in the second half and were the better team for a long period. They couldn't find the finish they needed to get back in the game and they gave up a couple of goals while pushing forward. Man of the match for Athletic was Ronan Browne who put in a very strong performance. Lads will learn from this first loss of the season and build on it.

U12 GIRLS LEAGUE

Mastergeeha v Athletic Blue 7-1 to Mastergeeha

A tough day for our Blue team who went to Mastergeeha this morning to face the league leaders. Mastergeeha showed their strength early in the game and went up a number of goals quickly. Caitlin Hickey scored a goal for Athletic with a quick break up the pitch and a good finish in the first half. In the second half, Mastergeeha pulled ahead again and the final score was 7-1. Captain for Athletic Blues- Rian O'Donnell.

U14 PREMIER GIRLS KILLARNEY ATHLETIC V MEK

This game in Woodlawn was the most competitive game the girls have played in a while. They battled phenomenally well and kept the pressure on at all times. Half time was 0-0 and we came out fighting in the second half being the dominant team. Unfortunately a last minute goal against us saw the points go to MEK. A brilliant team performance by the girls. Onwards and upwards as we play National Cup next week. The girls should be very proud of their performance.

Thanks to MEK for a very sporting and quality game.

GIRLS U14 DIVISION 1

Castleisland 3 - 2 Killarney Athletic B

Castleisland grabbed a early goal from Athletic kicked which meant Athletic were chasing the game early. Athletic soon settled in and started to create some chances. Athletic break through finally came with a fantastic lob over the keeper which brought the game even at 1-1. Athletic continued to push and after some great work on the left Elsie o'Doherty grabbed a goal for a much deserved lead 2-1. Castleisland then grabbed a goal with a shot from distance before half time . 2-2 at half time. The second half was a much closer half with both teams have their chances. Castleisland pulled ahead with a goal for a corner . Athletic kept pushing and had a few good chances but weren't able to finish. Finished 3- 2 to castleisland. Great game by two evenly matched teams.

Athletic goals Leah Heineman 1 Elsie O'Doherty

U12 GIRLS LEAGUE

MEK v Athletic White 1-0 to MEK

Our white team traveled to Fossa this afternoon to play MEK. Conditions were poor but a competitive, sporting game was had. MEK went 1 up mid way in the first half. Athletic



Killarney Celtic U15B vs Castleisland B

had their chances in both halves but failed to score. Some great saves by Jane Brosnan in the second half made sure the score line remained the same till the final whistle. Full time 1-0 to MEK. Captain for the Athletic White- Anna Lyne.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 5,11,17,24. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €13,600 on Monday November 25th . Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

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MCCARTHY INSURANCE GROUP MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP RD 3

Classic FC 0-4 Killarney Celtic

Lee Downing, Wayne Sparling, Matt Keane, Mark Kolesnikov

Celtic advanced to round 4 of the Munster Junior Cup after a clear cut win in Tralee. Celtic were out of the blocks early and Lee Downing had the team ahead after 2 mins. Wayne Sparling doubled the lead on 22 mins and it was 3-0 after 27 mins when Matt Keane found the net. Celtic hit number 4 on 64 mins through Mark Koslesnikov to seal their journey to the last 32 of the competition.

U15 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Killarney Celtic 5-3 Herbertstown AFC AET

Kiernan Kelly 3, Marco Mosca, Luke Clancy Celtic qualified for round 4 after a great battle with Herbertstown AFC. After Celtic had enjoyed some early supremacy it was Herbertstown who struck for the only goal of the 1st half. Marco Mosca had Celtic level before Kiernan Kelly put Celtic in front but Herbertstown responded to force extra time. Kiernan Kelly and Luke Clancy had Celtic ahead in extra time but Herbertstown came again to make it 4-3 to Celtic before Kiernan Kelly rounded off a great night's work with the goal that ensured Celtic progress to round 4.

U15 DIV 2

Castleisland AFC 1-5 Killarney Celtic

Simon Sirotiak 2, Josh Salvador, Majid Khaleel, Baba Ameri

Celtic B put in their best performance of the season with a fine win in Castleisland. Celtic led 1-0 at halftime through Josh Salvador. Baba

Ameri put Celtic 2up before Simon Sirotiak netted twice to leave Celtic well clear. Majid Khaleel completed the Celtic scoring before Castleisland pulled 1 back.

U13 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Aisling Annacotty (2) 1-7 Killarney Celtic Green

Cillian Scannell 3, Jack Kissane 2, Conor Doherty, Dylan McCarthy

Celtic advanced to round 4 after a comprehensive win in Limerick over Aisling Annacotty 2. Celtic led 4-0 at halftime. Cillian Scannell opened the scoring after combining with Conor Doherty. Dylan McCarthy doubled the scoring before Cillian Scannell hit 2 more to round off the 1st half scoring. Conor Doherty had Celtic 5 to the good before Annacotty scored. However Celtic responded again with Jack Kisane hitting a double to close out the win.

U13 DIV 1

Killarney Athletic B 3-3 Killarney Celtic White

Eoin Murphy, Josh O'Donoghue, OG.

Celtic came behind twice in an exciting encounter away to Athletic. Celtic fell behind before responding to lead 2-1 at the break. Athletic hit the front before Celtic came back to level and claimed a well deserved point.

U13 DIV 2 SOUTH

Killarney Celtic Hoops 4-1 Killorglin AFC B

Conor Randles 3, Adam Arthur

Celtic Hoops came back from an early setback to gain a win last weekend. Adam Arthur had Celtic level after an early Killorglin goal. In the 2nd half Celtic gained the advantage when Conor Randles netted 3 times in quick succession to leave Celtic Hoops winners on the day.

U13 DIV 2 NORTH

Tralee Dynamos B 6-0 Killarney Celtic Stripes

Celtic stripes faded in the 2nd half with the scoreline not reflecting the good play of the team earlier in the game.

GIRLS

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE U17

Killarney Celtic 1-2 Listowel Celtic

Michelle O'Connor

The clash of the Celtic's was decided by a fine last quarter strike which gave the points to Listowel. Killarney had fought back from being 1-0 down when Michelle O'Connor found the net. Despite late pressure Killarney could not get on level terms again.

CONGRATS to Fionn Culloty and Kiernan Kelly who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.



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St Pauls Development League squad vs Glanmire Report

Enda Walshe

The St. Pauls Development League squad began their league campaign in Kilcummin NS Gym on Sunday afternoon. In all, they will play seven games against the likes of Tralee Warriors, Glanmire, Titans, St Marys Castleisland, Tipperary Knights, and Brunell. These games will take place over the next three months with three at home and four away.

Glanmire came with a strong squad, and Abiie Jeffrey opened the scoring. Amanda Brosnan, who was a big addition to the St. Pauls line up, opened their account. Despite Liadh Tobins' efforts, Glanmire hit a purple patch with Heather Lynch and Aoife Gibbons finding their range. Cassandra Buckley was another making her return, but Glanmire was on the crest of a wave leading 17-8. Coaches Mikah Blackwell and Joey Sheehan rotated their lineup with all eleven girls seeing action. They enjoyed the better of the second quarter with Ava Sheehan, Marguerite Cronin, and Siobhan Burns playing prominent roles. Jade Pott, Julie Delaney, and Ava Doherty helped to keep the tempo up with Cronin, Amanda Brosnan, and Sheehan netting. Liadh Tobin was accurate from both play and the free throw line, and the half-time deficit was now down to six, 25-19.

The third quarter was an even affair, Jades Potts leading the St. Pauls resistance with five points, and Lyselle O Shea also figured. The twin Abbys, Jeffery, and Murphy were controlling the tempo for Glanmire, and despite a strong showing, the gap was now extended to 35-27.

An early basket from Mags Cronin seemed to generate a bit of momentum, but an Abbie Jeffrey three quelled that chance. Glanmire looked much stronger in the final quarter, Chloe Ferris supplementing their efforts. But St. Pauls kept battling away, Eabha Rudden now on court, and Liadh Tobin had a very productive quarter, netting ten points. But Fr Matthews were not to be denied, running out 58-40 winners.

Being the first game in the league, it will take the team time to find their feet against more experienced opposition. But they will take great learning from playing at a higher level, and with a nice mixture of youth and experience, there's much to look forward to in the months ahead.

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Front Row L to R: Ava Sheehan, Siobhan Burns, Mags Cronin, Amanda Brosnan, Cassandra Buckley, Julie Delaney.

Back Row L to R: Jim Delaney, Jade Potts, Eabha Rudden, Liadh Tobin, Lyselle O Shea, Ava Doherty, Mikah Blackwell, Joey Sheehan.

GALWAY MYSTICS 65

Report by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls picked up their second win of the season with what was in the end a routine win over the Galway Mystics. The performance certainly won't be filed in the classic category as they struggled to get much rhythm going in the first half, no doubt not helped by a three week break from action. But once they felt the breath of the Westerners on their necks in the third quarter they put the boot down to run out 85-65 winners.

St Pauls were strong favourites for the game but their early lethargy allied to a spirited Galway showing meant there were only two points in it, 51-49, midway through the third period. As can often be the case the underdogs can take encouragement in a game of this nature but a time out called by Coach James Fleming seemed to straighten up the visitors challenge and the resultant improvement saw them coast home. The game saw new signing Mathilde Diop make her competitive debut and she finished with a double double of 11 points and 14 rebounds.

The early signs were positive as Megan Ormiston and Gracen Kerr got their boots into the saddle straps. They combined to open up a 10-6 lead, the highlight being a superb pass from Kerr for her compatriot to finish with aplomb. Isabelle Quinn and Kierra Rivers made their mark before Mathilde Diop found her range from outside. With Denise Dunlea, Siofra O Shea and Leah McMahon all on the easy list it meant plenty of game time for the Pauls bench with Lynn Jones, Lorraine Scanlon and Meabh Barry all rotating with the starting five. Simeone O'Shea stole in with a nice move but Irish Internationals Kara

McCleane and Shannon Cunningham kept the home fires burning to leave 23-19 at the end of the first in St Pauls favour.

The home side started the second quarter well with Lily Hynes, Rivers and Cunningham drawing them level. But some good defence from Diop in unison with some fine scores from the O Sheas, Rheanne and Simeone, Ormiston and Kerr opened up an eleven point lead, 37-26. Kara McCleane and Cunningham struck again but not before Kerr slalomed in for a basket. Ormiston and Rheanne O'Shea ensured the visitors led 43-33 as they hit the locker rooms.

The third quarter is where things started to go awry for St Pauls. Cunningham, McCleane and Isabelle Quinn all combined to close the gap to three, 47-44, and that prompted the timeout from Coach Fleming. Ormiston and Simeone O'Shea were the first to react and it heralded a dominant spell for St Pauls. The pick of the scores was a three point play from Lorraine Scanlon who took a nice pass from Kerr to be fouled in the act of scoring. Diop, Kerr and Simeone O Shea added more as the Mystics effort dried up with Lynn Jones playing with her usual abandon. Ormiston took possession of a long inbound pass to make it 65-51 at the three quarters stage.

The dominance spilled into the fourth quarter with Rheanne O'Shea nailing it from outside, Diop helping herself to a three point play and Ormiston and Kerr running the show. To be fair to the Mystics they battled away with Cunningham, McCleane and Rivers keeping their effort flowing. Simeone O Shea, Ormiston and Kerr closed out the game with Diop bringing their total upto 85. Megan Ormiston hit a game high 27 points, closely followed by Gracen Kerr with 24, Mathilde Diop had 11, Simeone O Shea had 9 and namesake Rheanne 7, the same total as



Jack O Sullivan



Darnell Snyers

Lorraine Scanlon.

For the battling Mystics Kierra Rivers was best with 19, Shannon Cunningham had 14, Kara Mc Cleane 12 and Isabella Quinn 11.

Next weekend sees the Portlaoise Panthers come to Killarney with the game pencilled in for a 4pm tip off. They currently sit on two wins, the same as St Pauls, but are coming off the back of a heavy defeat to Killester last weekend. But they are a dangerous side when on song, best exemplified by their defeat of National Cup Champions Brunell. They are led by Allysa Velles, Lynn Tunnah and the Dooleys Amy and Shauna. They will also be boosted by the recent signing of former favourite Jessica Fressle, a name well familiar to the St Pauls players.

**Mens Basketball League
Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre
Saturday November 16th
SCOTTS LAKERS 84
MOYCULLEN 77**

Report by Enda Walshe

Scotts Lakers made it four wins in a row as they easily accounted for Moycullen in Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday night. And while it was comfortable from a long way out the seeds of success were most certainly sown in the first half. The Lakers put in an outstanding defensive effort in that period with their energetic high press and when the Galwegians did manage to bypass it, they were met with great intensity, most impressive when allied with a strict discipline.

It sets up perfectly for next weekend's clash with the Portlaoise Panthers at home, one of only two teams unbeaten in the league and that will be another litmus test for Ron Howard's young side. But if this game is

anything to go by, the work they are doing in between games is starting to pay off and one can certainly see major progression.

Coach Howard was certainly pleased to get a fast start. "We started the first quarter well because it was something we hadn't done in any games so far. It was great to be in control and not play from behind for a change. I've been preaching from the start of the season about discipline and they showed tonight that consistency. We've been working on our defence for the last six weeks and you see how much we've endured and that is the foundation of any win."

Jack O Sullivan, making his first start of the season opened the scoring and it wasn't long before the talismanic Mikah Blackwell found his range. Antonio Molina got Moycullen off the mark but O Sullivan who looked sharp throughout made it double scores 8-4. Eoin Carroll weaved in the paint to net with Ivan Basic showing some defiance for Moycullen. Darnell Snyers was starting to heat up for the Lakers and he made it 14-8. Blackwell, who had eight steals in the game, picked Molinas pocket to race clear and dunk home while the visitors main man Grant Ollson still seemed to be carrying the legacy of an injury incurred last weekend. Mark Sheehan, recuperating from illness, climbed off the bench to hit a three before the buzzer and helped the Lakers into a 21-16 lead.

The second quarter saw the Lakers really turn up the defensive heat giving Moycullen no leeway whatsoever. All the while Blackwell, Abdul Oladipupo and Snyers kept embellishing the scoreboard and despite a Cian Walsh three pointer Moycullen called a halt for a breather with a timeout. Shane Daly, Jamie O Sullivan and Oisin Spring were all introduced at various stages to maintain the intensity and down the other end Jack O Sullivan, Blackwell and Snyers made it 38-22. Following an exceptional piece of defensive

play from Spring, Blackwell raced up to finish and Carroll stole in again. Moycullens Molina was trying hard but despite his efforts they trailed 47-33 at half time.

If Moycullen thought the second half would get any easier Mikah Blackwell dispelled that theory with a quick steal and another dunk. Snyers and Carroll stretched the lead with Moycullen mercurial Spaniard Aitor Perez doing his utmost. American guard Ollson would have found it hard to live with the Lakers defence on a good day and he was visibly hampered by injury. Oladipupo, who put in a big hustle all night stepping up in the absence of team captain Rui Saravia, fought hard for a basket while Blackwell made the game look easy. Cian Walsh was making his mark for the visitors, he hit two threes late in the quarter but Snyers made sure it was a secure lead at the end of the third, 67-52.

The fourth quarter was a steering job and Snyers made sure he had both hands on the wheel with a quick three. The ever battling Basic tried to get a resurgence going but Snyers was now on fire and alongside Jack O Sullivan they steered the ship home. Shane Daly had the final word and the lead gave the Lakers the opportunity to hand well deserved minutes to John Hughes and Darragh O'Callaghan who have put in as much work as everyone else in training. Moycullen finished with a flurry of points but there was no danger as the Lakers ran out 84-77 winners.

Darnell Snyers hit a game high 31 points, Mikah Blackwell 26, Jack O Sullivan 11, Eoin Carroll and Abdul Oladipupo had 6 each, Mark Sheehan 3, Shane Daly 1.

For Moycullen Antoni Molina had 17, Ivan Basic shot 16, Aitor Perez netted 12 and Cian Walsh had 11.

Game MVP Darnell Snyers enjoyed his outing. "The fast start and our solid defence were the foundations of our win. It's great, everything is easier when you play well. I got on really well with my teammates, they are great people and I think you can see that when we're all on the court."

The Panthers game tips off in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre this Saturday night at 7.30pm. The Laois side have a perfect start to the league and have come through some tough battles, most notably last weekend in Drogheda when they came out with a three point win. Eric Anderson and Xabier Arriaga may lead their scoring efforts but it's their all squad depth that's their greatest strength. They also boast the second strongest defence in the league, behind the Lakers. A mouthwatering clash awaits!!



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

Kerry GAA Motions For Convention

They aren't actually heard and voted on at Convention anymore, but rather at the County Board Meeting prior to it. That's not a bad thing in itself. Convention, with the election of officers and the reading of reports from various sub-committees as well as the Chairman's speech, used to run into the early hours of the morning sometimes. There was more passion, certainly – being honest, I found the last couple of County Conventions that I attended fairly anodyne affairs. In the old days it could be quite hot-blooded – remember, Kerry senior selectors were elected as well – great entertainment for neutrals, but I wouldn't necessarily say that it was a more efficient way of running things.

It is important to note that the debates were quite civil and all speakers, supporters and opposers of all motions, had the best intentions for the games and the voluntary spirit of the organisation. That may sound like me plamásing, but I really do believe it. People care because the GAA is far more than a sporting organisation; it is embedded within our culture and communities in a way that extends far beyond the playing fields. Over the bones of a century and a half, meetings like this are the core reason for that.

Motion 1

From 2026, the Credit Union County Senior Football League to consist of 10 team divisions. To achieve this, the following will apply for the 2025 Credit Union County Senior Football Leagues:

- In Divisions 1 to 5 inclusive, 4 teams will be relegated.
- In Divisions 2 to 6 inclusive, 2 teams will be promoted.

(Co. Executive)

This motion was withdrawn on a technicality, but I get the impression that it wasn't going to garner enough support anyway. I'm on the fence about this one. Not that I have a vote, reporters are welcome to attend County Board Meetings, with very rare and important exceptions in regard to matters concerning juveniles etc., but don't have a vote and quite rightly can't address the room without a specific invitation to do so. You'd be surprised – and hopefully a little bit worried – at certain other counties preference for operating in secret. There's usually a reason for that, and not a good one. Anyway, in regard to the

reduction in the County Leagues, I do think that we need to lighten the ridiculous playing schedule at the moment, but at inter-county, not clubs. You are picking the low-hanging fruit there, in all fairness. Once again – and I will not tire of saying this – you can clear a whole month out of the schedule simply by getting rid of that absurd group stage in the All Ireland Football Championship. Any politician who comes to me with an promise that they will try to have the appalling phrase 'preliminary quarter-final' made illegal will have my vote.

Motion 2

That the 2025 County Football League commence 3 weeks earlier at the start of March and finish at the same dates as the 2024 County league. This is to avoid fixture congestion and promote player welfare.

(*Gníomh Go Leith*)

Gneeveguilla delegate Bill O'Riordan spoke very well on the proposal. He was absolutely right in pointing out how incredibly tight the schedule for the County League is, with eleven games played over fourteen weeks. With three weeks more to play with, clubs could spread their games a bit better, give players more of a chance to recover, and allow for family occasions or weekend breaks, things can't really do now without hurting their clubs.

However, Joe Costello on behalf of the CCC made a strong argument himself in pointing out that the three extra weeks would be coming from the time allotted for District Leagues and for hurling, which is already far too squeezed anyway, and the delegates accepted that argument.

Motion 5

That the age of Minor be increased to 18 without decoupling (Players U-18 and over 17 can play both Minor & Adult competitions). All other age grades to be changed to even ages and no adult competitions can be held up as a result of playing an U-18 player.

(*Cill Airne an Leigün*)

I've never made any secret of where I stand on this. Back when the idea was first being mooted at Coiste na nÓg meetings and the like, I was strongly opposed. So was practically everybody else that I know in Kerry GAA. But Central Council were pushing this very hard, without ever really putting up

a convincing argument. U18 clashed with the Leaving Cert...except that, with a majority of schools now implementing transition year (the Sem were one of the pioneers of that very successful educational model), it doesn't. Instead, what happened was that the U20 inter-county championship clashed with third level exams. There was too much pressure on U18s – rubbish. All the players I know loved being involved. And no, I'm not suggesting that most 18 year olds are David Clifford, Declan O'Sullivan, Paddy McBrearty, or the Canavan brothers. But able to play the likes of county league games for rural clubs that are struggling very badly with urban migration and emigration? No, it never made the slightest iota of sense to me and seeing it in action after it was snuck in at National Convention during covid (it wasn't worded as a reduction in age grades, because it had been made very clear in the two previous Conventions that such a vote would not pass) only made it worse. The U17 inter-county minor games had a marked drop in interest and attendance (the fact that an hour between the minor and senior games had to be allocated because extra-time was required – once again, allowing for the insertion of more games into a crowded calendar – didn't help). You could look at the likes of Seamus Moynihan, Colm Cooper, or David Clifford and know that you would be seeing them in a Kerry senior jersey within two years. Now, the most talented minor player is four years away, and that does reduce interest.

You also lost a playing grade at Coiste na nÓg. Previously U18 was senior, but you had U16, U14, and U12. You got to know who the players were and who to look out for in terms of Kerry minor prospects, etc. Changing it to U17, U15, and U13 was more complicated and harder to fit into schedules. It also got complicated in terms of post-primary football – some Frewen players were eligible for minor and more fell into the six month lacuna and were too old, sometimes by days (the age grades for the colleges have since been modified in line with Northern Ireland schools and club grades, a move that made a lot of sense). Also, girls can play with the boys at U12 by rule, but not at U13 – again, a reduced birthrate and a lot of young couples being forced to emigrate makes this more significant for many clubs at underage than you realise. Incidentally, if you think that U12 girls aren't capable of bating into boys the same age, God love your innocence. I grew up with four sisters, you should just take my word on that one.

But the biggest issue, the big huge elephant filling the room, is what happens to the U18 players who now don't have a minor grade.

Allstar recipients, front, from left, Kayleigh Cronin of Kerry, Kate Geraghty of Galway and Aishling O'Connell of Kerry during the TG4 Ladies Football All Stars Awards banquet, in association with Lidl, at the Bonington Dublin Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile



They are going to come home from college or leave work early to sit on a subs bench on a rainy day somewhere thirty miles from home for the senior team? Maybe, though it's unlikely, get two games in the U21 Club Championship, which has always been the poor relation of Kerry club football and mostly involved amalgamations in recent years anyway? No. The majority of them will be gone playing a sport that they can actively participate in on a regular basis or else give up sport altogether. And please, do have a look at the drop-out rate in all sports from 18 – 22 (it's over 50% in both GAA codes according to a 2022 ESRI Study).

As far as I am concerned, the whole county owes Killarney Legion and delegate Donal Culloty in particular for this one. It won't affect things nationally but I believe that it will have a hugely beneficial role in Kerry over the coming years.

Look, I know I'm spending a lot of time on this, but I have good reasons. This one is important; I honestly consider it vital. I'd much prefer if inter-county reverted as well, but it's far more of a priority for me that 18 to 21 year olds get games.

Legion's Donal Culloty told the meeting: "We would like to see the minor age go from under-17 to under-18, and we think decoupling (allow also to play at adult level) should be allowed. We think when it comes to fixtures, if there's a conflict between a minor player and a senior player that a senior competition can't be held up - because the minor should actually play with the minors. "I've been in charge of the Legion minors, and I've been coaching teams for the last ten years, we said we'd take a look last year and see what happened at under-17 and under-18 level.

"I would ask every single person here to look at their minor team from last year, and see how many of those are playing seniors. In our club, we've been Division One for the last two years, and out of 30 (ex-minor) players, there are only four playing senior. There is a mass exodus; there are loads of players not playing. They're going to other

codes, because the gap between under-17 and senior is too big. We need to go back to under-18. Out of the 32 counties in Ireland, I think there are only ten now that are actually at under-17 level. There is lot of them doing dual, some are doing under-17s, and some are doing under-18. It's not working, we are over-emphasising the elite players. Every time I come into a meeting I hear about loading and elite players. The ordinary club players, we are losing those at 18 years of age, that might become fabulous players at 21 or 22."

The strongest argument for the reduction to U20 and U17 was the argument for burnout of elite players. Make no mistake; neither I nor anybody else is trivialising that. It is a very real thing and genuinely dangerous. Not just in terms of wear and tear on the body and lack of proper rest periods, but there is an absolutely colossal mental toll. Thankfully a lot of players have spoken open and honestly about this in recent years, but it was and unfortunately sometimes still can be a very serious issue. Joe Costello pointed out that risk for some players, citing three particularly talented players who played Kerry minor last year and have played at high levels this year at senior (very high levels) as well as reaching a Hogan Cup Final. He didn't name names, and it's not as if he needed to – he could also have mentioned a lad who went pretty far with those teams and hurling as well. One of those players could have played up to 45 games. That's not safe and it is an issue that needs to be looked at.

But taking pretty much all football away (maybe a token run or two, but nowhere near enough to sustain interest if you aren't a starter on your senior club team) from around 500 18 year olds to accommodate three elite talents....I have very genuine respect for that speaker (I promise you, this is a guy who has been down in the trenches of club football for a long, long time and put in far more honest work at it than I ever have), but I just don't agree with him on this one. The big problem with burnout was the fact (and this has been studied) that a lot of players were doing eight

training sessions for each game that they played. Nowadays the biggest risk is simply the amount of games – the introduction of the split season was intended to simplify the calendar but what actually happened was that a lot of extra games were crammed in. That was never a problem that started with the clubs or the 18 year olds and the solution lies elsewhere as well. The idea that the CCC did establish competitions for over 17s but that the clubs didn't buy into it feels like a little bit of a red herring to me as well, to be honest. The U21 Club Championship, as opposed to the U21 County Championship (our U21 and Minor County Championships stayed at those age groups and have been the better for it) never generated too much interest. It had to be run off between too many stools, because clubs wanted their U21 players for County League, Club Championships, etc., and most clubs were down too many players (summer migration, etc.). In fact, the U21 Club Championship generally featured more amalgamations than solo clubs, and that problem long predates the change of age grades.

Now, look, one sticking point is the idea that U18 players can't hold up a senior game because of a minor commitment. What needs to happen is that if a U18 player can't play for the minor team that week, then he can't play for the seniors either. Apply that rule strictly, no workarounds. Remember when county managers could hold a player from their club for up to seven days before an inter-county game? You don't really remember, because I never once saw it actually applied. Not once. I saw lower level club championship games where inter-county panelists were watching from the sidelines and able to line out for Kerry shortly afterwards. I saw a good player – a great player – miss his team's first U21 Final in a generation because he was an unused sub for Kerry the following weekend. Thankfully, they won it, but how was that lad supposed to feel if they had lost? I do not want to see U18s missing minor games and lining out at senior, and that is a worry for me. Look, it was a very good debate, a very honest debate, and a very open debate, with a number of speakers. But in the finish, when it went to a vote, the delegates made their feelings very clear, with Killarney Legion's motion passing by a whopping 52 – 7. Kerry were revert to even ages from next year. I consider it a brilliant result for Kerry football at the ground level and I thank Legion, and Donal in particular, for their work on this one. There were a number of hurling motions put forward, but it was decided to leave those to be discussed at a meeting with the CCC and the hurling clubs. Look, Kerry hurling is on an upward curve at club level (and if we could stop haemorrhaging players at inter-county level, we'd be rattling at that grade too) and I do think that decisions affecting their competitions are best made by the clubs that participate in them.

Eamonn Fitzmaurice gave a presentation of the proposals of the Football Review Committee and there was a general

AISLING & HER ALL STAR ARE A HIT AT THE GARDA STATION

Members of Unit D Killarney welcomed newly crowned All Star and Kerry ladies footballer Garda Aishling O'Connell and her prestigious award to the Garda Station.

An Garda Siochana Kerry are very proud of her achievements in being recognised as one of the best in the country and are delighted to have such an accomplished sports ladies amongst its ranks.



acceptance (not a formal vote as such) that Kerry would be supporting the proposals on November 30th. It's an easy decision for me. Gaelic football as it stands is an awful spectacle at mens' inter-county. Attendances are dropping like a stone, and frankly, with very good reason. Quite simply, the status quo is so bad, change is vital.

2024 TG4 LADIES FOOTBALL ALL-STAR TEAM

Ciara Butler (Kerry) – 1st award
 Grace Ferguson (Armagh) – 1st award
 Kayleigh Cronin (Kerry) – 2nd award (previous winner in 2022)
 Kate Geraghty (Galway) – 1st award
 Aishling O'Connell (Kerry) – 2nd award (previous winner in 2022)
 Nicola Ward (Galway) – 2nd award (previous winner in 2019)
 Lauren McConville (Armagh) – 1st award
 Anna Galvin (Kerry) – 1st award
 Ailbhe Davoren (Galway) – 1st award
 Niamh Carmody (Kerry) – 3rd award (previous winner in 2022 and 2023)
 Aoife McCoy (Armagh) – 1st award
 Olivia Divilly (Galway) – 1st award
 Danielle O'Leary (Kerry) – 1st award
 Katie Quirke (Cork) – 1st award
 Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh (Kerry) – 5th award (previous in 2012, 2013, 2022 and 2023)
 A fairly reasonable team overall. Eilís Lynch and Ciara Murphy are unlucky, in my opinion, but who would you take out? Ferguson, the McConvilles, Davoren, Quirke....absolute locks. Nicola Ward's pace and precision were seriously impressive. There is no way that she is Footballer of the Year for me. I had Kayleigh Cronin as hot favourite for that even before the All Ireland Final, and she was widely acknowledged as the stand-out player in that game. That one really does have me scratching my head.

SOCCER

I'll go against the common grain here. And ye need to be patient and stay with me on this one. I actually think it was a good international window for Ireland. Frankly, a lot better than I was expecting. The thing is that I thought that our 1-0 victory over Finland

was a woeful display by Ireland, and the 5-0 loss to England's B team had an awful lot of positives.

Ireland 1 Finland 0

They absolutely schooled us in midfield. Defensively we were solid enough – let's face it, Finland are not exactly cutting edge specialists, but Ireland looked nicely controlled. My worry was that we would cough up one or two goal chances for Finland to nick, and simply not have any threat ourselves. That's not disrespecting Ferguson, whom I consider the first Irish striker since Robbie Keane to actually be worth the hype, but Finland would be playing defensively as well and our midfield and our service from midfield? I'm not trying to be wide after the event, our attacking play has been chronic with three in the middle. Two in the middle? Ireland? I actually like hat Heimar (I've decided to give him the honorific of using his Christian name from now on; I get a good impression of the guy and I'm finicky like that) and maybe he is seeing something nobody else has. But straight up, I'd have taken 1-1 at the start.

The big talking point of the first half was the chances that Finland had. They were unlucky with two goal chances – genuinely unlucky, not wasteful – but we came close once or twice as well. Finland absolutely destroyed s in midfield, ran literal rings around us. But they didn't get through. In the 23rd minute Szmodics latched onto a through ball from Ferguson and produced a very neat finish. Yes, he was offside, but it was tight, that was genuinely good play by Ireland. Just seven minutes later we were wide open for a simple ball, a rare enough slip, and Lod was unlucky as his curled effort cracked off the woodwork. That would have been an absolutely exquisite finish. Soon after Kallman gets up for a good header but can't quite direct it on target – the top players are putting that kind of chance away. In the 42nd minute Collins just about gets enough of a touch to deflect an Antman strike onto the post. Another let-off, really. Getting to the break level and a chance to regroup is the most I was expecting at that stage; Finland were taking us to school in general play. And all of a sudden Ireland were in front. And it was actually a good goal. I'm a bit dubious

about Mikey Johnston. He's tricky, he is ambitious in play and takes men on, he's direct. It's just that he is a bit too peripheral in terms of pressure and positioning. A bit of an Aidan McGeady. He'll produce something brilliant....or nothing at all. But like McGeady, when it works, it's brilliant. I thought he was taking too much out of it as he jinked and twisted along the left before cutting open enough space to curl the ball in. And Ferguson...it's one of those that looks simple, and it's not simple. He squeezed in between two defenders and leapt high to nod it home. 1-0 to Ireland at half-time. By rights I should be rushing out to buy a lottery ticket with that kind of luck – not our goal, but the fact that Finland hadn't scored any.

Ireland were better in the second half. I'm not saying they were great, but I thought there was a bit more confidence about the team. There was a vague cheer as Daniel O'Shaughnessy came on from Ireland – let's face the fact that it was a dismal enough crowd. 39,163 the official figure....arrah, you'd have fed the most of them with a few loaves of bread and a couple of tins of tuna without any Sermon on the Mount. Not a hope was there anything toucxhing on 40,000.

Finland got back on top as the half wore on, albeit they were made to work for it. But in the 74th minute Ferguson had an inadvertent handball in the Irish box. Penalty all day long, 'inadvertent' is just not relevant. On the balance of play, Finland probably deserve an equaliser.

Except that Caoimhin Kelliher gets a hand to knock it away and is up fast to gather the rebound. In the end, Finland were probably the better team overall, and definitely didn't deserve to leave empty-handed, but it was a reasonably decent second half for Ireland and a brilliant result.

England 5 Ireland 0

Look letting in five goals is never nice. Three of those in six minutes is fairly disastrous. But calling it 'Ireland's Worst Night' and nonsense like that is attaching a grandeur to this game that's just preposterous. Heimar made the point in the build-up that England will be going to the World Cup hoping to win it. Ireland are just hoping to go to it.

I'd go further. England play in the Nations League at B grade because they don't even

consider it a warm-up competition. That's why they dropped down, they are easily A standard if they wanted, but they didn't. Why would they care about glorified friendlies? And with this result being entirely immaterial, 'glorified' might be a bit strong in this particular case.

Ireland, on the other hand, have to take it seriously – as things stand, we will be third seeds in a four team qualifying group and facing a play-off just to retain our B status in the Nations League.

This was always a free shot. This was playing to our greatest strength, gallant underdogs acquitting themselves well. Irish teams made that an art form over generations until Jack Charlton played along to that tune but also actually won a few games with direct football. I was actually delighted with our first half. England controlled the ball but couldn't play their way through some impressive defending. This England team generally prefer space to run into attack and Ireland just stayed locked in a low block. Unpretty but effective. I have to say that Harry Kane has been one of the greatest strikers of a generation but he just doesn't fit properly with this English team. While it was makeshift (nine players dropping out of an international? Yeah, England won't be hosting any parades for promotion) you still had some top players. And Ireland, definitely much more limited, were stubborn enough to hold them out. It was more root hog than ballet, but that's grand. And Festy Ebosele was lively. Jaysus, very lively, I'm hugely impressed. He's attacking at every opportunity but he's doing the hard yards behind as well.

In fact, after twenty minutes, Ireland should have had a clear chance to go in front. A good ball from Dara O'Shea and Evan Ferguson tussling with Marc Guehi on the chase. I thought it was one of them, two of them at first glance, but on replay yes, Guehi clearly is pulling Ferguson by the shirt. Nothing subtle about it. Clear penalty all day. VAR was supposed to be in play. Look, I hate calling out match officials (this nonsense about David Coote and Liverpool FC...arrah, get over it) but somebody dropped the ball on that one.

The one on Sammy Szmodics? Even Hugh O'Neill or William Wallace wouldn't give a penalty against England for that one.

0-0 at half-time. Come on, that's a superb feat by Ireland in our current state against a team like this. Fair enough, we absolutely imploded after that. No excuses, no hiding. And look, yes, Liam Scales had picked up a slightly careless yellow late in the first half after tussling with Harry Kane. But I'm not having any cheap scapegoating either. Scales has been a real breakout player for me throughout this window. Yeah, he got a bit stuck into Kane and the English captain used his experience well. Learning curve. So be it.

A little bit lazy by Ferguson...no major sin there either – and a good through ball by Kane onto Bellingham. Scales was isolated – a rare lapse of concentration by the Irish

defensive unit, and Scales with a late lunge of the leg to try and knock the ball away from his feet. Not malicious, more desperation, but yes, of course. A penalty all day long. I thought Kane fairly poor for most of the game, but in fairness it was a great penalty. What is unforgivable, what really would have me tearing strips in the dressing room afterwards, was the complete collapse. Six minutes later we were three down. Six minutes. Both goals coughed up far, far too easily. Heads were gone. Look, we all know this team is in tough times and it will almost certainly get tougher, we just don't have the quality and it's not on the horizon. Our best player these days is our goalkeeper, and he gets plenty of chances to prove it. But we need to be tougher than that. You don't just fold. We were never realistically going to get that goal back and look, they were always going to get another one. But three goals in six minutes? No. That's just not good enough. It ended up being five. A more ruthless England would have scored ten, it was basically a shooting gallery.

Look, it was a free shot. We were finishing third no matter what and facing a play-off. It's not like there was big interest on either side. Nine players pulled out of the England squad, and quite understandably. The FAI returned tickets to the FA. The 'crowd's biggest contribution to the night was booing each other's anthems – as Milton said, "the hungry sheep look up, and are not fed, but, swoll'n with wind and the rank mist they draw, rot inwardly, and foul contagion spread". There's pride, and there is stupidity, and there's people out there on both sides who don't know the difference.

Arah, we went toe to toe with a much better side for over fifty minutes. It was more than I was expecting, even if the collapse was disappointing subsequently. There's a rough foundation of a team there.

Great window for Caoimhín Kelliher. Very good overall for Scales, Collins, Ebosele, and Szmodics. As limited as Josh Cullen is, he did a hard and unglamorous role as best he could. Heimar? Learned a lesson from the attempt at two in midfield, had a clear blueprint, showed a pragmatism that is as admirable in its own way as Stephen Kenny's unrealistic idealism. Honestly, I don't think it was a bad window for us at all.

ST. BRENDANS DISPATCH WASTEFUL ST. FRANCIS ROCHESTOWN

*Corn Uí Mhuirí Round Two:
St. Brendans 2-12 St. Francis
Rochestown 1-4*

The Sem racked up their second win in the group and can now be fairly certain of a place in the knockout stages. Going by the scoreline, this may sound like an easy victory – in actual fact, it was the exact opposite. The truth is that Rochestown played some really spellbinding football in the first half

and certainly shouldn't have been in arrears at the break.

Jamie Moynihan, once again a colossus all through, lofted over a beauty with his left leg to open the scoring. Rochestown took over though, with Seán Denn in particular outstanding in midfield and Neville O'Shea acting as a playmaker from centre back. Their turnover rate in particular was absolutely exceptional, keeping St. Brendans confined to their own half. The Cork forwards, especially a very lively Darragh O'Sullivan at full forward, had a surfeit of possession. Their only problem – and it was to plague them all through the hour – was getting it on the scoreboard. They had four wides. A great turnover by Jimmy Harte gave Donnacha Reddington a goal chance but the Sem were able to smother his effort and eventually manage to scramble it clear, while Darragh O'Sullivan was denied by a good save from Kacper Robak. Pádraig McGrath finally clipped over a point for them, but by then the Sem's Oisín Fleming had pointed at the other end with the Kerry's side's only opportunity during that period. To put it simply, the Sem had scored two from two chances; Rochestown had only scored one from seven. Jamie Moynihan stretched the gap but Darragh O'Sullivan won and converted a free. Josh Bowler was looking dangerous for the Sem and he won a free converted by Joey McCarthy. Ben Delaney and Darragh O'Sullivan had efforts fall short for Rochestown, before Jimmy Harte pointed and Pádraig McGrath levelled matters after a spectacular midfield catch by Seán Denn. Level pegging, and the very least that Rochestown deserved for their dominance. The Sem may have had fewer chances, but they were ruthlessly clinical with them. Joey McCarthy nudged them back in front. A beautiful team move saw the ball threaded through to Josh Bowler, who drilled a wonderful shot low and into the bottom corner. James Dempsey, heavily involved all through, finished the first half scoring with a point to give the Sem a somewhat flattering five point lead.

Half-time St. Brendans 1-6 St. Francis 0-4

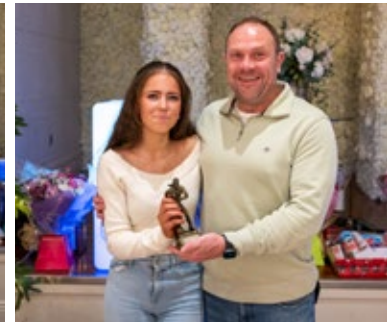
The Sem had two efforts drop short and another wide before Jamie Moynihan won a free put over by Joey McCarthy. Jamie added another himself and James Dempsey doubled his personal tally before Oisín Fleming gathered from Jamie Moynihan at the end of a sweeping team move to stroke home their second goal. It was only a formality after that, with Dempsey, McCarthy, and Bowler adding points to close out a surprisingly comfortable victory in a game where the second half never really lived up to the standard of the first. The Sem are through to a preliminary quarter-final at the very least, while Rochestown will have to beat neighbours Ballincollig in their final group game to progress. If they can get their shooting to match their football – and that is a very big 'if' – these sides could well meet again down the road.



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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 17/11/2024 for a jackpot of €6,450 were 2, 9, 19, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Seamus Coffey, Claudia Buckley, Jonathan Coffey, Pat Hannon, Teddy O'Sullivan. 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>

CONGRATS

Well done to our Club and County Stars Anne and Lily O'Shaughnessy (U16), Zara McCarthy (U14) and Seodhla Collieran (Minor) who received their Munster Championship Medals at the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football Awards Evening at The Rose Hotel this week. A fantastic achievement by our young and upcoming stars.

KILLARNEY ROTARY CLUB

Fossa National School is delighted to be included as a beneficiary of Killarney Rotary Club Wine and Art night on Wednesday, November 27th. All tickets sold through Fossa NS will have 100% of the proceeds donated back to the school. Tickets can be purchased from the school Parents Association for €25 each. There are 3 amazing raffle prizes to be won so if you cannot attend on the night, you can still be in the draw to win these fantastic prizes! Please support Fossa school if you can. Contact Donna on 0872469986 to purchase tickets.

CHRISTMAS SHOP

Masita have created a Christmas pop up shop – see link below. Club gear is at a reduced price and there isn't a shipping charge. All orders will be individually wrapped and delivered in one bulk delivery to the Clubhouse. To avail of this offer all orders must be submitted by November 5th. Fossa GAA Club: <https://masita.ie/collections/fossa-gaa>

KILLARNEY LEGION

CLUB AGM

The Club AGM will take place on Tuesday December 3rd at 8pm. Any Nominations or Motions must be with our Club Secretary by email at secretary.legion.kerry@gaa.ie by 8pm on this Thursday 19th November. The following is the club positions ahead of the AGM



Man of the Match Kevin Gorman of Kilcummin receiving his Man of the Match award, of a year's membership of the Aquila Club, from East Kerry Secretary Noel Kennedy.

- Chairperson - David Randles (outgoing/Staying)
- Secretary – Denise Fogarty (outgoing/Staying)
- Registrar - Fiona Ní Chonchubhair. (outgoing / Staying)
- Vice Chairperson - (Liam McGuire outgoing / Staying)
- P.R.O. - Enda Walshe (outgoing / Staying)
- Children's Officer - Linda O'Donoghue - (outgoing / staying)
- Treasurer - John Foran - (outgoing / Not Staying).

LADIES NEWS

Well done to Andrea Murphy who collected her Munster minor winners medal and All Ireland Runners up medal at the the Kerry LGFA Juvenile awards held in Tralee on Friday. Laura Healy, Kate O Toole and Beatrice Corridan were all part of the East Kerry U17 team that had a comprehensive quarter final victory over Tralee District in Direen on Sunday afternoon last. Well done one and all. Final score: East Kerry 2-11 Tralee District 0-02

RUNNING NIGHT

There was a mighty crowd taking part in the club running session held last Tuesday evening. It was great to see a variety of ages, and we'd encourage anyone's who's interested to come along. That includes parents. The more the merrier. It will be continue on Tuesday nights going forward and regardless of fitness an



Man of the Match Dan Murphy receiving his Man of the Match award, of a year's membership of the Aquila Club from East Kerry assistant Secretary Dermot O'Connor.

appropriate programme is available.

MINOR FOOTBALL 2025

Thanks to a motion well worded by our Club Delegate Donal Culloty underage football competitions in the County will be reverting back to the even ages next year. The past few seasons has seen competitions run at U11, U13, U15 and U17 level but they will now be played at U12, U14, U16 and U18. A resounding vote of 52-7 at last Thursday County Board meeting in Tralee saw the motion carried.

LOTTO

Sunday November 10th. Numbers were 1, 10, 21, 23 Bonus No. 12. No Jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Kieran O Shea online 2. Abbie Cronin online 3. Diarmuid Kearney, Currow 4. Aileen O Mara, High Street 5. Chloe Scannell
 Sunday November 17th. Numbers were 11 12 22 28 Bonus No 17. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips / Match 3s: 1. Marian Brosnan online 2. Norma McDonald online 3. Mary O Shea, Pinewood 4. Pedra Glumlevik, Lake Hotel 5. Kate Griffin, 60 Countess Grove

EAST KERRY NEWS

O DONOGHUE CUP

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The Rathmore team that defeated Glenflesk last Sunday in the O Donoghue Cup semifinal in Fitzgeralds Stadium.



Rathmore's Paul Murphy moving in on Dylan Roche of Glenflesk. Photo Seamus Healy.



Group and Dr O Donoghue family.

Semi Finals

Dr Crokes 1-6 Kilcummin 0-10
Glenflesk 0-11 Rathmore 1-13

MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Good luck to Dr Crokes and Furies in their upcoming games in their respective Munster Championship campaigns.

Ladies All Stars.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ciara Butler Kayleigh Cronin Aishling O'Connell Anna Galvin Niamh Carmody Danielle O'Leary and Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh on their All Star Award win's.

YOUNG REFEREES COURSE

St Brendans College students completed young whistlers programme aimed at supporting clubs during the playing season. Eight clubs were represented on the day. All students enjoyed the excellent course delivered by Evan Horan [Glenflesk]. East Kerry club coaching officers have linked in with Vince Cooper GDC to give all students a chance to referee East Kerry Go Games Blitzes.

PSSL Rathmore students completed young whistlers programme during the week. Four clubs were represented on the day. The course was well delivered by Evan Horan [Glenflesk]. Eoghan Ruadh club coaching officers will support all students in the delivery of Go Games Blitzes in the district. Thanks to all teachers for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the two courses for the benefit of all clubs in East Kerry.

DR O DONOGHUE CUP

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Semi Final: Rathmore 1-13 Glenflesk 0-11

A well taken early goal from Fionn Murphy, was crucial in sending Rathmore to the final of the 2024 Donoghue Cup Final, as they proved for Glenflesk at Fitzgerald's Stadium, to set up a final date with Kilcummin in 2 week's time.

After Glenflesk took an early lead, with a first minute free from Tommy Bowler, followed up quickly by a point from the on form Dylan Roche, sloppy play from Glenflesk ended with Rathmore moving the ball quickly up field, with midfielder Murphy the man to find the net, in

the seventh minute. Ciaran Collins added a point 2 minute's later. Bowler and Roche added scores for Glenflesk, but they were struggling to break down Rathmore's strong defense, and point's from John Moynihan and Shane Ryan pushed Rathmore 5 clear again. A Darragh Roche free just before the half time whistle, left Glenflesk 4 behind, but with plenty to do after the restart.

Glenflesk upped the intensity early in the second half, and were rewarded by 3 super point's from Dylan Roche, Darragh Roche and Kevin Bowler. With a run of score's and plenty of ball, they would have felt very confident of driving on to victory. Instead Rathmore took over scoring the next 6 point's. Darragh Rahily, Mark Reen and Fionn Murphy, plus 3 from Shane Ryan the scorers. With Man of the match Dan Murphy marshalling the defense, Glenflesk never looked like getting the goal needed, and Rathmore eased to a deserved victory, and a meeting with Kilcummin in 2 week's time.

DR O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL.

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Kilcummin 0-10 Dr Crokes 1-06

It was Kilcummin's day at Fitzgerald's Stadium, as a gritty determined performance denied a much changed Dr Crokes team a chance at 4 in a row, and sent them into the O Donoghue Cup Final, with a great opportunity to claim their first Easter Kerry final since 1973.

After Cian Foley gave Kilcummin the lead in the second minute, the match went into a scrappy period, with both sides struggling to gain dominance. Sean O Leary eventually doubled his sides lead with a super point after 13 minute's. Crokes eventually got their first score of the day from the dangerous Alex Hennigan followed quickly by 2 long range efforts from Billy Courtney, 1 from a free and 1 from a 45. Kilcummin dominated the rest of the half with 2 Paul O Shea frees and a fine score from Matt Keane, leaving them with a 2 point lead at half time on a score of 5 point's to 3.

Similar to the first half, the second period started slowly, with Kilcummin missing a couple of early chances to push ahead. A Daithi



Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh of Kerry with her Ladies Football Personality of the Year award at the Gaelic Writers Association Awards, supported by the Dalata Hotel Group, at the Iveagh Garden Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Brendan Moran/Sportsfile

Casey Free and a long range Liam Randles effort brought Crokes back level. Kilcummin upped their intensity with man of the match Kevin Gorman pivotal as they pushed ahead. Points from Philip O Leary, Mark O Shea with 2, and Gary O Leary left them 4 clear in injury time. A couple high balls into the square were well dealt with by Brendan Kealy. Eventually Liam Randles got his hand to 1 of those deliveries, and the ball ended in the Kilcummin net. Just a point in it now, and Crokes never say die attitude still on show. Even though they won the following kickout, they couldn't get a game tying shot away, with more strong . tackling leading to another turnover, and a well deserved final place secured. Crokes now return to Munster Semi Final action next weekend, while Kilcummin's sights are set on making history in 2 week's time.

DR CROKES

EK O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL

Dr. Crokes 1:06 Kilcummin 0:10

Six days after our Munster Club Championship clash, our senior footballers were out again, this time in the O'Donoghue Cup Semi Final. A full change to the starting 15 saw every player stepping up to the mark and working hard for the full 60 minutes. We started well but found it hard to find the target on occasion. Billy Courtney stepped up to kick two fantastic points from beyond the 45-metre line. In a low scoring game, we were unlucky to be trailing by two at the break, 0:03 to 0:05. The second half was much like the first with great defensive play by both sides. Cillian Fitzgerald was one of our stand out players, working hard around all areas of the field. Trailing by 4, going in to injury time, a goal was certainly needed. A crucial



goal from Liam Randles meant that it was all to play for in the final minute. We won the kick out and worked patiently for that all important point but referee Eddie Walsh indicated full time before a short could be taken. Next up we face Rathgormack on Sunday in Dungarvan.

MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP BUS TICKETS will be available in the clubhouse on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Contact Leah O'Shea 085 7122081 for more information or to book.

AGM

Our AGM will take place on Friday, November 29th at 7:30pm in the Clubhouse.

LOTTO took place November 18th. Numbers drawn were 11, 15, 17, 24. Jackpot of €5,300 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €40 each. Jackpot for draw on November 25th will be €5,600. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

KATHLEEN'S GENTAL EXERCISE CLASSES will continue on Tuesday's at 11am in the clubhouse. You don't have to be a member of the club to join.

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Munster and Kerry PRO Dermot Lynch with his GWA PRO of the Year award at the Gaelic Writers' Awards, supported by Dalata Hotel Group, at the Iveagh Garden Hotel in Dublin. Photo by Matt Browne/Sportsfil

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KAYLEIGH CRONIN who picked up her second LGFA All Star Award over the weekend.

SPEEDY RECOVERY to John Lyne who is

recovering from a recent surgery.

CONDOLENCE to the O'Donoghue Family on the passing of Mary and to the O'Sullivan family on the passing of Andy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

NOTES

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

St. Brigid's students progress to the Semi Finals of the National Poetry Aloud Competition

Congratulations to two St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney students Maria Clayton and Virgo O'Sullivan, who have successfully advanced to the semi-finals of the National Poetry Aloud Competition! Their achievement is a testament to their dedication, creativity, and passion for the spoken word. The semi-finals will take place at the National Library in Dublin on the 25th of November.

A huge well done also to students Sinead Byrne, Grace Healy, and Emma O'Donoghue, who showcased their talent and hard work in the first round of the competition. Their performances were a wonderful reflection of the school's strong literary tradition.



CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEAM HOPE SHOE BOX APPEAL

The Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal took place this November in Castleisland Community College. The shoe box appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. These gifts are often the only present that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Since 2010, over 2.5 million shoebox gifts have been delivered to vulnerable children across the world. The most valued items in the shoe boxes are items for school- copybooks, pens and pencils. These offer hope to children to receive an education and break the cycle of poverty. A huge thank you to the students, parents and school community who donated shoe boxes and cash donations to this very worthy cause. 'The Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal is now part of our Christmas tradition and it initiates the start of the Christmas season,' stated Doreen Killington, (Irish and Geography teacher) who organises the collection every year.

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A Word of Victory

*"Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble. Be constant in prayer"
(Romans 12:12).*

Welcome back dear student, tomorrow Saturday 23rd you are welcome to come and pray with us at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship (V93V6X4) at 11am as we pray for the General Election. Our nation is in jeopardy. God is calling His children to repent, pray and seek His Wisdom and Counsel as we face into our future. Our children and those yet to be born are depending on our response to the urgency of the situation. Friend, many people think elections aren't worth their time, but every vote must be made to count! What a privilege that we live in a free country, and each given a voice. We owe it to those who live in other nations under oppression to protect our freedom, our culture, and our faith. We pray for the fear of the Lord to fall upon this nation and for God's Mercy: especially in relation to our attitude towards Israel. Ireland has become a very antisemitic place to our shame, and that is an open door for curse and disaster (Genesis 12:3). We have been enduring the results of turning our back on God's ways. Man's solutions to the problems have not worked - they've just made it worse. "I urge you to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and those in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives" (1 Timothy 2:1-5). We are praying for the Salvation of the candidates, that they will come to know the Lord Jesus and receive His Love and that they will operate with His Wisdom and Counsel to turn Ireland around to a better future. We pray for those caught in homelessness, and for those living in fear of losing their homes that they will be given help to secure housing. We pray that illegal immigration will be halted, and for peace on our streets. We pray that those who care for vulnerable family members will have the resources they need prioritised by this next government. We pray for our health system to be overhauled from the top down. We pray for the unborn to be protected in the womb, for proper supports for those in crisis pregnancies, and for abortion on demand to be overturned. We pray for the protection of our children's minds and hearts from woke ideologies set up by the devil to trap them into lives of misery and oppression. We pray that our education system will revert to teaching children to help them succeed in life, instead of turning them into activists. We pray that godly men and women of courage will be elected to run this country in truth and integrity; and that wastefulness and corruption will be eliminated. We pray for people's hearts to be open to the Truth of the Gospel, and where folks have lost faith because of past scandals or abuse: that their hearts would be healed and restored. It's not the Lord who caused bad things to happen - human beings operating under demonic influences destroyed lives - often under the guise of 'working' for God, but God has been wrongly blamed for these horrors. Jesus is our only Hope - that is why we must turn to Him. God's Word is clear "if My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). O Lord Jesus, forgive us, deliver us, and heal our land, and help us to vote wisely we pray, Amen.

Bible Study and Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursday @ 7.30pm at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney V93V6X4

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Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

Thank you for favours received

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DENIS (DENNY ARTHUR) MOYNIHAN



LATE OF RUSHEENMORE, GLENFLESK, KILLARNEY WHO DIED ON THE 7TH DECEMBER, 2013

*Wrap your arms around him Lord,
Don't leave him on his own,
For it is his Anniversary,
And he can't come home.
Call his name softly,
And when he looks your way,
Tell him we love him,
And miss him everyday*

Always remembered by his loving wife Mary, Daughter Margaret, Sons Arthur & Padraig, Son-in-Law, Tadhg, Daughters-in-Law Helen & Brenda and Grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass will take place in Glenflesk Church at 6.00pm on Saturday, 30th November

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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In Memory of our Father & Granda

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The Speakers Hushed, The Light Unlit.
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An Earthy Mound, A Wooden Cross.
A Silent prayer, A Loveone Lost.
A Wreath Of Flowers, A Vase Just Filled.
A Peaceful Rest , A Life Well Lived...*

Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh D'anam
John A, Mary & Joshua

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4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN ANTHONY O'SULLIVAN



BALLYDALY, RATHMORE, CO. KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 26TH NOVEMBER 2020

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed, still very dear.*

Loved and missed by your son
Hugh and Carla

xxx

*Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
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Sadly missed
Cian, Oisín and Sorcha

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*Just a prayer from the family that loved you,
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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A constant wish that you were here
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