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The Fossa Community Sustainability Fair returns this year and will take place over the Bank Holiday weekend, on Sunday February 2nd. Pictured at the launch are Diarmaid Griffin, Theresa Kissane, Jimmy Dennehy, Anthony Dennehy, Mary Murphy, Angela Lynch, Mary Fitzgerald and Paul O'Raw.

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A Note from the EDITOR



As the country recovers from Storm Éowyn which battered Ireland overnight, we salute our local heroes who will work tirelessly restoring power and taking part in the clean up following one of the most severe Atlantic storms ever experienced in Ireland.

Its all systems go for the Fossa Community Sustainability Fair which is taking place over the February Bank Holiday weekend, International athlete Sarah Leahy is off to a flying start in 2025 and Kilcummin finally goes Pink in aid of Comfort for Chemo.

There are more flights to the sun from Kerry Airport this Summer, Brian takes the reins at the Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa and it was a busy year for Killarney Town Twinning Association.

Students in Killarney have raised €5,700 for the Kerry Hospice Foundation, a Killarney author has released his 4th book in aid of Pieta House and Killorglin are planning to celebrate Biddy's Day with a parade.

Kerry LGFA Pro Paul Murphy is being awarded for all his good work, Killarney No Name Club are looking for volunteers and Legacy Elite Athletes bring home the medals!

All this and so much more - hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



*Well hello my Deer!
Julie Gaffey met these two beauties on her walk in Killarney National Park.*

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Fossa Community Sustainability Fair PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY

The Fossa Community Sustainability Fair returns this year and will take place over the Bank Holiday weekend, on Sunday February 2nd.

The first event of the year celebrates a time when seeds are sown for the brighter days ahead. Imbolc literally translates as 'in the belly' meaning this is the perfect time to learn new things and see what environmental projects and enterprises are happening in the local community.

'What we hope is that the 18 or so Exhibitors on the day might inspire, educate and empower attendees on the day. We are facilitating the sharing of ideas on how to consume in a way that doesn't cost the earth' says PRO of the Group, Diarmaid Griffin. When established over a year ago, Fossa Climate Action Group, committed to hosting a public event every quarter. These events coincide with the feast days of the Celtic year: Imbolc, Bealtaine, Lughnasa, and Samhain. 'We thought it would be fitting to start the new year off with an event that showcases the positive work that is ongoing in the locality. It was of great benefit to attendees and exhibitors last year, so we hope for an even bigger event this time around' explains Paul O'Raw, Chair of the Climate Action Group.

'Expect tea, chats, and a friendly atmosphere again this year, plus a few new exhibitors' says Mary Fitzgerald, Secretary of FCAG.

Pop down to the Fossa Community Hall from 3pm to 5pm to experience the occasion. Entry is free but donations are very welcome. All proceeds will go towards the hosting of this event and other events throughout the year.



Sarah Off To A Flying Start



These last few weeks of the indoor athletics season have been superb for Killarney Valley AC's Irish international athlete, Sarah Leahy.

The Killarney athlete's season opener came with a victory in the AAI games in the NIA in Abbots town Dublin where Sarah came first in 7.35 seconds, a brilliant indication for the season ahead and showing great form for the upcoming National indoor athletics championships.

The flying Kerry woman took her form into the indoor national league at the same venue last weekend winning in 7.48 seconds and scoring valuable points for the Killarney valley ac team who are currently placed in 8th place out of the top elite 19 clubs in the country.

This Tuesday Sarah flew to Aarhus in Denmark for the international event and placed in 2nd place in a stacked lineup in 7.40 seconds only .04 seconds ahead of Magdalena Linder from Austria.

The race was won by Gloria Hooper from Italy in 7.32 seconds.

The packed-out arena which holds several thousand spectators was electric with the athletes being introduced to the music and lights show for all the finals.

Sarah will be racing frequently over the next number of weeks internationally as well as at

the national indoor championships which are upcoming.

Sarah is working very hard to lower her PB (personal best) indoor time of 7.30 seconds and in search of more valuable points, as she is hopeful of qualifying for the European indoor championships later in the spring.

The Killarney Valley ac athlete is also part of the squad for the Irish relay team as they are in search of European and world qualification, with sessions ongoing.

Chairperson of Killarney Valley AC, Jeremiah Griffin has said that track and field athletics is in a great place for 2025 where the track at Killarney valley is buzzing with top class training and participation at all levels.

"The achievement of national league teams both women and men from Killarney Valley AC should not be underestimated", he added.

In other news, The national league team are doing brilliant also Jordan Lee is throwing the shot putt now as he is recovering from his knee injury.

Also Oisín Lynch is now in Adam's state university in Colorado on scholarship and is due to run the 800m indoor in his first race for the college - watch that space on his times as he aims for European qualification this summer.



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Worth the wait....

Kilcummin finally turns Pink

It was third time lucky for Kilcummin GAA ladies Committee whose "Pink night" in aid of Comfort for Chemo, finally took place last Saturday night 18th of January.

The night had to be rescheduled twice due to the latest cold weather spell, which left local roads dangerous to travel on, over the past two weekends. The Committee felt it was the responsible thing to do was to cancel and reschedule for a more suitable date.

"It was well worth the wait!! A brilliant night was had by all, with guests being treated to great entertainment provided by "The next generation" band", Geraldine Piggott, one of the committee members told Killarney Outlook.

There was over 40 spot prizes up for grabs, aswell as 9 amazing door prizes, including hotel stays and gift vouchers.

Julie Egan won best best dressed lady and Eoin Moriarty was selected as best dress gent, who both hail from Dunrinc Kilcummin. They were delighted to be going home with two lovely hampers.

The reason for all the patrons attending & purchasing tickets, was to support a very worthy cause, Comfort for Chemo.

Brid O'Connor and Mary Horgan from Comfort for Chemo both spoke on the evening.

Thanking the Committee for their continued support and are so grateful that this was the third year that the "Pink night" was in aid of Comfort for Chemo. They thanked the whole Community of Kilcummin for fundraising for their very worthy charity, that the whole county of Kerry will benefit from in the future.

The ladies would like to thank all the local businesses for sponsoring such fantastic raffle & door prizes, we really do appreciate all your generosity.

Also thanks to John O Sullivan the proprietor of The Klub bar.

"A very special word of thanks to the local



Kilcummin GAA ladies Committee members

Back: Irene O Donoghue, Marie Brosnan, Eileen O Sullivan, Kate Fleming, Brid Fleming, Carmel O Riordan, Niamh Dwyer, Siobhan Brosnan.

Front: Geraldine Piggott, Mary Horgan & Brid O Connor Comfort for Chemo, Kathleen Ryan, Breda Duggan & Theresa Casey.



Best dressed lady & gent Julie Egan & Eoin Moriarty being presented with their prizes by members of the ladies Committee Geraldine Piggott & Kathleen Ryan.

media, who are always very happy to publicise our event, but this year they went over and above to let the public know that our "Pink night" was rescheduled", Geraldine added.

The committee are already planning and looking forward to turning Kilcummin Pink again in January 2026!!



Pretty In Pink.... Attendees enjoying the Kilcummin Ladies Pink Night in aid of Comfort for Chemo.



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Announces Increased Frequency On Summer Sun Destinations To Spain, Portugal & France In 2025

'SNOW' need to think about anything other than the sun after Kerry Airport revealed details of increased frequency on Ryanair routes to Spain and Portugal from April and with Chalair to France from June.

Passengers can choose from five flights a week to Alicante in Spain in June, July and August with three flights a week in April, May, September and October.

Ryanair flights to Costa Blanca sunshine will commence on Wednesday 2nd April, a day after the return of the twice-weekly route to Faro on Portugal's Algarve which also runs to the end of October.

Chalair have announced the return of their popular weekly peak-summer routes to France from June to September serving Brest in Brittany, Caen in Normandy and Pau near the Pyrenees with the addition of a route to Brive in the stunning Dordogne Valley.

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The CEO of Kerry Airport, John Mulhern, said, "We are delighted to welcome the return of our summer sun destinations for 2025 and we thank Ryanair and Chalair for laying on these popular routes once again. The increase in frequency to Alicante and a fourth destination in France will coincide with the expected completion of the new Arrivals



Hall and Departures Lounge in the summer. The development has been undertaken due to growing demand and to ensure that everyone who travels through Kerry Airport has a comfortable and positive experience.' 2024 was another record year for Kerry Airport with 417,409 passengers, the third highest passenger numbers in the airport's history, for the year to the end of December.

The summer sun routes saw an 11.2% increase on the previous year with 61,641 passengers travelling to Spain, Portugal and France.

There was an increase of 3.8% on the Kerry to Dublin route with 114,447 passengers travelling between the Kingdom and Capital compared to 110,255 in 2023.

Reduced frequency to some of the UK routes and to Frankfurt Hahn in Germany resulted in decreases of 2.4% and 18.9% respectively in 2024.

Last year 211,723 people travelled between Kerry and London Stansted, London Luton and Manchester, while 32,326 people flew to and from Frankfurt Hahn.

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THE LATE KEVIN O'SHEA

Much loved Listry man Kevin O'Shea who passed away on Friday January 10th, 2025 will be remembered by everyone who knew him as a gentleman through and through.

A family man to the core, Kevin will be greatly mourned by his wife Siobhan and his children, Orla, Keven and Darragh, family members, relatives and many many friends.

Hundreds attended the removal of the popular Head Concierge at Aghadoe Heights Hotel at Flynn's Funeral Home in Castlemaine and also at Kevin's Requiem Mass at Listry Church.

The Lissivane native always had a smile on his face, touching many lives through his work in the Forestry and more recently in Aghadoe Heights Hotel, where he spent 30 years as Head Concierge.

In a glowing tribute to Kevin, General Manager at the Club, Brian Bowler said that "as our Head Concierge and a cherished member of the Aghadoe Heights family for over 30 years, Kevin was a familiar and well-loved presence to both staff and guests. During his time with us, he touched countless lives - those of his co-workers and every visitor who walked through our doors.

Kevin had a deep connection to the history and culture of Aghadoe and Kerry. He shared his extensive knowledge with humour, professionalism, and warmth, often delighting guests with a witty story or a touch of humour. His natural ability to fulfil even the

A Friend To All & Loved By Many



The late Kevin O'Shea (centre) pictured with his loving family, son Keven, his wife Siobhan, daughter Orla and son Darragh.

most challenging requests brought joy and admiration from those who encountered him.

Although I did not have the personal pleasure of working closely with Kevin, I was fortunate to meet him during his visit to the hotel before Christmas. Even in that brief encounter, it was clear he was a gentleman of great character and kindness.

We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Siobhán, daughter Orla, sons Keven and Darragh, his extended family, and his many friends during this difficult time.

Kevin, our dear friend, you will be sorely missed by your Aghadoe family.

The parish of Listry was very important to Kevin. He was involved in all aspects of life in Faha, in

earlier years toggging off with Listry GAA Club and more recently taking up golf and being a pivial member of Listry Golf Society.

However, it was always family that was the most important to Kevin, his wife Siobhan was the love of his life and he was so proud of his three children, Orla, Keven and Darragh.

Speaking at his Eulogy, his youngest son Darragh said that Kevin was known by many affectionate nick names, but to them he would always be their dad.

Before Kevin's burial at the adjoining cemetery, Kevin's wife Siobhan and his daughter Orla, sang Kevin's favourite song in tribute to him.

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Eileen Buckley has completed a M.A. in the Psychotherapy of Relationship Mentoring.

Another Busy Year for KILLARNEY TOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Sean Counihan, Chairman of Killarney Town Twinning Association fills in readers of Killarney Outlook with everything the association has been involved in last year



JANUARY

Following successful communications with the twinning association in our twinned town of Saint Avertin, France; a 2nd year student exchange took place in January and March 2024. Marie Limon-Tillous arrived in Killarney on Saturday 13th January accompanied by her father who was shown some landmarks in Killarney by members of KTTA on his overnight stay while Marie got to know her host family and exchange partner, Adi Lucey. Marie stayed with Adi Lucey's family and attended St Bridget's Presentation Secondary School for 2 weeks, immersing herself in the school and culture of Killarney. Adi travelled to Saint Avertin, France on Saturday 9th March and stayed with Marie and her family attending College Jules Romains for 2 weeks also. KTTA members have spent a lot of time engaging with schools and clubs to encourage more exchanges as we see it as a great way to promote our town twinning/sister cities collaboration and ethos.

MARCH

Preparations for the St Patrick's Day Weekend took several months of planning with our twinned/ sister cities associations and we welcomed the following dignitaries;

- Marco Couso, Mayor of Casperia, Italy, accompanied by his wife and son, along with Deputy Mayor; Roberta Genari and a number of their twinning association members, including 20+ Majorettes.

- Julie Dunlop, Mayor of Kendal, UK and her husband Jim.

- Josef Miehling, Former Mayor of Pleinfeld, Germany accompanied by his wife Erika including 30+ members of their twinning association and the Hummell Group.

The renowned Majorettes di Casperia, who have participated in many international events, entertained the crowds observing the parade along with the Pleinfelder Hummel group who are a masked club whose origins date back to the 18th century. KTTA arranged a number of activities for the travelling groups, including a trip to Killarney Celtic Soccer

grounds, a meeting with the President of the Rotary Club and the Mayor of Kendal found time to participate in the Killarney Park Run. KTTA hosted a post parade reception for our visiting groups in the Plaza Hotel, as well as assisting with accommodation, transport etc. We are extremely grateful to Eileen O Connor & Mathew Farrell of Killarney Municipal District for organising the meeting with the Cathaoirleach, Maura Healy-Rae and giving the dignitaries the opportunity to sign the distinguished visitors book in the Town Hall.

APRIL

On the 6th April, a group of 13 students and 2 teachers arrived in Killarney as part of the Erasmus Programme that KTTA are involved in with our partners in Pleinfeld, Germany. They stayed with host families and received 10 days work experience in various businesses throughout the town, along with a day's Conversational English class in the Killarney School of English on their first day. Various activities organised by KTTA included a trip to the Gaelic Roots Show in the Killarney Avenue Hotel, Trip on Hop on Hop off bus around Killarney, day trip to Dingle, indoor rock climbing in St Brendan's College to name a few. We are very appreciative of the businesses who support this programme and the host families who look after the students and make them feel at home.

JUNE/JULY

Members of KTTA were invited to the college in Germany where the Erasmus students study, to attend an awards nights for all their Erasmus programme participants which include partners in Spain, Belgium, Sweden and ourselves. We met our over 50 students on the night who have participated in the Erasmus programme in Killarney to date and Sheila Dickson and I addressed the audience which comprised of the students, parents and the businesses that provide work placements locally for the different vocational programmes they attend. We visited various classes and spoke with some of the students who have signed up for the next Erasmus programme in April 2025. We also had the opportunity to meet with the Principal, teachers and students from Roth college who are participating in a student exchange with St Brendan's College in December and March 2025. We met with the Mayor of Pleinfeld and Pleinfeld twinning association members and participated in their Annual Beer Festival wearing jerseys from Dr Crokes, Legion, Spa and Kilcummin GAA equipped with some hurleys and sliotar's for good measure. We would like to acknowledge Josef Miehling and the association members for the programme of events they compiled during our stay and for all their assistance.

OCTOBER

At the beginning of October I was invited to

meet a group from Santeny, in the Killarney Hotel who were visiting Ireland with a view to twin with a town in Ireland. Sheila Dickson and I met with the Mayor of Santeny and the Chairperson of the Santeny Town Twinning Association, Seynabou Diop and had a very open discussion with them both. They were visiting Dingle, Clare and Galway also for discussions on possible twinings. Santeny is located in the southeastern suburbs of Paris, 21.8 kms from the centre of Paris. It has two golf courses, along with a host of community and sporting groups, primary school and college.

DECEMBER

We received official correspondence from the Santeny Twinning Association in December requesting KTTA engage further with a view to progressing a twinning project between our two associations in 2025. We plan to arrange a zoom meeting in the New Year to see how this can progress.

On the 13th December 12 students from St Brendan's College and 2 students from St Bridget's Secondary School along with 2 teachers travelled to Roth College in Bavaria, as part of a student exchange which will see students from Roth College attend ST Brendan's College for one week in March 2025. This trip would not have been possible without the support of Angela Daly, German teacher in St Brendan's College and the Principal Sean Coffey. KTTA met with the students and teachers prior to their trip and made a small presentation of gifts to the teachers who will meet the Mayor of Roth along with the County Mayor. A new Irish consulate opened in Munich and the Consul General is non other than Listry native James C O Shea, whose late father Tony worked in Culloty's drapers and other Killarney based businesses for many years. James kindly met with the students and teachers on their trip along with Pleinfeld Twinning Association members who hosted a dinner in their honour. This student exchange was a long time in the planning and shows what two active twinning associations can achieve when buy in from colleges/teachers.

As we close off our report for 2024 we continue to maintain strong links with all our twinned towns and sister cities and continue to monitor activity with those we are twinned with to ensure they remain active in promoting the ethos of our twinning agreements. We would like to thank Killarney Municipal District Office & Elected members for their continued support and look forward to working with all in 2025. We would also like to thank local media and Killarney Today (on-line) for their continued support.





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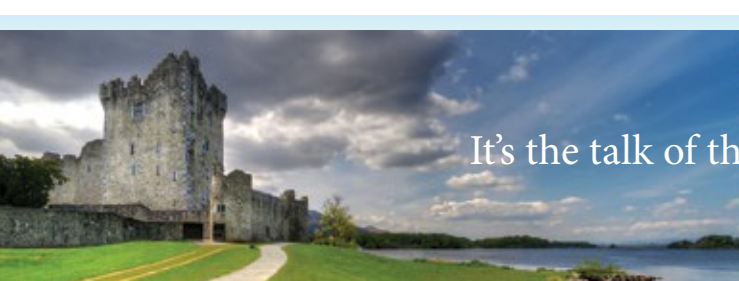
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It's the talk of the town...



With Anne Lucey

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

OUR NEW GOVERNMENT THINKING LOCALLY, NOT GLOBALLY

The new Government should be good for Kerry and Killarney and congratulations to the Healy-Raes who are coming in from the colour of opposition. Already, it is more about local, less about global - a complete reversal of the outward looking agenda of the last Government.

Minister Norma Foley is pushing for the LNG terminal in Tarbert for climate security. There is an important commitment for local management of Tralee MTU campus also at her instigation. The amalgamation was favouring Cork too much and Kerry was losing all sorts of ways, a birdie tells me. Her clause in the programme for Government is "there must be balanced senior management representation based across the campuses".

There are huge outstanding issues locally. The courthouse for Tralee is screaming to be addressed. Again a birdie tells me - it's remarkable how early birds are singing this year - there are problems with locating a huge building on the site bought by the courts service. These have only come to light.

There must be determination now to buy up the An Post site in Edward Street for a new family court and do up the Ashe Street building. That's one for all four Government TDs. And in Killarney St Finan's has to be addressed by the Healy-Raes.

There are already signals the new Government will be more sensible in terms of foreign policy. There is a commitment to defining anti-semitism. Outgoing FF senator Ned O'Sullivan, a close friend of Micheal Martin and Norma a friend of the Jewish people, has had an influence here, I suspect. There is also a row back, thankfully,

to the daft occupied territories bill, which threatened to cost this country dearly. It has to be revised root and branch, Micheál Martin said - which is the same thing as saying it is being scrapped. Our tech industry was at risk as was our pharma.

Let's just hope the pendulum does not swing too far local. It's a while since I studied 17th century Metaphysical poetry. But "making one little room an everywhere" was a line from John Donne - the microcosm reflected the macrocosm. The mantra of the Healy-Raes already seems to be that what's happening in Kerry is happening everywhere in Ireland. Mayor Maura Helay-Rae was out with the line at the recent council meeting in Killarney - "what is happening in Kerry is happening everywhere else" and water and housing were "not just Kerry problems they were Irish problems," she said.

LOCAL LINKS

The Killarney Municipal District meeting last week heard how an idea put forward in this column, a link between the bus and train stations through the outlet centre, is to be looked into. We are delighted.

John O'Donoghue's motion asked the council to examine the possibility of providing pedestrian access between the train and bus stations through the side of the outlet, as mentioned in the Outlook by the journalist in the room!

This was in the light of Iarnród Eireann's ongoing failure to provide a footbridge.

Brendan Cronin said the need was glaring and two years ago he had met with senior management in Iarnród Eireann, the national service provider, but it was well down their agenda.

The solution was not rocket science, surely, for stations that were side by side, Brendan said.

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Engineer John Ahern said they will provide whatever assistance they can if the Outlet Centre management are amenable to it. Meanwhile the disgraceful lack of homeless accommodation in Killarney was fully acknowledged by management when raised by Martin Grady.

It is three years now since Killarney has had a homeless shelter, Martin said. Killarney families who found themselves evicted had to uproot entirely and go to Tralee and Listowel for hostel or B&B accommodation.

Martin stated the glaring truth - we have had "loads of room" for refugees. The last homeless shelter in Killarney now houses Ukrainians as the Government contract gave more money to house refugees than homeless locals, he said.

Ger O'Brien, housing director, acknowledged the situation and said they were trying to tackle it.

Of course it is not the refugees or the homeless who are at fault: it is the Government policy. Too much money has been given to private operators. The solution is public facilities for both refugees and homeless. St Finan's is the obvious answer. We will be watching to see what our four Kerry Fianna Fail and Independent Fianna Fail TDs will do about this. Michael Cahill and Michael Healy-Rae are both involved in the Ukrainian refugee business, so they will have first-hand knowledge.

TIME FOR IRISH STUDIES

More than 20,000 students no longer take Irish as a subject in secondary schools. Most now opt out on the grounds of having a learning disability signed off on by psychologists. But these same students are still able to study Spanish, French or German!

This smacks of an Irish solution to an Irish problem: like the Greek island where the taxi drivers were on the blind pension.



The reality seems to be a rapidly declining appetite for Irish as a pure subject. Learning Irish is difficult. A lot of time goes into it and the end result is poor.

Irish is a language little used and outside of TG4 and Radio na Gaeltachta where will our young even hear it?

I hear Russian and Polish every day in Killarney - I rarely hear Irish spoken. It is probably time we faced the music and rather than cling to the sinking lifeboat.

A new Irish Studies subject would make more sense for 21st century Ireland. That way Irish is not ditched altogether as a language. And new Irish people are integrated quickly into the country. Irish informs our English and our way of thinking and to me it is what gives Hibernian English its richness.

The way to preserve our unique way of thinking, therefore, is to introduce a little of the language, a little of the history of literature, and a bit of music and art.

The old dinnseanchas could be dusted off for the study of local place names and historical landscape to provide excitement locally. Make Irish Studies compulsory and Irish language an option, is my strong suggestion.

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New Manager at AGHADOE HEIGHTS HOTEL AND SPA

Brian Bowler has been appointed as the new General Manager of the 5-star Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa in Killarney.

Hailing from the picturesque Dingle Peninsula and currently residing in Mallow, Co Cork, Brian is a highly experienced hospitality professional with over 20 years in the industry. He has held senior management roles at renowned hotel brands, including The Brehon, Carton House, Choice Hotels Ireland, The Great Southern Hotel Group, and The Montenotte Hotel in Cork. Most recently, Brian served as Regional Manager for Cliste Hospitality.

In addition to his extensive hotel management experience, Brian has made significant contributions to the hospitality sector through leadership roles. He was appointed President of the Irish Hospitality Institute in 2019, the professional body representing hospitality and tourism professionals in Ireland. Brian also served as Vice Chair of the Kerry branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) and as a board member of the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum, where he was instrumental in the creation of the Kerry Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2016-2022. Furthermore, Brian was the

past President of the SKAL Club of Kerry in 2016 and contributed to the founding of the Let's Talk Tourism conference.

Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa is a luxury 5-star property located just outside Killarney town, offering stunning views over the lakes of Killarney and the surrounding mountains. Known for its exceptional service, world-class spa facilities, and fine dining, the hotel provides a tranquil retreat for guests seeking relaxation, adventure, or a blend of both. With its beautifully appointed rooms, state-of-the-art spa, and range of exclusive amenities, Aghadoe Heights has long been a sought-after destination for both leisure and corporate guests. The hotel also prides itself on its commitment to sustainability and is a key player in the thriving tourism industry in County Kerry.

Speaking about the new role, Brian Bowler said, "Aghadoe has a really strong team that I'm looking forward to working with. I have an open door policy, so together we hope to achieve a lot."

Brian and hotel owner and the TMR Hotel Collection, Mr Roggla, have ambitious plans



for further renovation and development of the property.

Mr. Charlie Sheil, Group General Manager of Windward Management, the hotel's hospitality management company, said, "The team at Aghadoe Heights looks forward to Brian's leadership and is confident that his wealth of experience and passion for the hospitality industry will continue to drive the success of the hotel and spa."



Sean Kelly, MEP for Ireland South and Leader of Fine Gael in the European Parliament, has called for a renewed focus on transatlantic cooperation and a steadfast commitment to open global trade, as Europe adapts to President Donald Trump's second term. Speaking ahead of key discussions among EU leaders, Kelly highlighted the need for pragmatism and cooperation.

"The re-election of Donald Trump underscores

the need for Europe to double down on its values of openness, cooperation, and free trade," Kelly stated. "While we certainly may not always agree with the Trump administration's policies, the reality is that it is in our interest to work constructively with the United States to safeguard our shared economic and strategic goals in many areas."

Kelly emphasised the importance of the transatlantic economic partnership, noting its unparalleled scope and significance: "The EU and US account for nearly a third of global GDP and support millions of jobs. A trade war with tariffs and barriers would only harm our economies and citizens. We must avoid this path and focus on strengthening our partnership".

He also addressed the potential challenges posed by the US administration's protectionist stance: "Protectionist policies may promise short-term gains, but they lead to long-term costs. They stifle innovation, increase prices for consumers, and strain international

relationships. Europe must lead by example, championing a rules-based trade system that benefits all," Kelly remarked.

Kelly stressed the strategic necessity of transatlantic unity in light of growing geopolitical challenges. "Whether it's countering security threats from Russia or managing competition from China, the EU must work closely with the US and the UK. Our collaboration is not just about economics; it's about protecting our shared values and ensuring global stability," he said.

"We may not share the same worldview, but we must focus on the bigger picture. Transatlantic cooperation serves both our economic and security interests, and it is vital that Europe takes the lead in fostering this partnership," he said.

In closing, Kelly called for the EU to remain resolute in its principles. "Openness and cooperation is to Europe's benefit, particularly when it comes to security arrangements with allies," he concluded.

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Sadness at the Passing of Such A Lovely Man



There was sadness, shock and disbelief on Monday last, when news broke of the untimely passing of popular Killarney man Mike O'Sullivan on Monday, 20th January, 2025

Mike and his family, wife Christina, and children Padraic, Aisling and Colin live in Faha where he was much loved by all who knew him.

In a moving tribute, his colleagues at The Castlerosse Park Resort paid tribute to their dear friend and co-worker.

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we write of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Michael (Mike) O' Sullivan, who passed away on Monday 20th.

Mike was a cherished member

of our team. The longest serving manager here at Castlerosse Park Resort, Mike joined the team in 1986 and has worked as both a Deputy General Manager and Purchasing Manager over the years. It has been both an honour and a privilege to work with someone as special as Mike. He will be truly missed by all here at Castlerosse.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Mikes wife Christina, children Padraic, Aisling and Colin and all his relatives and friends.

May He Rest In Peace

Mike grew up at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club where he lived with his family, his father Derry, who was steward at

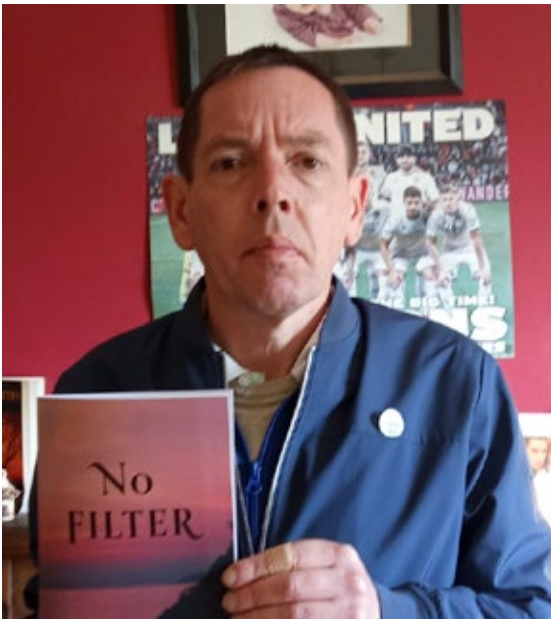
the club, mother Nancy and brothers Ger and Kevin.

Michael passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family in the Mercy Hospital, Cork on the 20th of January.

Pre-deceased by his father Derry and mother Nancy, Mike will be missed by his loving family, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and wide circle of friends.

Following Requiem Mass on Thursday at the Prince of Peace Church in Fossa, Michael was laid to rest in Aghadoe Cemetery.

Ar Dheis De go raigh a hAman.



Author Peter Doyle with his new book - No Filter.

Killarney Author releases his 4th book

No Filter is the fourth book that Killarney author Peter Doyle has published.

"This time there is less poetry and more prose", Peter told Killarney Outlook.

"There are also pages of what can only be called thoughts more than poetry. The poetry begins during covid and the themes of the collection are mental health and solitude. The prose is social commentary and a little philosophy", he added.

A friend of Peters, Norita Devane also has poems in the book.

"I am donating proceeds to Pieta house. A friend of mine took her own life four years ago during the lockdown which didn't help. She was young and she is the my second friend who has taken her own life".

"At this stage everybody knows somebody, if it's not a family member, it's a relative, a friend, a neighbour or a work colleague. The rate in the UK is one person every hour and a half. Allowing for the difference in population it's not far off translating here. I don't think it's an individual's problem. I think it's a societal problem. I think we all need to be mindful of our behaviour as our behaviour can affect other people", Peter added.

The book available in Eason's and other outlets and retails at €8 with proceeds going to Pieta House.

Minister Foley confirms new school facilities for St.Patrick's Secondary School in Castleisland

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D. Norma Foley has today confirmed that initial project approval has been given for new school facilities for St Patrick's Secondary School in Castleisland. The school will get a new mainstream classroom. This is in addition to another recent project to reconfigure accommodation in the school to create a new graphics room.

Minister Foley said: "This exciting new development will support the excellent work that happens every single day in St Patrick's secondary school. I look forward to seeing the works progressing in a timely fashion."





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NETWORK IRELAND KERRY

begins the year with a splash by hosting the

Beauty of the Extremes Swimming Past Your Limits

Last week Network Ireland Kerry launched their exciting 2025 calendar of events in The Rose Hotel, Tralee when over 100 people attended the January event, the "Beauty of Extremes – Swimming Past Your Limits" with guest speaker Nuala Moore.

Nuala was fresh from speaking to an audience of over 1,500 people at the Pendulum Summit in Dublin. As an author of "Limitless" Nuala's incredible accolades include being an extreme ice swimmer, marathon swimmer, event organiser, double Guinness World Record holder, scuba diving professional, and an adventurer on a wider scale.

Nuala achieved her double Guinness World Record holder for her part in the first and only international relay team to swim from Russia to the USA across the Bering Strait, and the second for her pioneering swim in the notorious Drake Passage, South of Cape Horn.

In 2018, Nuala was the first swimmer in the world to swim the meeting of the oceans south of Cape Horn-from Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean across the Meriden at the Drake Passage-where there is no land east or west around the globe and three oceans meet.

On the evening Nuala's story enthralled the audience with her accomplishments and determination to push boundaries throughout her life and share her learnings with others. A key takeaway from the talk was that for teams to succeed there must be an understanding of the challenges ahead, a recognition of all the work taking place, ensure there is clear communication between people and be the difference that inspires others.

The event was opened by the Network Ireland Kerry 2025 President, Emily Reen. Emily is the Project Manager for TU RISE Programme at MTU, with her theme on Network Ireland Kerry's commitment to Empowering Success for the Employee, Employer, and Entrepreneur. Speaking about her appointment as President of Network Ireland Kerry for 2025 Emily shared, "It is an absolute honour to take on the role as President of the Kerry Branch for 2025, a network that not only uplifts employees, empowers employers, and champions entrepreneurs but also serves as a living testament to the boundless potential of women in business and professional services".

On the evening the 2025 Network Ireland Kerry committee was introduced with an overview of the Network's calendar of events and collaborations for the upcoming year.

The Sponsor for the event was Kerry Innovation Centre. Kerry Innovation Centre operates the Tom Crean Business Centre, in the Kerry Technology Park and on the grounds of Munster Technological University's, Tralee North Campus. Tom Crean Business Centre continues to foster start-ups and scale-ups within Kerry's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem, offering office and meeting space, and community events, and is home to Enterprise Ireland New Frontiers



Mags O'Sullivan, Maryann Heidtke (Clinic Cois Abhann Dingle) and guest speaker Nuala Moore pictured at Network Ireland Kerry's January event 'The Beauty of the Extremes - Swimming Past your Limits' at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday evening. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Denise Healy (Centre Director, Castel Education) and Joan Walsh (Partnership International) pictured at Network Ireland Kerry's January event 'The Beauty of the Extremes - Swimming Past your Limits' at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday evening. Photo: Michelle



Donie O'Sullivan and Johnny McGuire (Co-President Killarney Chamber) pictured at Network Ireland Kerry's January event 'The Beauty of the Extremes - Swimming Past your Limits' at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday evening. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Joan Walsh (Partnership International) pictured with Network Ireland Kerry's new President for 2025, Emily Reen, at the January event 'The Beauty of the Extremes - Swimming Past your Limits' in The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday evening. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Linda O'Mahony Logan (Leadership 360), Fiona McPolin (educate.ie) and Bernadette Sheehan Gilroy pictured at Network Ireland Kerry's January event 'The Beauty of the Extremes - Swimming Past your Limits' at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday evening. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

Programme.

Other speakers on the evening were Membership Officer - Helen O'Sullivan Murphy spoke about the membership offerings of the Network and how to become a member.

James Finnegan of TEDxTralee spoke about the launch of TEDxWomen and the collaboration between TEDxTralee and Network Ireland Kerry for an event on the 18th of October 2025, the theme for which will be "Empowering Resilience".

The Network Ireland Kerry February event

will be held on Wednesday 12th February in the Brehon Hotel, Killarney. The evening will be "The Power of Influence – Transforming Marketing Ideas into Action". The evening will be hosted by Brigeen O'Sullivan & Eimear Mc Donnell of Match Marketing and Anita Michalak of the Digital Talk.

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The annual Biddy's Day Festival returns to Killorglin this January 17th to February 3rd, 2025, bringing with it a vibrant celebration of Irish tradition, creativity, and community spirit. At the heart of the festivities is the Biddy's Parade, an unmissable event set to light up the streets of Killorglin on Saturday, February 1st at 7pm – and everyone is invited to join in the magic!

The Biddy's Parade: A Celebration of Tradition and Community

The Biddy's Parade is the crown jewel of the festival, showcasing the timeless tradition of Biddy groups, adorned in straw hats and costumes, carrying the iconic Brídeóg dolls. This spectacular display of fire, song, and dance will weave its way through Killorglin's main streets, creating an unforgettable evening for participants and spectators alike.

This year, the festival extends a warm invitation to the entire community: Come march in the parade! Whether as part of a Biddy group, in costume, or simply to experience the joy, everyone is welcome.

Volunteers Needed: Be Part of the Magic

We are also calling on enthusiastic volunteers to help make the Biddy's Parade a success. From organizing and marshalling to assisting with costumes and props, your support will help bring this cherished tradition to life. To volunteer, please contact us at biddysday@gmail.com.

Festival Highlights

Beyond the parade, the Biddy's Day Festival offers a wide array of events celebrating Irish heritage:

Workshops and Crafting: Join in Biddy costume-making, Brat Bhríde embroidery, sugán weaving, and butter-making workshops. Unique offerings include St. Brigid's cross-making and Ukrainian Motanka doll crafting.

Storytelling and History: Explore Irish folklore and St. Brigid's legacy through storytelling sessions and talks.

Lighting of the Brigid Flame: On January 30th, gather for a ceremonial lighting of the Brigid Flame, symbolizing hope, renewal, and the enduring legacy of Ireland's patroness, opposite Falvey's Bar at 7pm.



Cultural Performances: Enjoy traditional music, dancing, and the festival's exclusive Biddy's Day Cocktails

A Revitalized Tradition

The Biddy's Day Festival is more than an event – it's a movement, breathing life back into a beloved Irish custom. Once on the brink of fading, the tradition now thrives with eleven active Biddy groups in the mid-Kerry region, inspiring communities across Ireland to rediscover their heritage.

Join Us!

Celebrate tradition, community, and creativity at this year's Biddy's Day Festival. For a full schedule of events, follow us on Instagram and Facebook: [@Biddys_Day](https://www.instagram.com/Biddys_Day) or contact us at biddysday@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for February 1st, and come be part of the magic at the Biddy's Parade – where tradition comes alive!

RECORD NUMBER OF NEW HOMES COMMENCED IN KERRY IN 2024 - pipeline for future supply strong

COMMENCEMENT DATA SHOWS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOMES IN KERRY MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 2024 COMPARED TO 2023

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has published its monthly data on the number of Commencement Notices (residential construction starts) for December 2024 and the total number of all new home commencements in 2024.

In 2024 there have been commencement notices for 1,007 homes in Kerry, more than double compared to 2023 (414 homes).

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien said: "Strong figures on home starts in Kerry in 2024 confirm that a robust stock of new housing is in the pipeline.

"Government initiatives such as the development levy waiver and the Úisce Éireann rebate have had a positive impact in getting projects off the ground with the ultimate goal of increasing our housing supply to meet housing needs.

"This significant rise in housing supply will enable more people to become homeowners and also help increase access to a wider range of secure housing options."

Nationally, the data shows that between January and December 2024, there were 60,243 new homes commenced, up 84% from the 32,801 recorded in 2023. This equates to, on average, 239 new homes

commenced every working day during 2024. This is the highest number of annual residential commencements since records began in 2014.

The full commencement data set can be accessed at: [Construction Activity Statistics](https://www.constructionactivitystatistics.ie)





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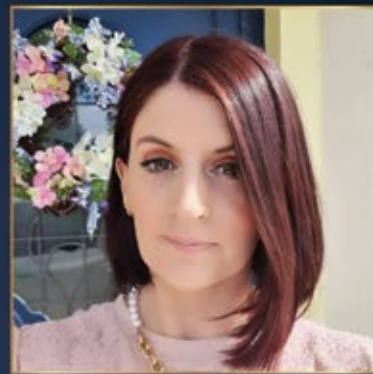
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NEW SCREEN FILM CLUB LAUNCHES WITH KIFF

Siamsa Tíre is proud to announce the launch of its brand-new Siamsa Screen Film Club, developed in partnership with the Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF). Starting February 4th, film enthusiasts will be treated to a diverse lineup of cinematic gems in Siamsa Tíre's theatre every month throughout 2025. From heartwarming dramas to thrilling mysteries, the carefully curated selection by KIFF highlights the rich tapestry of genres, languages, and storytelling mediums, ensuring there's something for everyone.

The collaboration with KIFF comes at a time when Siamsa Tíre aims to deepen its engagement with the local arts community and expand its cultural offerings. By joining forces with KIFF, the Screen Film Club brings both acclaimed international films and celebrated Irish cinema to audiences in Kerry, fostering an appreciation for the art of filmmaking sure to appeal to a diverse cross-section of new audiences

Film Lineup Highlights

February 4th: The season kicks off with the bold new Irish film *Swing Bout*, directed by Kerry filmmaker Maurice O'Carroll. This gripping story blends sports drama and crime thriller as rookie boxer Toni Gale navigates a tumultuous journey from the dressing room to the ring.

March 4th: As part of *Seachtain na Gaeilge*, *Tarrac* offers an uplifting Irish-language feature shot on the Dingle Peninsula. The film follows Aoife, who finds healing and connection in the competitive world of rowing Naomhóg boats while grappling with the loss of her mother.

April 22nd: Italian cinematic gem *La Chimera*, directed by Alice Rohrwacher, brings audiences to 1980s Italy. This vibrant comedy-drama stars Josh O'Connor as an archaeologist entangled in the misadventures of graverobbers.



Siamsa Tíre CEO Angela Ryan Whyte and the new Chair of KIFF Ailbhe Keogan.

May 6th: Pat Collins' *That They May Face the Rising Sun* will be shown at 11am, accommodating schools and daytime audiences. This poignant film chronicles a year in the life of a rural Irish community, exploring themes of belonging and return.

June 3rd: To mark the 55th anniversary of *Ryan's Daughter*, the iconic film shot in Kerry will feature in a special afternoon screening, celebrating its enduring legacy.

July 27th: A Grandparents Day treat, *Robot Dreams*, 2024's Oscar-nominated Best Animated Feature, will charm audiences with its bittersweet tale of friendship between a lonely dog and a robot in 1980s New York City.

Siamsa Tíre CEO Angela Ryan Whyte added, "We are delighted to partner with KIFF to bring this unique series of films to audiences in Kerry. The Screen Film Club represents a shared vision to celebrate the power of cinema and its ability

to connect us through storytelling, in the comfort of our welcoming theatre. We are passionate about opening our doors to connect with all generations, nationalities and interest groups and meet the demand amongst film enthusiasts from all walks of life. Film offers us a lens to see and understand worlds that we both recognise and aspire to see and it has immense value as an access point to the arts."

Membership and Tickets

A special Film Club membership offers all six screenings for just €42 (a saving of €13.50 including discount on tickets and individual ticket fees), while individual tickets are priced at €8 each (booking fee applies). Membership provides . For more information or to book tickets, visit www.siamsatire.com or call the Box Office at 066 7123055.

Féile Lughnasadh Festival **CANCELLED** for 2025

Organisers of the annual Féile Lughnasadh festival in Milltown have announced that the event will not take place in 2025.

Féile Lughnasadh has been organised and hosted by the Milltown-Listry Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann for the past three years. The four-day festival held on the August Bank Holiday Weekend has been a hugely popular event in the community, attracting some of the top names in traditional Irish music and providing wonderful entertainment for all ages.

In a statement on social media, the committee said that they would like to thank those who have generously supported this festival since 2022, particularly our sponsors, donors and patrons who helped to cover our costs.

"Hosting a community-based event which provides four days of top-class entertainment to the public has become increasingly costly. The



event relies solely on the support of individual patrons, limited grant aid, and sponsorship from local businesses and sponsors. Securing sponsorship and financial support for Féile Lughnasadh has become a major challenge and makes the festival financially unsustainable.

"Our festival relies completely on a very small group of dedicated (and unpaid) volunteers, and it has proven increasingly difficult to attract new volunteers to run a community festival of this scale. It has become more and more challenging for a small group of volunteers to deliver the increasing workload and programme associated with

the festival.

For these reasons, and with a heavy heart, we will not be running Féile Lughnasadh in 2025.

We appreciate your understanding, goodwill and support", the statement concluded.



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Nominations now open for 2025 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme

The 2025 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ (EOY) programme is officially open for nominations with entrepreneurs from emerging, established and international businesses across all industry sectors in Kerry invited to submit their nominations between now and 27th Feb 2025.

This year, the programme celebrates entrepreneurs from across the island of Ireland whose vision and innovation are creating long-term value and helping to shape the future with confidence. Business leaders that have the tenacity and determination to push conventional boundaries, think differently and create new solutions that change our collective future for the better are being encouraged to apply.

There will be 24 finalists selected to take part in this year's programme, who will participate in an exciting strategic growth programme over a 10-month period, including a week-long CEO Retreat to Tokyo, Japan. The finalists will also be welcomed into our acclaimed alumni community of more than 600 of Ireland's greatest and most successful entrepreneurs, where they will have the opportunity to forge valuable connections, learn from each other and in many cases do business together.

The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ programme is open to entrepreneurs from all sectors and growth stages in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. The awards programme is divided into three categories - Emerging, Established and International - with eight finalists chosen per category.

The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Sustainability Award will also be presented to one of the finalists in recognition of their business' significant contribution towards achieving and ensuring environmental sustainability.

The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ alumni community comprises more than 600 entrepreneurs representing some of the greatest business minds across the island of Ireland. Collectively these businesses employ more than 250,000 people and generate revenues in excess of €25 billion.

EOY Judging Panel

The 24 finalists will be selected by an independent judging panel comprising of former winners and chaired by Harry Hughes, CEO of Portwest.



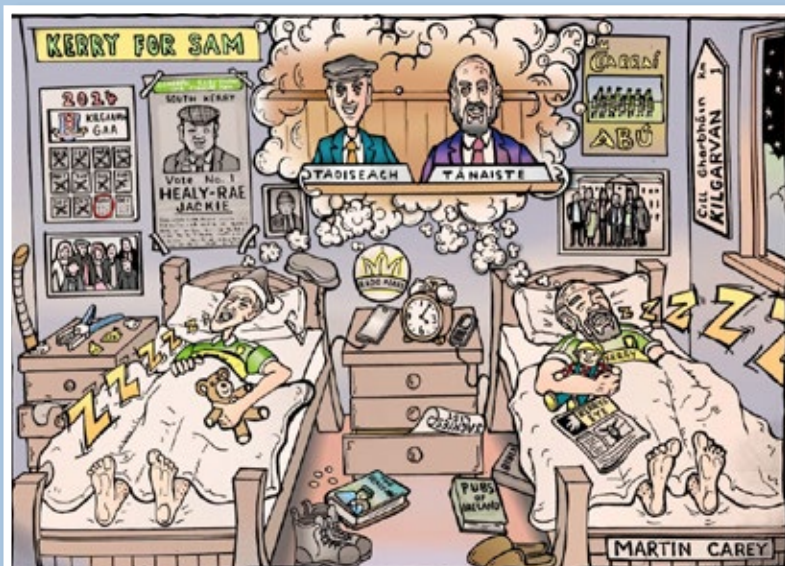
The 2025 EY Entrepreneur of The Year (EOY) programme is now open for nominations. Pictured at the launch (l-r): Eimear McCrann, Director, EY Entrepreneur of The Year, EY Entrepreneurs of the Year 2024, Orlaith Ryan and Sharon Cunningham of Shorla Oncology, Roger Wallace, Partner Lead for EY Entrepreneur of The Year. Photograph: Naoise Culhane

The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Ireland programme is supported by Premium Corporate Sponsor Julius Baer International, and Government sponsors Enterprise Ireland and Invest Northern Ireland.

Anyone interested can find out more or complete an online nomination form at www.eoy.ie. Those nominating someone else must do so with the entrepreneur's consent.

A DYNASTY IN WAITING

By Nicky Barry



CARTOON: MARTIN CAREY

Just like their daddy Jackie, the Healy-Raes are smart,
For they know how the system works, like farmers at the mart.

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To promote their county, with astute expertise.

They both are funds of common sense, from a
rural background,

And well taught by Jackie, to keep both feet on the ground.

They have great business acumen, and both can turn
a bob,

With a flair for enterprise, to take on any job.

They do good cop and bad cop, as a Kerry team,
With Danny as the bearded one, and Michael capped
and lean.

Sometimes they can appear, to be a panto act,
As they rant up in the Dail, and go on the attack.

Fancy folk who live in Dublin 4, cannot fathom this,
But to Kerry natives, it is roguish bliss,

For they well know the fella, who pretends to be thick,
And so is underestimated, by those he's dealing with.

He then runs rings around them, winking left and right,
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FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT

Gneeveguilla Basketball Club are hosting a Family Fun Bingo Night on Sunday January 25th in Gneeveguilla GAA Hall @ 6.30pm. Lots of money to be won! Raffle on the night with lots of prizes ! Games, Fun and great Entertainment Guaranteed ! Everybody Welcome

MARIAN PLAYERS RATHMORE PANTO 2025

Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs at Rathmore Community Centre Saturday January 25th continues Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th & Saturday 1st February Night Shows at 7-30 & Matinees Sunday January 26th & February 1st at 3pm The Office adjacent to the Hall will be open from 1-30pm to 5-30pm Monday to Saturday from Thursday January 16th onwards and will have the booked tickets ready for collection otherwise they can be collected at the Hall door before show time. All proceeds to Kerry Parents & Friends Association. Booking Office Phone 086 2031730.

IT'S TIME TO DANCE...

Places are filling up fast for a brand new dance class which is set to take place in Killarney starting on Tuesday 4th February running for four weeks.

It is the ideal opportunity to make new friends and learn new dances including Waltzing, Line Dancing, Jiving, Fox Trots and Social Dancing. There is also an opportunity to avail of private dance classes for Wedding Couples. There is no need to bring a partner for the evening which will be full of fun with a great atmosphere. Cost is €50 for the four classes, payable on the first night.

The venue is Spa GAA Clubhouse V93KN53 from 7.45 to 9pm and to book you can call or text 087 7541631

Kerry Public Participation Network Spring Training Series

Kerry Public Participation Network (PPN) is delighted to announce its Spring 2025 training series for community groups.

Join the Kerry PPN this February for a series of free training opportunities that will equip local community groups with essential skills in project management, fundraising, financial management and marketing. This programme has been designed based on feedback and requests from Kerry PPN member groups who identified the areas where extra training and support would help them grow and reach their potential in 2025. For full details of the training series please see the attached press release

The free workshops are open to volunteers and staff from the 1,100+ community groups and clubs that are members of Kerry PPN.

The Kerry Public Participation Network is the main link through which Kerry County Council connects with the Environmental, Social Inclusion, Community and Voluntary Organisations in our county and allows community participation in policy-making structures and committees of the Council. Kerry PPN is the best way your group or community can become involved in shaping the future of Co Kerry. Membership of the PPN, is free and provides opportunities for better representation, networking, information sharing and input into policy development.

LGFA PRO OF THE YEAR – PAUL MURPHY



Congratulations to Paul Murphy who has been announced as the 2024 LGFA PRO of the year.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards are set to take place tonight, Friday January 24th at Croke Park Hotel where Paul will be presented with his award at a special evening to celebrate this outstanding achievement.



RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES IN KILLARNEY PARISH

The following are the confirmed dates for Religious Ceremonies in Killarney Parish

CONFIRMATION—

MARCH 7TH at 11.00am & 2.30pm

1ST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

3rd of May; Lissivigeen NS & Tiernaboul NS

Church of the Resurrection 10.30am

10th of May; Presentation Monastery NS 10.00am, Holy Cross Mercy NS 12.00am St Mary's Cathedral

17th of May; Loughquittane NS, Muckross Church 10.30am

17th of May; St Olivers NS, Church of the Resurrection 10.30am

24th of May; Gaelscoil Faithleann, Church of the Resurrection 10.30am

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The Gleneagle INEC Arena is thrilled to announce an unforgettable evening with football legend Eric 'The King' Cantona on February 5th, 2025. Presented by GM Entertainments in association with Legends 7, this one-of-a-kind event offers fans a rare opportunity to experience the charisma and genius of one of football's most iconic figures. Eric Cantona, renowned for his spellbinding performances on the pitch, joined Manchester United in 1992 and quickly became the heart and soul of the team's incredible success. Widely regarded as one of the most influential players to ever wear the Manchester United jersey, Cantona's passion and artistry left an indelible mark on football history.

This exclusive evening will feature a live, unscripted interview with Eric Cantona, offering fans a chance to hear firsthand about his remarkable career, unforgettable moments, and personal journey. Complementing the on-stage interview, the evening will include live entertainment, bespoke memorabilia auctions, and a special appearance by Master of Ceremonies Jed Stone.

Ticket Packages Available

Platinum Package (Limited Tickets)

Arrival at 6:00 PM

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Live entertainment and memorabilia auction

Evening concludes at 10:30 PM



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Gold seating

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Live entertainment and memorabilia auction

Evening concludes at 10:30 PM

Silver Package (Limited Tickets)

Arrival at 7:00 PM

Silver seating

Live on-stage unscripted interview

Live entertainment and memorabilia auction

Evening concludes at 10:30 PM

Please note: Eric Cantona will not be signing items during the event.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime event for Manchester United supporters and football enthusiasts to celebrate the career of one of the game's most celebrated icons.

Tickets are available now, and early booking is advised to secure your place for this exclusive evening with Eric Cantona.

For tickets and further information, please visit www.inec.ie

Step Up for Children's Palliative Care with 150K in February



LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice invites people in Kerry to dust off their runners and challenge themselves to walk 150km throughout the month of February.

LauraLynn is asking the public to take on the sponsored challenge, walking, jogging or running about 5.5km per day in February. The challenge is an important fundraiser for the Children's Hospice supporting children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

LauraLynn Fundraising Executive Cathy White commented: "Taking part in the '150k in February' challenge is a great way to get outdoors now

that the evenings are getting longer. We are asking people to walk or run and just have some fun while raising much needed funds for LauraLynn. These funds will allow us to continue supporting children with palliative care needs and their families all over Ireland."

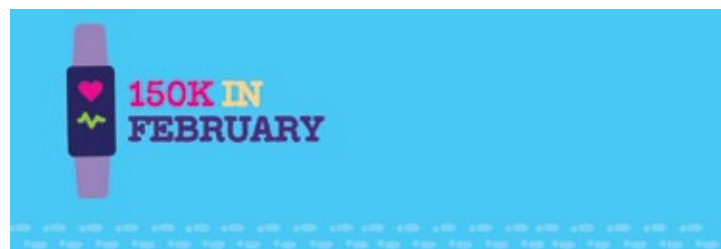
To take part participants register on the LauraLynn website where they will receive a T-shirt, as well as their own sponsorship page. Funds raised from the "150K in February" challenge will help LauraLynn provide essential care and support to children with life-limiting conditions and their families from across the country.

Whether you walk or run regularly, or are trying to get more active as part of your new year's resolutions this challenge is for everyone.

Participants can share their experiences and photos on social media using the hashtag #TeamLauraLynn and join the dedicated Facebook group to connect with others taking part in the challenge.

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MARC Ó SÉ

to feature on Laochra Gael on TG4

Former Kerry footballer, Marc Ó Sé, is one of eight legends who performed heroics on the field and who each have a unique and extraordinary story to tell.

The definitive GAA sports series returns to TG4 for a 23rd series. The series' hour-long format has proved a huge success, bringing each player's personal stories to the screen. The series features eight Laochra with genuine star quality and reveals deeper, fresh and sometimes unexpected insights into the lives of these icons. While their sporting careers continue to provide the backdrop to the story, the series travels well beyond the four white lines. Gripping personal storylines will compel viewers to travel towards territory unique to the GAA television landscape.

Marc Ó Sé, Stalwart Kerry defender and 5-time All-Ireland winner. He grew up at a time when Kerry football reigned supreme. And one of the heroes of that team was his next-door neighbour, his uncle Paidí. It was an upbringing steeped in Kerry football, and with his brothers playing on the county team, the desire to follow them grew. Marc Ó Sé was a firm favourite with the Kingdom supporters and in typical Ó Sé tradition he was seen at his best when the chips were down rallying his teammates with some sterling defensive plays and very often choosing

the opportune time to pop up for a morale boosting point.

Participants in the show which will air on TG4 on Thursday 30th January at 9.30pm includ : Marc Ó Sé; Tomás Ó Sé, Fergal Ó Sé, Michael Foley, Colm Cooper, Paul Rouse, Donnacha O'Connor, Pádraig Óg Ó Sé, Ellen Ó Sé, Mícheál Ó Sé, Joan Uí Shé.



Goalkeeper Connal Doran signs for Kerry FC.



Kerry Football Club is delighted to announce that goalkeeper Connal Doran has signed for the club ahead of the 2025 SSE Airtricity Men's First Division season.

Connal, a native of county Mayo, started his career with Salthill Devon before moving into the Galway United Under 19 squad before also being in and around the first team squad that, in 2022, made it to the playoffs and won the First Division title in 2023. The now 20-year-old switched to US side Iowa Lakes Lakers, a college side across the Atlantic.

But Connal makes the return to Ireland for 2025 and is a welcome addition to Conor McCarthy's squad ahead of the new season.

Speaking to kerryfc.com following his signing for the club, Connal Doran said, "I'm delighted to have signed with Kerry FC! This talented squad aligns with my determination, ambition, and work ethic, and I can't wait to be a part of it. I'm looking forward to contributing to the team and working alongside my teammates and coaches. Everyone at the club has given me a very warm welcome, and I'm very excited to get to Mounthawk Park to see all the fans. I'm delighted to be here and look forward to a great season with the club!"

Also speaking to kerryfc.com following his signing, First Team Manager Conor McCarthy said "We are delighted to have Connal onboard for the 2025 season. Connal came into us on a trial period and has impressed during his time in training with us. Despite not making his debut in the league, you can see he is a young talented goalkeeper who wants to make an impact here in Kerry. He is a fantastic shot stopper and at well over 6 foot in height, he comes with an all-round package that we are looking for"

KILLARNEY NO NAME CLUB LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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drugs. The members are aged 15 to 18 years and every club organises local events, while national HQ also organise regional and national events i.e. National Youth awards, National conference, National No Names got talent, Outdoor pursuits, training, and information sessions, we support those taking part in the Gaisce awards. If you would like to be part of the club, you can contact : Mary Somers on 083 3700267 or msomers@nonameclub.ie

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The schools involved in the fundraiser were Please see attached photos, I may havSt Brendan's College, Killarney Community College, Holy Cross Mercy, Presentation Monastery, Knockanes national school, Raheen national school , Gaelscoil Faithleann, Glenflesk National school, St Oliver National School , Loretto National School, Loughquittane National School, Lissivigeen National School, St. Francis Special School

Students at St. Brendan's College who held a Christmas Jumper fundraiser in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation





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Make sure that your CAO application is carefully completed by closing date of 1st February



By Billy Ryle

COMPLETE

With the 2025 Leaving Cert exam timetable now available on the State Examinations Commission (SEC) website, www.examinations.ie, CAO applicants will be motivated to secure one of the 52,000, or so, coveted college place which will be available. As the 1st February closing date for applying to the CAO looms large, its due time to make sure that the application form is thoroughly and accurately completed.

FRIENDLY

Almost all applications to CAO are made via "Apply," the interactive online application facility, which remains open until 1st February on the CAO website, www.cao.ie. Apply is user friendly and easy to follow, particularly as CAO provides an 'Interactive Demo Facility' to enable you make a trial application.

ACCOUNT

Go online at www.cao.ie and click on Apply to open your CAO Account. Enter your personal details. Tick the qualifications and assessment section(s) that are relevant to you. Enter your payment option – Credit/Debit card or Fee Payment Form. If you are paying by credit/debit card you will be redirected to a payment screen. Create your own account password. Click on "Proceed with application" to obtain your eight-digit CAO application number, beginning with 25, and your application details will appear on screen.

INFORMATION

Log into "My Application" by entering your CAO application number, date of birth and password. Provide the additional personal information. If you are applying on the basis of Leaving Cert (1985-2025) results enter the name and address of your second level school(s) and the years attended. If you are a Leaving Cert 2025 candidate tick the box provided. If you have previously sat the Leaving Cert, provide the year(s) in which you sat the

exam and your exam number(s).

CHOICES

Add your Level 8 and Level 7/6 course choices by 1st Feb. by clicking on "Add Level 8 course choices" and/or click on "Add Level 7/6 course choices." You may apply for a maximum of ten course choices on each list. List your courses based on genuine order of preference.

MATURE

If you are a mature applicant, click on 'Mature Application Form' to update your mature application form.

DARE/HEAR

If you wish to disclose a disability or Dyslexia/Significant Literacy Difficulties or Dyscalculia/Significant Numeracy Difficulties or apply to the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) click on the "Modify Disability (& DARE Application) Status" button and follow the instructions provided. If you wish to apply for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR), a third level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are resident in the Republic of Ireland, click the "HEAR Application" button and follow the instructions provided.

SUSI

If you intend to apply for a maintenance fee grant, indicate this on your CAO online application form. Click on "Modify Maintenance/Fee Grant Application Form." Tick the "I would like CAO to provide my details to the Maintenance/Fee Grant application authority (SUSI)" button. CAO will then provide your identification, contact and offer/acceptance details to the grant authority, Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI).

SUBMIT

Once you are satisfied with the detail you have submitted, click 'Log Out' to exit. All of your

details will then have been submitted to CAO.

DOUBLE CHECK

Check your course choices immediately via the "My Application" facility to ensure that they are correct. Use the online change courses facility on the CAO website if you need to amend or add courses. This facility is free of charge until 1st Feb. You may also use the online facility to amend course choices from the 5th February to 1st March (fee €10). Apply is user friendly and secure and allows you to submit your application from the privacy of your own home.

CHECKLIST

- "Apply" is the standard method of applying to CAO
- The online application is interactive, secure, user friendly and easy to follow
- Password protect your CAO application
- Note your 2025 CAO application number as soon as it appears on screen
- Confirm receipt of your application by the "My Application" facility
- You may use the online change of course choices facility (free) to 1st Feb (5pm)
- Application for restricted courses must be made by 1st Feb (5pm)
- Restricted courses normally require additional assessment procedures, e.g., portfolio
- You may use the online facility to amend course choices from 5th Feb.(noon) to 1st March (5pm, fee €10) to add any restricted courses not already listed or if you're a restricted category applicant (i.e., mature)

Billy Ryle is a Career Guidance Counsellor and Educational Commentator
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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

JUNIOR SET DANCING

Junior Set Dancing classes will commence on Friday 24th January in the Recreational Hall. Beginners and Intermediate are from 7-8pm. Advanced are from 8-9pm. These classes provide a great opportunity for young children to enjoy a social night of fun while learning the art of waltzing and set dancing. Contact Mary on 0879620135 for more info.

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Enrolment forms now available for Anabla Play 'n' Learn Preschool, Anabla N.S., Kilmcummin. ECCE places available for children aged 2 years 8 months. Subsidised NCS places available for children aged from 2 years 6 months.

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31 CARD MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

31 card memorial tournament in memory of Dermot "Brady" Moynihan will take place on Sunday 2nd February in Klub bar @4pm. All proceeds on the day will be donated to Comfort for Chemo.

KILCUMMIN GAA AND LGFA

Ireland Lights Up sees the club offering access to our walking tracks, lighting up the routes for walkers, joggers, and families alike. All welcome, just show up at the track at any time between 7-8pm each Tuesday and join in! Irish Life Every Step Counts Challenge - the challenge offers participants the chance to win a share of €30,000 in club funding that Irish Life has made available for the 'Every Step Counts Challenge' donation fund for clubs. The goal for our club team is to collectively track 4,000km. Please note that the only dogs permitted on the GAA grounds and walkway are assistance dogs in line with Health & Safety guidelines from the GAA. Let's get walking! Every step counts!

KILCUMMIN GAA

GAA Annual awards night will be held on Saturday February 1st at 8pm in the clubrooms. Come along and support the stars of 2024.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 13th January of the Jackpot for €15,500. Numbers drawn were 02,10,16,21. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Esther Dwyer, Eamonn John O'Donoghue, Lynch O'Doherty family, Rachel Clifford. The next draw will be on Monday 27th January for Jackpot of €15,750.

KILCUMMIN LGFA

Kilmcummin LGFA welcomes the "Brendan Martin Cup" to Kilmcummin on Sunday evening 26th January at 6.30pm. Award ceremony for U14s & U16 players. Presentation to Ailbhe O'Callaghan & Rhea Kate Devane for making the 2024 Kerry U14 training squad. Presentation of Bronze Award in Club School Links Programme to Coolick NS., Kilmcummin NS & Kilmcummin LGFA. Finger food provided, all welcome.

MASTERGEEHA FC

GIRLS U13 PREMIER: Listowel Celtic 0-2 Mastergeeha FC

Mastergeeha secured an excellent away victory in sunny Listowel in a well-contested game between two evenly matched teams. Goals from Éabha Moynihan on her debut & the second goal came via Lucy Devane. Well done to all involved in a great team performance.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 17th January 2025 of the Jackpot €3,800. Numbers drawn were 06,16,19,20. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Ken Bruton ~ online; Tina Reen c/o Patie Nagle; Darren O'Regan, Ballinamanagh; Sinéad Collins, Aghadoe. The next draw will be on Friday 24th January for Jackpot of €4,000.

GLENFLESK

Written by: Sean Daly

SCOR NA NOG

The very best of luck to our talented ballad group of Clíona Moynihan, Aoise O'Donoghue, Patrick Mullane, Muireann Healy, Abby Cronin and their coach Rosie Healy in the All Ireland Scór na nÓg Final in Monaghan this weekend. We are very proud that you are representing our club and county on the national stage. Sing your hearts out!

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Glenflesk GAA will be held on Wednesday 29th January at 8pm in the Hall. There will be mass beforehand at 7pm. All members are invited to attend.

CAR PARK

The car park of Glenflesk GAA Grounds was fully resurfaced recently. This marks a significant milestone in enhancing our clubs' facilities. The Club would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the project. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Kerry County Council and The Department of Rural & Community Development for their financial assistance in providing funding for this work under the Clár Scheme.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 13/01/25. Numbers drawn: 1, 13, 23, 26. Consolation prizes of €50: Jim O'Mahony, Headford, Jim O'Mahony (Sellers Prize), Betty Dennehy, Artigallivan (Yearly Ticket) & Diarmuid Furlong, Knockanimirish.

WHATSAPP GROUP

The Glenflesk GAA WhatsApp Group is useful for keeping up to date with the various events going on in the club. If anybody would like to be added to the group, please WhatsApp your name to 086 6052054.

DANCE CLASS

4 week dance class commencing 4th of February in Spa GAA Clubhouse. Waltzing, Line Dancing, Quickstep, Jiving, Foxtrots & Social Dancing. €50. Great atmosphere and fun. No partner required. All welcome! For booking contact 087 7541631

EVERY STEP COUNTS

It's been another great week for everyone taking part in the GAA Healthy Clubs Every Step Counts Challenge. With over 2,000km already on the clock, we are well placed in the Munster clubs. We will reach the 4,000km in no time and be in with a chance to win €2,500 for Glenflesk GAA so



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keep tracking those steps! And it's still not too late to sign up, so please let anyone interested know how they can do so on the My Life App. 'Ireland Lights Up' walking on Glenflesk GAA track continues on Wednesday night at 7pm.

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST

Congratulations to the BT Young Scientist winners Saoirse, Laoise and Ciara Murphy of the Presentation Secondary School, Tralee and to their teacher and Glenflesk club member, Helena Madigan Fitzgerald.

CORN UI MUIRI

Well done to the Glenflesk players Jamie Moynihan (captain), Diarmuid Furlong, Jack Rudden, John Merry O'Sullivan and Liam O'Brien who played with the Sem in their quarter final victory over Tralee CBS.

MEMBERSHIP

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RATHMORE GNEEVeguILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT

Gneeveguilla Basketball Club are hosting a Family Fun Bingo Night on Sunday January 25th in Gneeveguilla GAA Hall @ 6.30pm. Lots of money to be won! Raffle on the night with lots of prizes ! Games, Fun and great Entertainment Guaranteed ! Everybody 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 €205 and the winner was Shane Dillane. 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.

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

SYMPATHIES to Anne O'Sullivan & relatives on the death of her brother John Stephen O'Sullivan, Convent View, Rathmore. Johns funeral took place in Rathmore on Saturday 11th January. To Paddy Fleming & family Tureencahill, Joan & family (Dublin) on the death of their brother

John Fleming, Clonsilla Dublin. Johns' funeral took place in Dublin on the 16th January. May John Stephen & John rest in peace

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MARIAN PLAYERS RATHMORE PANTO 2025

Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs at Rathmore Community Centre Saturday January 25th continues Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th & Saturday 1st February Night Shows at 7-30 & Matinees Sunday January 26th & February 1st at 3pm The Office adjacent to the Hall will be open from 1-30pm to 5-30pm Monday to Saturday from Thursday January 16th onwards and will have the booked tickets ready for collection otherwise they can be collected at the Hall door before show time. All proceeds to Kerry Parents & Friends Association. Booking Office Phone 086 2031730.

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NOTES

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

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €4,200 on Sunday, 19th January. Numbers: 1, 15, 16, 27. Consolation Prizes €80 Brendan Fogarty, Cappaganeen, €50 Jim Kennedy, Gap of Dunloe, Emma O'Connor, Brookhill, Peter Keane, Ballymalis. The next draw for a jackpot of €4,400 will be on Sunday, 2nd February. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that the online lotto closes at 7pm on the night of the draw and tickets sold after 7pm are entered into the following draw. Thank you to everybody who support our lotto. It is greatly appreciated.

IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Ireland Lights Up is continuing from 6.30pm to 8.30pm week nights in the G.A.A. pitch.

GOOD LUCK

To our Scor na nOg team of Cormac and Fionán O'Sullivan, Darragh Doyle and Calum Galvin in the All Ireland Scor na nOg quiz final in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan on Saturday, 25th January.

MEMBERSHIP

Club membership for 2025 is now open. Prices are: Family with 2 Adult family members using gym is €100. Individual gym and Club is €100. Senior player €100. Student €60. OAP couple from same family €60. Ladies LGFA membership prices will be available shortly.

Membership can be paid on www.foireann.ie or www.beaufortgaa.com or by cash. For more information, please contact Patie at 087 2515311

SPA

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SPA AWARDS NIGHT

Our Annual Awards Night takes place on Saturday 8th February in Hilliards from 7pm. Enjoy a night spent celebrating our honourable members, good food and entertainment.

Ticket price €35, going on sale this week.

Contact Committee - Andrew Gartnett, Ivor Flynn, Adrian O'Sullivan, Anne Holland, Triona Mangan, Mathilda McCarthy. Tickets must be purchased before the night and are limited so please do not delay in purchasing your ticket.

Among those being recognised on the night are;

Lifetime Achievement: Gerard Mangan

Cultural/Social: Assumpta O Donoghue

Guest of Honour: Brendan Martin Cup and Cassandra Buckley

Senior Scór Set Dancers

Senior Men Nominees: Eric O Donoghue, Evan Cronin and Michael Foley

Senior Ladies Nominees: Vanessa Dineen, Katie O'Brien and Meghann Cronin

Junior Player of the Year: Connie Cremin Mulrey

Young Player of the Year: Joey McCarthy

Young Lady Player of the Year: Isabelle Waters

SCOR

Scór na bpaisti (primary school age children) and Scór sinsir (over 17) competitions will be commencing shortly. If anyone is interested please contact the scór officer Michael Aherne at 087 1877091 before the 16th February

LOTTO

Spa Lotto 20/01/25 Results. Numbers drawn: 6, 7, 8, 22. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Michael Horgan, Online; Pat Connolly, Bantry Blues; Sean Magee, Sherheree; Flor Murphy, Bantry. Next weeks draw is on Monday 27 Jan @ 9pm for a jackpot of €4,800

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €6,750. Winning Numbers 4, 5, 16, 21. Not Won. €100 Sheila O'Donoghue, 2 Mile. €50 Kieran O'Donoghue, Rockfield. €50 Elizabeth

Sullivan, Scart. €25 Lou & Eimear. €25 John Kearin, Faha Court. Jackpot next week : €6,900. Next Draw: January 26th

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By Dermot Cronin,
Financial Advisor

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If you have any other queries regarding the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin QFA at 0646622775 or dermotcroninifa@gmail.com

NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE AT KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Fearghal Reidy is the new Kerry County Council Chief Executive. Mr. Reidy attended the full Council meeting this week where he was unanimously ratified by Kerry's 32 councillors.

He previously worked in Waterford City and County Council, and most recently served as the Director of Strategic and Economic Development in Cork City Council.

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Enhances Bone Density and Reduces the Risk of Osteoporosis - bone health is a significant concern, especially for older adults. Engaging in regular strength training can help enhance bone density, reducing the risk of fractures and osteoporosis. Weight-bearing exercises stimulate bone formation, making them a critical component in maintaining skeletal health as we age.

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Bairbre Reen Buckley, Julianne Reen, Barbara Reen and Emily Reen (NIK President) pictured at Network Ireland Kerry's January event 'The Beauty of the Extremes - Swimming Past your Limits' at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday evening. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Killarney Valley AC Athletes in action at the weekend.

WORKMENS ROWING CLUB

A big congratulations and well done to Zac Donaldson who won the silver medal MJ15 1000m in the Irish Indoor Rowing Championship in UL over the weekend.

His overall participation was exceptional over the weekend and the club would like to congratulate him on his efforts.

Training continues as usual for all members.

Our annual Church gate collection will be held on 1st & 2nd February 2025 in all Killarney town churches. This is a very important fundraiser for the club as it's our main funding raising for the year. All contributions gratefully appreciated.

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

As we kick off the new year, it's great to see so much rugby action across all our teams. Here's the latest from Killarney RFC.

MINI RUGBY

Our mini rugby players were back in action last weekend with great energy and enthusiasm. The U8s, U10s, and U12s enjoyed their first training session of the year, working on their skills and having lots of fun. Huge thanks to all our dedicated coaches and volunteers for their support.

YOUTH RUGBY

The U14, U16 and U18.5 boys and girls U16 & U 18.5 teams have returned to training as they prepare for a busy season ahead. Both squads have been putting in the hard work on the pitch, and their commitment is clear to see. Best of luck to them in their upcoming matches!

SENIOR RUGBY

Our men's senior team continues their campaign in the Munster Junior Cup round 3, with a home game this weekend against Cobh Pirates. Kick-off is at 2:00pm on Sunday, and we'd love to see a big crowd out to support the lads.

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the club over the Christmas period, including our raffle fundraiser and other events. Your support makes all the difference in keeping rugby thriving in Killarney.

GET INVOLVED!

We're always looking for new players, coaches, and volunteers. Whether you're a seasoned player or completely new to the game, Killarney RFC welcomes you with open arms.

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KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

Killarney Valley AC had both a men's and women's team in the Senior National League last Sunday at Day 1 in the National Indoor Arena in Dublin. Both teams finished in 8th place out of 19 elite teams across the country placing them proudly among the best in Ireland. The next round of the National League is in Athlone on 8th February. A huge thank you to Coaches Tomas, Connie and Maureen for their support.

Spaces are filling up fast in our 'Streets of Killarney 5 Mile Road Race 2025' on Friday, 18th April at 7pm. Whether you're an experienced runner chasing a PB or a newcomer looking to take on a fun challenge, this event is for you. Don't miss your chance ... Sign up now! You can register now on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie. All proceeds of the race will assist the club with maintaining the Track facility for the young athletes and school children in the locality. Please email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the club.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR THE 16TH JANUARY

N/S

1st: Anne Looney & Ciaran Broadbery

2nd: Ger McSweeney & Conor Dwyer

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1st: Breda Counihan & Michael McHugh

2nd: Joan King & Miriam McFarlane

Congratulations to all.

Morning bridge continues every Thursday at 10am sharp at The Killarney Golf & Fishing Club.

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE

Both Killarney valley women's and men's senior team shine on the national stage in the national league for indoor athletics.

The event was held on 19th of January 2025 in Abbots town in NIA in Dublin.

Sarah Leahy who ran opening 7.35 seconds 60m a couple of weeks previously in the AAI games ran another powerful 7.48 seconds, to get the team off to a great start in the women's 60m.

Sarah who has upcoming races internationally and with the national indoor championships is showing good form.

The strength of the programme in Killarney valley ac is top class with representation in all the events on the schedule.

Currently in 8th place on the table out of the 19 elite clubs and delighted with a great start, the team looks forward to the next round in Athlone with more team members to compete.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL CLUB

A busy week of games home and away with the Juveniles & Seniors all in action. The Cougars hosted 6 teams in a U13 Blitz day at the Presentation Gym with St Bridget's defeating Cougars in the final.

JUVENILE NEWS

KERRY U14 BOYS

Tralee Magic 47 Killarney Cougars 51

The Cougars had to work to continue their winning run and overcame the Tralee side in

Mounthawk. Dara O'Sullivan and James Rooney again impressed to secure the important win.

KERRY U18 GIRLS PLATE

Cobras 19 Killarney Cougars 51

Cougars travelled to Castleisland on Sunday to play the Cobras and the Cougars produced a strong performance, leading throughout to go through to the next round. Good performances from Kate McCann, Mia Lucy, Amy Fitzgerald and Kate Lyons.

KERRY U14 GIRLS

Killarney Cougars 21 Cahersiveen 18

A low scoring contest saw Cougars just hold on in a close contest, good scores from Ada O'Leary and Emma O Connor helped Cougars to edge out Cahersiveen on this occasion.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

email : secretarykillarneycougars@gmail.com for further information.

SENIOR NEWS

BASKETBALL IRELAND NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Killarney Cougars 88 Mater Private Malahide 110

Top scorers: Joshua Strongman 31, Gerdas Malukas 23, Iyan Hristov 18

Malahide: Roman Nelson 27, Mathew Harper 27, Evan Blackmon 15, Sean Fitzpatrick 12

FIXTURE

Saturday January 25th, Killarney Cougars v Moycullen Galway, Presentation Gym at 7.30pm.



Cougars Gerdas Malukas in action versus Malahide on Saturday evening last at the Presentation Gym.



Killarney Cougars Boys on Saturday morning at the U13 Blitz.

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There will be a Question and Answer Session at the end of the meeting. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**



OXYGEN ADVANTAGE



Our walks are supported by **Age & Opportunity**

Our HeartBeat Strutters Walk Group are back again for 2025 for their weekly walks!

The group meets every Thursday morning at the Kingsbridge opposite from St. Mary's Cathedral at 11am.

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For queries on the walks call Mairead on 087 681 8473.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club attended the Gerry Ryan Memorial Gala over the weekend at UL. This Gala ran for 3 days and is the first gala of the season where swimmers can qualify for Irish Summer National Age Group, Youth and Senior Championships, which will take place in July. The club had 16 swimmers swim in 46 events over the 3 day weekend. Ella Cremin finished 1st in the challenging 400 IM event and has achieved qualifying times in 5 events for Summer Nationals. She also had 3 top 10 finishes. Sarah Quirke finished 4th in the 400 IM

with an excellent swim. Cathal Mackey had 3 top 10 finishes and has achieved times for Summer Nationals. Evan O'Donoghue achieved a time for Summer Nationals in the 100 breast and Emily Brosnan in the 50 free. The club had 30 PBs overall and of course a fantastic weekend! Well done to our swimmers.

Training continues for upcoming galas and meets.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Ladies and Men's Kerry league finals take place

this week. A huge congratulations to Killarney div 4 men who won final on Tuesday night against a strong Tralee team.

Next up is the Killarney div 5 ladies who take on Annascaul in Ballybunion on Thursday night, also on the night Killarney div 3 ladies take on Moyvane. All support appreciated.

Well done to Alvin Rahman who reached the final in Munster Fs. Well done to all Killarney members who took part on the day.



Killarney Swimming Club members: Cathal Larkin, Evan O'Donoghue, Cathal Mackey, Lily Larkin, Ella Cremin, Sarah Quirke, Elaine O'Donoghue (coach)



Lara O'Brien Leahy, Orlaith Mackey, Emily Brosnan, Lily Larkin, Cathal Larkin, Dara Sheehan, Sean Farandon (Coach)



Killarney badminton members Evan Lemass, Stephen Cotter, Biprojit Ghosh and Hasib Ahmad.



Jordan Lee has taken up the shot putt while recovering from a knee injury



Killarney Valley AC Athletes in action at the weekend.



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Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

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8:00 PM
8:15 PM
9:00 PM
9:30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
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1st Wednesday

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9:00 PM
9:30 PM

Killarney Area

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

4th Thursday

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7:30 PM
8:15 PM
8:45 PM
9:15 PM
9:45 PM

Killorglin Area

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

1st Thursday

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

Glenflesk & Barraduff

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Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

4th Friday

8:30 PM
9:30 PM
10:00 PM
10:45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

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Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

1st Friday

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

Tuosist & Lauragh

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

Last Monday

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

Farranfore Area

Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
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John Hendersons, Furies

3rd Monday

8:30 PM
9:00 PM
9:30 PM
9:45 PM

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PRETTY POLLY SITE SHOULD BE USED FOR A HOSPITALITY TRAINING CENTRE - CAHILL

The importance of the Hospitality Industry to Ireland and Kerry is undisputed and the basic logic of having a training centre in Killarney makes so much sense that it seems to have evaded recent thinking, according to Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill.

"I am a big fan of our Hospitality Sector and all those who work within it, accommodating, feeding and entertaining visitors to the Kingdom of Kerry. We have been doing it for years and our experience in tourism knows no equal" stated Deputy Cahill.

"It is not rocket science to suggest that the art of hospitality should be taught and experienced where it is practised at its highest level, and I believe that to be Killarney. I will be putting my weight behind securing all and any funding and resources to set up such a college setting at the vacant former Pretty Polly site in Upper Park Road, in Killarney town" said the new Kerry



TD. "I have already headlined it for our incoming Government as a priority requirement for Kerry in the coming term and I will continue to press for its delivery with our incoming Taoiseach and Ministers" said the Fianna Fáil man. "Killarney is the capital of Irish Tourism and

our Hospitality Students should be taught and trained by the best and in this regard, I have requested that this hugely important project for the Hospitality Sector in Killarney and throughout our county is included in the Programme for Government and delivered at the earliest possible date" added Deputy Cahill.

Call to Locate Air Ambulance on Valentia Island



Deputy Michael Cahill

Given the geography and accessibility issues in West and South Kerry in emergency situations, strong consideration should be given to locating an Air Ambulance service on Valentia Island in conjunction with Valentia Coastguard Service, according to local Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill.

"In an extreme emergency, it is not always an easy task to get an ambulance to the scene quickly in West and South Kerry by our road network. An Air Ambulance located at Valentia Coastguard would be very well positioned to

respond to incidents all along the North Kerry, West Kerry, South Kerry and South West Cork coastlines" stated the Kerry Deputy.

"It is all about being well prepared and located for any unexpected events in our daily lives and I believe, strong consideration should be given to the proposal locally for an Air Ambulance base on Valentia Island" said the new TD for County Kerry.

"I have already submitted a Parliamentary Question in regard to my proposal" added Deputy Cahill.

Proposal to Reintroduce Town Councils Welcomed



The proposal by the incoming Government of the return of Town Councils to Irish politics, has been warmly welcomed by Kerry's newest TD, Michael Cahill. The Fianna Fáil Deputy said that the Town Councils had been an enormously important part of local democracy, a vital organ of the body politic.

"In Kerry we had Town or Urban Councils in Tralee, Killarney and Listowel and they served their local residents in an amazing way, that only local politicians can for their own people. Urban and Rural Ireland are different, with different requirements in many fronts. It makes sense then that they have their own representation and a

voice at the table on their respective behalf's" stated Deputy Cahill.

"I had previously lobbied for the for the return of Town Council's and I was delighted to have been given the opportunity as a Government TD to make a strong submission to the Programme for Government for their return" said Deputy Michael Cahill.


"I, for one, will be delighted to see their return, for the absolute betterment of local politics. It may not be in the exact same format as before, but more local autonomy is essential for the efficient and smooth running of our political institutions" added Deputy Cahill.

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MEMBERSHIP

A note to everyone that membership for 2025

will be due as of March 1st. Further details in the weeks ahead.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

COMPETITION RESULTS

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club 13 Hole Single Stableford (Club Sponsored), played on Mahony's Point Course, on 19th January 2025
Overall, Winner: Breda Duggan 32pts (20)
2nd: Máire Murphy 31pts (13)
3rd: Geraldine Collins 30pts (17)

CONGRATULATIONS to Lady Captain Máire Murphy with a Hole in One on the 12th Hole on Mahony's Point Course on 19th January 2025

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RESULTS

On January 18th and 19th we held a stableford competition

The winners were :-
1st: Mike J Casey 35 (17)
2nd: Johnny Brosnan 35 (14)
3rd: Tony Lenihan 34 (16)

On Thursday Jan 16th our Seniors held their weekly 9 hole competition

The winners were :-
1st: Seamus McCarthy (11) 17 pts
2nd: Mike J Casey (10) 17 pts
3rd: Gerard Murphy (13) 15pts



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LEGACY ELITE ATHLETES BRING HOME THE MEDALS!

Legacy elite cheerleading & gymnastics club took part in the Future cheer cheerleading competition on January 18th in The national indoor sports arena Dublin.

Competing against clubs across the country and the UK, they took home an impressive 1st, 1st, 3rd & 5th place titles. The National Team Ireland cheerleading squad displayed their routine at the competition where they will compete at world championships in April in Florida. Two athletes from Legacy Elite were selected to represent Ireland - Finn Hurley & Emily O Connor.

The club is busy preparing for their next competition in March said coach Hayley Murphy.



The Legacy elite cheerleading & gymnastics club

Legacy elite cheerleading & gymnastics club team member Rachel Horgan



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U17 LEAGUE RESULT

Killarney Athletic 7-0 Castleisland

JJ O'Donoghue x 3, Alex Doolan x 1, Leo Allen, Ryan Kissane, Darragh O'Sullivan x 1 each

Our u17s kickstarted their league campaign with a win vs Castleisland Sunday morning. We started the game well with Leo Allen getting us off the mark to make it 1-0. The switch to push JJ further up the field paid off as he was in fine form getting the next 3 goals of the game. The next 2 goals came from our ever reliable u16s Alex Doolan and Ryan Kissane before Darragh O'Sullivan added his name on the goal sheet after a hard working display. Our back line of Ryan Kissane, Kalen Browne, Finan Blackwell and Donnacha Vaughan along with Fionn in goal kept their concentration to keep a clean sheet. The well balanced midfield of Evan Doona and Bryan O'Connor who complement each other perfectly kept things ticking over to ensure a well-earned 3 points. Thanks to Castleisland for a sporting contest.

U16 DIV 2

Killarney Athletic 2-1 Ballyheigue

Conn McGlynn x 2

The blues welcomed Ballyheigue to Woodlawn this morning. The boys started strong causing problems and creating chances. Conn kept up his form in front of goal as he opened the scoring for the blues in the first 15 minutes. The blues pushed on from here and Conn was put through again and got his second of the day after getting to the bouncing ball before the keeper. Half time 2-0. Ballyheigue never gave up and came out firing in the second half putting us under pressure throughout the half. They got a goal back to make it a nervy end to the game. Our boys dug deep and defended incredibly to see it out as 2-1 winners. Thanks to Ballyheigue for a sporting game

U14 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 2 - 0 Killorglin

Max Moynihan x1 Sean Quill x1

An excellent performance from our young Blues in Woodlawn this morning against Killorglin.

A goal in each half, one in the first half from Max Moynihan after a pin point pass from Goalkeeper Leni Rujevcan, Max found himself through on

goal & lofted the ball over the advancing keeper to put us in the lead.

Midway into the second half, Sean Quill scored our second from a free kick, a lovely strike into the top corner to seal the three points. Thanks to Killorglin for a good, sporting game. Well done to all the squad. A very solid performance and clean sheet to keep us top of the table. Well done lads

U14 DIVISION 2 NORTH RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 5 - 0 LB Rovers B

Dylan O'Connor, Dylan Treimut, Malachy Audley, Robert Sychta, Nathan Jordan x 1 goal each

Our U14B's were back in action for their first game of 2025. Well the lads didn't disappoint, picking up exactly where they left off last year. They took firm control of the game from the very first whistle and maintaining it throughout the whole game to earn themselves another convincing win. Big well done to all the lads today, very impressed with your efforts to date and thanks also to the ref and LB Rovers for a sporting game

MOTM - Dylan O'Connor

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SQUADS

The U7 squad played MEK in a friendly game while the U11s welcomed Tralee Dynamos to Murt Scott Park over the weekend. All four squads got a good run out & displayed the Skills of the game.

Both U12 squads were in action with the A squad travelling to the north of the county to Tarbert to take on Ferry Rangers with the Ballyhar boys taking the win on a 1-2 scoreline in a cracking Division 1 contest. Jack Cooper & Fabian Mortek were the goalscorers who along with Gavin Sheehan, Cole Buckley, Dylan O'Sullivan, Paddy Hurley, Dermot Nealon & Jack Sheehy played

well on the day.

The club B squad (Division 2 North) travelled away to Tralee Dynamos where the home team took the spoils on the day. Adam Czimor, Fionn Curtin, Shane Collins, David McKenna, Patrick Brosnan, Charlie Barton & Rhys Nolan put in big efforts.

The U14s (Division 1) had a good 3-7 away win to Camp Juniors FC thanks to two goals each from Killian O'Sullivan & Adam Fleming with one each from Eoin Cremin, Ruben O'Leary Griffin & Jack Duggan.

The Youths (Division 1) entertained Dingle Bay Rovers where Dingle took the victory on a 0-3 scoreline after leading 0-1 at half time. Ballyhar had good performers in Charles O'Doherty, Tony Daly, Eoin Walshe, Jack O'Donoghue & David Burke.

The u17s (Division 1) lost 0-6 away to MEK FC with Eoin O'Mahony, Conor Giles & Sean Brosnan among those giving of their best. The seniors (Division 1) welcomed Tralee Dynamos B to Murt Scott Park on Sunday where the game was scoreless at the break but Ballyhar were caught by a set piece move mid way through the second half with Tralee Dynamos taking the points on a 0-1 victory. Patrick O'Connor, Micheal Fitzgerald, Michael O'Sullivan, Ger Fitzgerald & Shane O'Sullivan did well for Ballyhar.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Brosnan Family, Ballyhar on their Family Bereavement. May Sheila Pigott rest in peace.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

KERRY 14 GIRLS SECURE HOME INTER LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

After a dramatic extra-time period in Christy Leahy Park, the Kerry U14 Girls booked their ticket to an All Ireland Inter League Semi Final at home to South Belfast in February. Alannah Crossan found the net in that extra-time period to secure the hard earned 3-2 win over Limerick District.

Limerick District opened the scoring, putting the hosts on the back foot from the off, Kerry played some great football and created some good chances in the Limerick half.

Their persistence and hard work paid off when Éabha Maguire won the ball in midfield and played a through ball to Alannah Crossan who found the net with a great strike to draw the



Ballyhar Dynamios FC u12 B squad who travelled to Tralee Dynamos B on Saturday last.



Ballyhar Dynamios u17s who were defeated by MEK FC in Division 1 of the Kerry District League on Sunday last.

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game. Kerry battled hard and defended well under the pressure from the Limerick attack. The Kerry defence was solid and composed and battled for every ball.

Arina Sucari and Eilidh Cregan combined well up top and got a just reward when Arina played Eilidh through who scored leaving Kerry 2-1 up at half time.

The second half was an entertaining spectacle and Limerick pulled back a goal to draw the game 2-2 a piece at full time.

Kerry dug deep in extra time and got their just reward when a moment of magic from Crossan won the tie in the end.

A lofted through ball over the Limerick rearguard from Maguire was dangerous, and as the Limerick netminder raced out of her goal, Crossan won the race with the ball bouncing off the surface and a brave header looped over the keeper and into the net.

NATIONAL TROPHY

Mixed results for Kerry teams as National Trophy returned

It was a mixed result for Kerry boys teams in National Trophy action at the weekend, some advanced to the Round Of 32 stage, while for others they exited the competition in Round 4. St. Brendan's Park emerged victorious in their Round 4 tie in the U12 National Trophy, after a dramatic penalty shootout, thanks to a heroic performance from goalkeeper Kyle Lucid, who saved three penalties.

The clash with Caherdavin Celtic ended 2-2 after extra time, with Igor Jasiński and Iarlaith Clifford finding the net for The Park. In the dreaded shootout, Noah O'Driscoll and Darragh Counihan converted while the heroics of Lucid ensured the win. Elsewhere Kilfrush narrowly got past Iveragh United with a 2-1 win, in a tightly fought match to progress to the next round.

In Adare, an end-to-end thriller saw Listowel Celtic overcome Adare United 4-3, to book safe passage to the next round of the U13 competition. Goals from Jack Larkin (2), Darragh Hanrahan, and Michael D O'Mahony, proved the difference to get past a stern test posed by the hosts. Also in Limerick, a close contest saw Rathkeale claim a 2-1 victory, ending Park's campaign in the National Trophy.

A commanding performance by Listowel Celtic saw them book a last 32 spot in the 14's

competition, in dominant fashion at home to Lisnagry winning 10-1. Cathal Dennehy bagged four goals, while Joe Joy and Luke Walsh added two each. Simon Russell and Ethan Stack also got on the scoresheet in a dominant display.

Mastergeeha secured an impressive 3-1 away win over Holycross, with goals from David Fleming, Diarmuid O'Carroll, and Killian Moynihan. Elsewhere Inter Kenmare just fell short against Shountrade, losing 3-2 in the end. In the 16's National Trophy, Castleisland produced a commanding performance with goals from Victor Molinero Serrano, Byron Culhane, and Loukas Cotter, securing their place in the next round. Elsewhere Camp Juniors fought hard but ultimately fell in a penalty shootout against Caherdavin, bowing out despite a valiant effort with a 2-2 draw at the end of extra-time. Jack Doyle with both of their goals.

GIRLS

SIX GOAL THRILLER IN KENMARE DERBY IN 12'S SOUTH

In a thrilling club derby, Inter Kenmare A and Inter Kenmare B played out a 3-3 draw, an exciting encounter from start to finish ended in a fair share of the spoils between the club teams.

For Inter Kenmare A, Lilly Noonan Murphy impressed with a brace, while Ava McCarthy added another to complete their tally. Inter Kenmare B saw goals from Laoisa Smyth, Fallon O'Shea, and Ally Cremin, ensuring a share of the spoils in this exciting encounter.

CELTIC MAKE IT SIX GAMES UNBEATEN IN 13'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic made it six games unbeaten in the 13's Premier to stretch their lead at the summit to eight points, while Matergeeha also recorded three points to remain in hot pursuit. Celtic dominated away from home with a 6-0 commanding performance against Dingle. Jaylinn O'Leary scored twice, while Caoimhe Darmody, Leah Mannix, Olga Kumor, and Clodagh O'Connor all got on the scoresheet in a comprehensive win.

Castleisland showcased their attacking flair in a high-scoring affair, led by a hat-trick from Roisin Cronin, who was unstoppable on the day. Bella Clifford added to the tally, sealing the three points in a 4-2 win at home to Killorglin.

Killorglin fought hard, with Mia Robertson and Niamh Murphy scoring for the away side, but it

wasn't enough to turn the tide.

Mastergeeha emerged victorious 2-0 in a tight contest away to Listowel Celtic, with Éabha Moynihan and Lucy Devine finding the net to secure a valuable win for the visitors.

MEK AND PARK LEAD THE WAY IN 15'S PREMIER

It is a two way race in the 15's Premier as MEK and St Brendan's Park delivered strong wins to bolster their hopes of a title fight.

MEK were in scintillating form in front of goal, with a 7-1 win away to MEK Galaxy, powered by a stunning four-goal performance from Izzy Lyons. Elise Brunner added a brace, and Fleur O'Neill capped off the scoring. Grainne Kavanagh managed to grab a consolation goal for Dingle.

Park delivered an equally clinical display, defeating Fenit 6-0 away from home. With Taylor Kate Leane and Arina Sucaci leading the charge, scoring two goals each. Alannah Crossan and Malwina Jankowska added to the tally, completing a superb all-around performance for the visitors.

Camp secured a solid home victory with 3-0 win over Castleisland, goals from Órlaith Flynn, Ellie Fitzgerald, and Niamh O'Callaghan ensuring the three points there.

BOYS

STALEMATES AND NARROW WINS THE THEME IN 12'S PREMIER

It was a weekend of tight battles and dramatic stalemates in the U12 Boys Premier, with the title race starting to heat up in the Division.

A thrilling local derby saw Sam Fleury emerge as the hero for Killarney Celtic, scoring both goals to edge past Killarney Athletic 2-1. Elsewhere Killorglin secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Mastergeeha, with goals from Hugo Moriarty and Henry Ireland. Callum O'Connor scored for Mastergeeha, but it wasn't enough to avoid defeat.

In the most dramatic match of the round, Camp edged a seven-goal thriller against Castleisland. Cian Heaphy's brace and goals from Oisín Griffin and Tommy O'Brien sealed the 4-3 win for the home side. Ryan Collins, Aaron O'Sullivan, and Pdraig Flynn scored for Castleisland in a valiant effort.

It was an end-to-end clash between Dingle and Fenit that saw Noah Eadie and Krystian Dudus shine for Dingle. Fenit responded with resilience, ensuring the points were shared



Kerry U14 Girls Quarter Final win



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in an entertaining draw. The spoils were also shared between Listowel and Inter Kenmare in a 1-1 draw. Sean Kissane scored for Listowel, while Alasdair O'Sullivan found the net for Inter Kenmare, ensuring both sides walked away with a point.

ATHLETIC EXTEND LEAD AT SUMMIT OF 14'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic have proved the team to beat in the 14's Premier and continued their strong start to the season with a 2-0 win over Killorglin. Goals from Max Moynihan and Sean Quill were enough to ensure that Athletic got the better of Killorglin in Woodlawn. Elsewhere in the Division, Castleisland secured a hard-fought 2-1 win away to Killarney Celtic, with a goal from Dylan Downey and an own goal contributing to their tally. Emmanuel IHEME found the net for Killarney Celtic, but it wasn't enough to salvage a result.

A hard fought 1-1 draw saw Iveragh and Park share the points. Ollie O'Sullivan scored for Iveragh, while Rory O'Connor ensured Park left with a point.

KILLORGLIN'S UNBEATEN RUN IN 16'S PREMIER COMES TO AN END

After a dominant start to the season, Killorglin suffered their first defeat as Tralee Dynamos proved the first roadblock this season. Dynamos picked up just their first win of the season in a bit of an upset.

Dynamos came out on top in a high-scoring affair with Killorglin, winning 4-2 on the road. Killorglin's efforts included a goal from Hugh O'Sullivan and an own goal, but Dynamos' attacking firepower proved too strong, securing all three points.

Mastergeeha continued to pick up points, with a composed 2-0 victory at home to Listowel Celtic. Goals from Cillian O'Donoghue and Rowan Guerin sealed the win, keeping their title hopes alive.

In Celtic Park, Killarney Celtic and St Brendan's Park played out a closely contested 1-1 draw. Luca Mosca scored for Killarney Celtic, while Park's resilience ensured they left with a valuable point.

KKILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 13,15,22,26. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday January 27th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A

Listowel Celtic 1-5 Killarney Celtic

Matt Keane 2, Chris O Leary, Cillian Coffey, Sean Lovett

Killarney Celtic maintained their good league form with an away win last Sunday. Killarney were 2 to the good by half time through Chris O'Leary and Matt Keane. Listowel did respond but Killarney weathered the pressure and finished out clear winners.

FRIENDLY

Killarney Celtic 2-0 Kerry FC



Killarney Celtic U16B squad vs Castlemaine

Matt Keane, Stephen McCarthy

Killarney Celtic defeated Kerry FC in a friendly played in mid week. Matt Keane gave Celtic the lead going into the break. Stephen McCarthy doubled the advantage in the 2nd half as Celtic ran out winners on the night. The proceeds from the game go to the family of the late Philip O'Sullivan. Many thanks to Kerry FC for their help and support with this game. Many thanks to all who attended on the night and many thanks to our volunteers who gave of their time to run this worthy event.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-1 St Brendan's Park

Luca Mosca

Celtic and Park played out a draw in difficult conditions last Saturday. The wind made good football difficult but both teams gave of their best. Park led early before Celtic through Luca Mosca came back to take a point.

U16 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic B 2-1 Castlemaine Utd

Andrew Sheahan

Castlemaine led 1-0 at the break but Celtic came back in the 2nd half to claim the points.

U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-2 Castleisland AFC

Emmanuel IHEME

Celtic lost out in a tight game against Castleisland. 0-0 at half time Celtic hit the front through Emmanuel IHEME but Castleisland came back to gain the honours on the day.

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic Green 2-1 Killarney Athletic

Sam Fleury 2

Celtic came from behind in this local derby to keep in touch at the top of the table. Athletic led 1-0 at the break after playing well. Celtic sprung to life in the 2nd half and Sam Fleury grabbed the equaliser before he nodded home the winner. Athletic tried valiantly to come back but Celtic were strong at the back and held on for the win.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Athletic 0-6 Killarney Celtic White

Eryk McGrath 3, Maksym Opala, Adam O Sullivan, Erik Dominguez

A fine performance by the White team from start to finish capped by a 2nd half hat trick by Eryk McGrath ensured all 3 points last weekend, Maks Opala put the team on their way before

Erik Dominguez doubled their lead. Adam O'Sullivan made it 3-0 before Eryk McGrath fired in 3 to leave it 6-0 at the end.

U12 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic Hoops 3-1 Killarney Athletic

Cian O Connell 3

Celtic hoops triumphed over Athletic as they came from behind. 0-0 at half time, Athletic struck for the lead early in the 2nd half but Celtic turned the game around and Cian O'Connell hit a hat trick to leave Celtic in front. Athletic responded with great pressure but the Celtic defence stood tall and ensured that the victory would stay with the home side.

GIRLS

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE SENIOR

Dingle Bay Rovers 0-6 Killarney Celtic

Amber MacIndoe 2, Ellie Mai Nugent 2, Katie Doe, Clodagh Moriarty

Celtic gained a clearcut win in Dingle last weekend. Ellie Mai Nugent opened the scoring before Amber MacIndoe got 2 to leave Celtic 3up at the break. Dingle came out with renewed energy in the 2nd half but Celtic held firm and Ellie Mai Nugent stretched the lead before Katie Doe and Clodagh Moriarty finished off a good day's work for the Celtic squad.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-2 Inter Kenmare

Michelle O'Connor

Celtic came out on the wrong side of this vital encounter. Kenmare led 2-0 at the break. Celtic pulled 1 back in the 2nd half but the spoils went to Kenmare. Celtic drop their 1st points of the season but continue to lead the table.

U13 PREMIER

Dingle Bay Rovers 0-6 Killarney Celtic

Jaylenn O'Leary 2, Caoimhe Darmody, Leah Mannix, Olga Kumor, Clodagh O'Connor

Aided by the wind Celtic put in a strong performance in the opening quarter but were unlucky with their finishing. Eventually Celtic hit the front and were worthy leaders at the break. Despite playing against the wind Celtic continued on the front foot and sealed their win with some more goals. Celtic lead the the table 7 wins from 7 games.

CONGRATS to Eryk McGrath who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

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

CORN UÍ MHUIRÍ QUARTER-FINALS

Really starting to hit the business end now. I certainly can't say that it's separating the wheat from the chaff – there was no chaff left after the group stages and those really, really tight preliminary quarter-finals. Every team has their default shape and their base modus operandi sorted. They have been putting in massive amounts of physical and tactical work. I'm no fan of teams, especially teenagers, training over Christmas, personally I believe that there does need to be a real rest period for players. The squeeze on fixtures schedules....I'm delighted that the GAA have grasped the thorny nettle of how dull most gaelic football matches have become, especially at the top level. But that's not the only weed in the garden, and the schedules....as Del Boy Trotter used to say, only fools and horses work, and horses don't work this hard.

For those of who thought that my New Year's resolution was to be slightly less cantankerous and more appreciative of the many blessings in my life....yeah, let's just move on sharpish from that particular notion.

St. Brendans 1-18 Tralee CBS 1-9

I do hindsight better than foresight (which would be part of the definition of both terms, now that I actually think about it), and I don't mind admitting that I was worried about this one. I couldn't make it myself (I was reporting on the Mounthawk game in Mallow at the same time) but I have watched it several times on clubber since.

The Sem versus the Green was always going to be the big draw. Two of the traditional superpowers and their rivalry literally goes back to Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan and college GAA's baby steps in the late 1920s under beloved teacher, jazz enthusiast, and Kerry football Micheál Ó Ruairc.

It was a cagey enough start. Two heavyweight teams circling each other, not quite willing to start trading the big punches until they have taken each other's measure. Both defences were sticky. Joey McCarthy's movement was excellent for the Sem, while Jamie Moynihan and Oran O'Neill got a slight but definite edge around the middle third and Jack Rudden's pace from wingback wreaked a certain amount of havoc. Most impressive early on, though, was Frewen winning sharpshooter Ben Kelliher, who was fast into space to pick off two points. Tadhg O'Connor and Ronan Carroll (for the most part the Sem got their tactics perfect against Tralee's main danger-men, especially Carroll and O'Driscoll, and

it has to be said that the absence of the extremely talented Gearóid White didn't help the Green's cause). Jamie Moynihan split the posts to put the Sem ahead by 0-4 to 0-2, and Ben Kelliher was unlucky when defender Eoin Moriarty reacted sharply to scoop his deflected goal attempt off the line. Great defending, in fairness.

The Sem were on top now. Joey McCarthy, Oisín Fleming, and Jamie Moynihan with a massive score put space between them, Ronan O'Carroll and Ryan O'Driscoll slotted a free. O'Driscoll is a proven talent and he has been in brilliant form all year, second only to another Stacks' player who attends a different school (answers on a postcard if ye want, but there will be no prizes for stating the obvious) replied for Tralee CBS, but the Sem were full value for a 0-7 to 0-4 half-time lead. No question but that Kieran Herlihy would have been happier than Marc Ó Sé going in at the half-time break, especially at the quality of his teams defending. Both managers will have felt that there was a lot more to come.

And there most certainly was. I make no apologies for criticising the standard of football in recent years – it's feels more like athletes shutting out good footballers than a game of skill and joy – but I have to admit that the Crokes/Errigal Ciarán game, as much as that one stings, had the blood singing, and the second half of this game had the same feel to it. A certain exuberance. A willingness to embrace the risk and trust in team-mates. It really felt like there was an unspoken understanding of who they are, where they come from, and that there's a certain way they do things. I don't know; maybe I have a tiny smidge of romanticism buried somewhere deep down inside....blast ye, don't ever tell anyone I said that.

Jamie Moynihan notched his third point to put the Sem four up. The Green needed

to respond and promptly did so, Ronan Carroll applying the finish touch for a goal. Ben Kelliher replied with a fine point, but the Green were growing into the game now and Ronan Carroll and Ryan O'Driscoll had them on level terms. Josh Bowler and Joey McCarthy exchanged points with Luke Rochford and Máirtín McKivergen. This was great football on both sides.

What was the Chesterton poem? "The high tide, King Alfred cried, the high tide and the turn"....I love Chesterton's stuff. It has a certain mythic quality. A game like this, similar to a shield wall battle in many ways, does have a certain momentum and sometimes you can just feel it start to shift. Very slowly but with a certain inexorability, the Sem began getting on top in the key duels, especially in defence. The Kerry minors will surely be talking to Ben Kelliher before too long, as he notched two more superb points, with Oisín Fleming adding another. Then came the goal that really killed off Tralee's challenge, Jamie Moynihan perfectly timing the pass to match Joey McCarthy's clever darting run down the left to find space. Six points in hand by the Sem and, with the hard work done, they could just focus on keeping an increasingly desperate Tralee CBS at bay and keep picking off points on the overlap through Fleming again, a Jamie Moynihan free, the excellent Cian Mulcahy, and Liam O'Brien.

This really was a statement win. I would actually say that it is a defining moment for a team. The Sem have had a couple of tough enough defeats in the past couple of years and they have won nothing yet, but there was an assurance about them here. They haven't suddenly become favourites, no chance of that, but they certainly aren't going to be stopped easily either.

St. Brendans: Kacper Robak, Cian Fleming, Dara Stack, Darragh Brosnan, Jack Rudden, Adam Byrne, Cian Mulcahy (0-1),



Action from the Corn Uí Mhuire quarter final between CBS The Green and St. Brendans.
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Jamie Moynihan (0-3,1f), Oran O'Neill, Ted O'Gorman, Joey McCarthy (1-4, 2f), Mark O'Carroll, Ben Kelliher (0-5), Josh Bowler (0-1), Oisín Fleming (0-3). Subs: Dylan O'Meara (for Ted O'Gorman, 46 mins), Bryan Murphy (for Mark O'Carroll, 53 mins), Liam O'Brien 0-1 (for Josh Bowler, 57 mins), James Dempsey (for Darragh Brosnan,63 mins), Mark Kennelly (for Joey McCarthy,64 mins).

Tralee CBS: Óisín O'Halloran, Sean Óg Brosnan, Eoin O'Flaherty, Eoin Moriarty, Tadhg Slattery, Fionnán Ryan, Hugh Lenihan (0-1, 1f), Liam Óg O'Connor, Tadhg O'Connor (0-1), Pat Brosnan, Mairtín McKivergan (0-1), Ronan Carroll (1-2), Luke Rochford (0-1), Darragh Corridon, Ryan O'Driscoll (0-3, 2 f). Subs: Nick Lacey (for Darragh Corridan, half-time), Mikey Corridon (for Máirtín McKivergan, 54 mins), Tom Quilter (for Ryan O'Driscoll,55 mins), Brayden Pierce (for Tadhg Slattery, 57mins)

Referee: Eddie Walsh (Kerry)

Mercy Mounthawk 5-23 St. Francis Rochestown 5-6

Oh boy. Ben Murphy to Cormac Bastible to Paddy Lane, and the ball was in the Rocco net after just 16 seconds. A penalty seven minutes later after an unstoppable burst by Tomas Kennedy saw Paddy double his goal tally. Daniel Kirby with a third goal early in the second quarter to make it 3-12 to 0-3. I'm not even going to pretend; I don't like reporting on games like these. Rochestown is a very good school, lots of very good people who have been repeatedly kind to me over the years. Good player who have put in a lot of work for that jersey. What am I supposed to say about this? I'd love to dress it up and pretend it's a contest, but it just isn't. The likes of Ronan Dooley, Ben Delaney (he scored a fine penalty of his own), and Pádraig McGrath played their hearts out, but you'd have the same chance if you put me in a boxing ring with Tyson Fury. 5-12 to 1-3 at half-time. Any chance we could all just shake hands and get an early start on the road home? I'm not really joking.

Mounthawk took off Paddy Lane around the three quarter stage. He only had 2-12 scored at that stage – maybe they are hoping to spring him as a surprise in the semi-final (yes, that one is me joking). Now,

you can argue that conceding four goals in the final ten minutes is a real sign of a chink in Mounthawk's armour. Or you can stop attempting to dress up a pig as a princess and admit that, yeah, there was 28 points between the teams at that stage. You can't really be pretending to me that one of those things didn't influence the other.

One of the annual conversations around this time of year is who are favourites for the Corn uí Mhuirí. There's a reason that particular debate finished among those of us who follow it well before Christmas.

PS Inbhearr Scéine 1-13 Patrician Academy Mallow 0-6

It's not that long ago that Mallow were the new kids on the block themselves, and they were seriously impressive from the start. They are only drawing from a few clubs, but they have big numbers and they are well organised (not just in gaelic football – they impress me in a lot of sporting codes). Inbhearr Scéine, though, have been a revelation this year. Seán O'Shea and Ronan Buckley have got real and visible 'buy-in' from the players. Kenmare Shamrocks minors, along with Austin Stacks and Dr. Crokes, have been up at the top in terms of county minor leagues and club championships in the last few years. Inbhearr Scéine don't necessarily have individual stars (the two O'Sullivan's in midfield and Jack Tangney do look special), but they are just solid steel all through and the right mindset. I knew – I actually am on record in my preview – that they had a better chance here than most people thought. But what surprised me and a few more, is how controlled and in command of the play they actually were. They were on top from the very start. Ben O'Shea actually opened the scoring for Mallow, but Tangney slotted three kicks in a row and Cathal Kelliher's goal effort was just stopped on the line. Kenmare's Barry Fitzsimmons had to gather a speculative enough shot himself before Neal O'Shea made it 0-5 to 0-1. Mallow pulled back two points but O'Shea again and then Donnacha O'Sullivan with a brace from midfield (both Kenmare's midfielders have been scoring consistently in games) made it 0-8 to 0-4 and both teams added a point before the break. If Inbhearr Scéine could clearly be said

to have won the first half, they absolutely lorded the second. Mallow could only muster up a single point. Kenmare were growing in confidence and, significantly, seemed to have plenty left in the tank towards the finish. Neal O'Shea's clinching goal was just the icing on the cake. This was a comfortable victory in the finish.

Too comfortable to suit me. Don't misunderstand me; I am genuinely delighted for Kenmare; I just hoped for a better battle from Mallow. It's not a conversation anybody really wants to have, but while the number of participants have grown, has the Corn uí Mhuirí declined a bit in quality and competitiveness? The Sem v the Green only attracted a few hundred people. Nobody would be mistaking this Kenmare v Mallow game for Woodstock or Live Aid either. You wouldn't mistake it for a boyband tour even. Cork schools, just like Cork inter-county teams at underage in football, are really struggling at the moment, and the hard truth is that it was always expected to be a Kerry winner this year...a winning run that extends back to 2012. People, better experts than me will tell you that a decline in Cork football does Kerry absolutely no favours in the long run. You can't sharpen your own steel without a whetstone. Arrah, look, it's a conversation for another day.

Hamilton HS Bandon 2-14 PS Corca Dhuibhne 0-11

Corca Dhuibhne were dark horses for me. I just liked the cut of them, I felt that there was something building there, especially after a hard-fought preliminary quarter-final against Macroom. But in fairness, they came up against a really excellent Bandon outfit. Oisín McCarthy was a great pivot for the Cork side on the forty and opened with two frees. Big Oisín Gillain was already doing damage in midfield. Ned Ó Riain got Corca Dhuibhne off the mark but Kevin Hannon and McCarthy again made it 0-4 to 0-1, while Daniel Coughlan (one of three rugby/football dual players on the team) couldn't quite tuck a goal chance away. Corca Dhuibhne trimmed the gap back to two points and the introduction of Pádraig Mac Gearailt late in the half gave them a better cutting edge, but Gillain and McCarthy had already set up

Seán Murphy for a tap-in goal by then. Cian Mac Gearailt and Pádraig Ó Mainnín did trim it back to a goal, 1-5 to 0-5, at half-time. Corca Dhuibhne actually started the second half brightly with good scores from Diarmuid Ó Seaghda and a Pádraig Ó Mainnín free to leave just one between them. Bandon corner- forward Humphrey Canty has had a quiet enough Corn uí Mhuirí by his high standards (I rate the former county minor very highly) but he cut in for a superb score that visibly lifted his team. Pádraig Ó Mainnín replied, but Oisín McCarthy (2, 1f) and Oisín Gillain pushed their side four clear. There was no way back for a gallant Dingle. The simple truth is that they did nothing wrong; they just came up against a better team, and there was no shame whatsoever in losing to that Bandon outfit, who wrapped it up by a flattering margin with a late goal from substitute Sam Browne after more good work by the really impressive McCarthy.

SENIOR CLUB FINALS

Senior Club Hurling:

Na Fianna 2-23 Sarsfields 0-20

My heart goes out to Sarsfields. No club ever wants to go out like that. They just couldn't get going – maybe they just weren't allowed to. I don't really know. I did put it on the television, but in all honesty, my attention was long gone once the scoreline drifted out to 0-9 to 0-1. We have all been there on days like that for our teams, and we didn't want to be, and when you have absolutely no skin in the game, a one-sided contest just isn't going to capture the imagination. I remember Kerry's face defeat to Clare; my clear memory is that the scoreline didn't reflect Clare's superiority, they had actually shown us more respect than our play deserved. Our that infamous game against Meath in 2001, a single point from Declan Quill was our second half total. I wouldn't mind, but go back and check the names on that Kerry team; they were great players. Some days are these days. In fairness, Kerry native Bryan Murphy actually did very well, but.....as I said, no point in pretending. I o know the final score, but that's only because I googled it.

The only point of note is that Con O'Callaghan becomes the first Dublin player and one of a select few, thirteen in total, who have won both senior club hurling and football medals. Eleven of them, including such famous names as Jimmy Barry Murphy, Donal O'Grady, John Allen, Niall Kennefick, did it with St. Finbarrs in Cork, who lorded hurling in the seventies and football in the eighties. The only other exception beside O'Callaghan, though he did it with two different clubs, Salthill Knocknacarra and Clarinbridge, is Alan Kerins of Galway.

Senior Club Football:

Cuala 3-14 Errigal Ciarán 1-16

It was a Dublin double as they won both the



hurling and football crowns, with Cuala seeing off Northern champions Errigal Ciarán in what ended up being a far more entertaining game. Not that it looked like it in the first half. Cuala looked more organised, faster, that little bit hungrier....they were ahead to everything. Darragh Canavan fumbled a ball....that's one of those statements like "Bryan Sheehan has kicked that fourteen metre free wide"....your brain takes a second to absorb and go "what just happened?"

Peter Harte is deftly turned over....again, what?....and seconds later Cal Doran is stroking home a goal. Cuala added a second after turning over a kick-out. 2-4 without reply. I happen to know for a fact that there is an episode of 'Grumpy Old Men' on the other channel at the moment. I'm not a fan, I already have the personality of a grumpy old man; I need no insights. It's a bit desperate, but I'll leave the football on. I have a good book to read (I'm halfway through Joe Schmidt's autobiography, I have to say that it's a lot more interesting than I expected and he has some good insights).

3-9 to 0-5 at half-time. Hmmm. There have been greater comebacks. Frankly, if the Canavans start walking on water, let me know. Otherwise I'd say we are pretty much done here. And at least one Canavan won't be walking very far at the moment, Darragh is gone off after taking an awful bang. Oul' conspiracy theorists can waffle away, there was no intent or malice in that and I despise the kind of attention-seekers who foment such nonsense on social media. It's not as if it's Cuala who are desperate at the moment. Especially not when Peadar Ó Cofaigh Byrne bangs home a third goal, this one made by Con O'Callaghan bursting through. They'll be facing Kerry later on this year, and they will both asking questions of us.

Except.....hould your whist a minute as the second half begins. Character counts, and say what you will about Errigal Ciarán, they are certainly not lacking in that department. There may actually be some entertainment breaking out. Peter Harte in particular is a man transformed. 0-5 to 0-1. It's not a transformation, and Errigal Ciarán are

still battling up hill, but they are wearing crampons now.

Cracking goal.I thought Harte would be better off with a sure thing point, kind of thought the keeper should have done a small but better there. Tiny margins.

3-12 to 1-12. They could pull this off. Half a goal chance, but Ruairí Canavan couldn't quite get the pass off.

Great free by Tommy Canavan. Five points in it now. Pádraig McGirr from play. I literally don't know anybody from Errigal Ciarán, but how could you not be enraptured by this?

Peter Harte again. Cuala have been consistently great, but there's an obvious man of the match here. A goal, and plenty of time left.

Errigal Ciarán have proven their character. But be fair to Cuala, they have steel inside them too. They have been bending against the onslaught, but they aren't for breaking. Con O'Callaghan to Conor O'Groarke, an important point. Four between them and the last grains of sand trickling out of the hourglass.

All over. Enjoyable watch, highly enjoyable, but not easy. Well done to both teams.

GAVIN WHITE APPOINTED CAPTAIN

No surprise at all, given Dr. Crokes' dominance and his own wealth of experience, but a good move on all sides for Gavin White to be appointed as incoming captain of the Kerry team. A lot of Dr. Crokes players have worn that armband down the year, and several of them have lifted a certain S. Maguire. Let's hope that Gavin can join the illustrious brigade; I have no doubt but that he will give it everything.

SOCCER

Denis Law RIP

I actually like reading the history and culture of sport, and most but not solely as part of

our own cultural heritage. Without trying to be pretentious, I genuinely think that the sports that we idealise, that form themselves as part of our mythologies, speak to the human condition.

This is a big part of the reason why it actually does annoy me when you have bone-idle pundits pretending that soccer was invented in 1992 along with the Premiership and pay-per-view television. When Abramovich brought his millions into Chelsea, suddenly you had supposedly die-hard Pensioners.... who had never heard of Peter Osgood or Ron Harris (not that I was an admirer of Chopper Harris, who was to soccer what Bill Laimbeer was to the NBA). Man City fans who have never heard of Colin Bell or Bert Trautman – if you only google one name I mention today, let it be him. Obviously I never met him in any way, but I think of him as ‘Bert’ in my own mind. They made a movie called ‘The Keeper’ about him in 1918. I’ve never watched it and certainly don’t intend to, some stories do not need a romanticised touch.

Leeds....arrah, don’t get me started. Leeds certainly hovered on the brink of success more than they achieved it, and I would say Revie was a good manager but not necessarily a great one, but this myth that the likes of John Giles was a dirty player? Absolute nonsense. Tough and uncompromising, certainly, but putting him in the same bracket as Chopper Harris or, indeed, Bobby Charlton’s bruiser of a baby brother is ridiculous. The same myth has followed Man United’s Nobby Stiles.

Liverpool, to be fair, do tend to be good at acknowledging their history. Part of that is the ‘scouse, not English’ thing, and part of it is simply that they have a really good history, a strong working class population base. Liverpool was one of the greatest port cities in the world, they had three managers on the trot who all enjoyed huge success, and that was in an era where the money tended to whisper rather than shout and even FIFA pretended to have a little bit of probity. Remember that in the sixties and seventies in England, most players were earning good wages but not unimaginable to their supporters and many of them would take public transport to and from games. Supporters felt a real connection. The likes of George Best with the stories of hotel rooms and Miss Worlds was very much the exception, even to his team-mates. The celebrity status was reserved for royalty, a few politicians and Hollywood until the more hedonistic seventies.

Denis Law was already a big name player when he signed for Matt Busby in 1962. He had started with Huddersfield in 1955 (Busby initially tried to buy him as a sixteen year old), signed for Man City for a record fee in 1960, and joined Torino a year later (a number of top British players went to Italy, where the game wasn’t stunted by a wage cap that meant owners could line their own pockets with the full connivance of the likes of Busby (great manager – really not so great a human being, and of course he was eventually cruelly scrapped by the club himself). It didn’t



Denis Law, RIP

work out and Law, a Scottish international since 1958 (their record goalscorer with 30 alongside Kenny Dalglish, and he did it in almost half as many games, although I would say Dalglish was the more rounded player), was convinced to join United by Busby. It was his third record transfer fee at £115,000, and was to prove well worth it. He scored on his debut against West Bromwich Albion, and basically never stopped for the next 13 years. He won the FA Cup in 1963, the European Player of the Year Award, the predecessor to the Ballon d’Or, in 1964. Charlton and Best did likewise in that era. In 1966 and 1967 he won the First Division, and that wage cap meant that the old First Division was far harder to win than any modern Premiership, despite the guff that you will sometimes hear nowadays.

I saw a quote recently in a tribute to him on a United fan forum that I thought was actually a lovely touch and a piece of class. “On a team that included Bobby Charlton and George Best, they called Denis Law ‘the King’”. I think he would have quietly demurred, because that was his nature (a bit unlike the other two – Charlton was never brash or ignorant, but he was a clear and concise commander, very much ‘old school’ English elitist, while George Best was....well, that he actually was as good as his opinion of himself as a player, rather than a person, is the highest compliment that can be paid to the greatest wasted talent sport has ever seen), but he would have liked it. That he was a truly great striker is undeniable – the numbers are there, and his technical ability to execute chances was second to very few, if any. His most famous goal, of course, was for Man City during his injury-led decline.....it was believed, and he always believed, that it was the goal that relegated his beloved Red Devils. It turned out not to be true, they would have gone down anyway. Denis Law was not going to spurn the goal opportunity,

to his mind that would have been unbearably dishonest, but he never once celebrated it in any way. No even mild humour in later years, he had too much class for that. It was a fantastic backheel finish, by the way, one that highlighted his enormous intelligence on the ball.

Manchester United have had two ‘kings’ in their history. One was the enfant terrible of French football – Alex Ferguson famously picked him up for next to nothing from Leeds. It has been hailed as a genius move ever after – hindsight is grand, but with Cantona’s well-known and self-inflicted disciplinary record at both club and country, I’d have been slow to take him on. He was the right man at the right time rather than inherently great, he brought a swagger and arrogance that a rising generation of young talent were able to thrive on. Denis Law was the King of Stretford, not based on his own opinion, but on theirs. I marvelled at Best – how could you not – and mourned the waste of a phenomenal talent, and was an admirer of Charlton, a real leader of men and a personification of dignitas. But the one I would have loved to have sat down and had a pint with before alzheimers took it’s cruel grip? Denis Law.

Wheels turn and lives moves on. Manchester United are....freefall is a little bit strong, this is still a colossal corporate enterprise, but it is certainly not the giant it was. Billionaire investors have altered the game hugely....I would argue irretrievably at this stage. Denis Law was one of the last relics of a genuinely more communal age. And one of the stalwarts of it. May he rest in a deserved peace.

Carla Ward Appointed as Ladies Manager

No point in pretending. I had never heard of her before she was appointed by the FAI. She has a very strong CV and certainly looks impressive. Through no fault of her own, it has been a tough start. Not only is public sympathy with Colin Healy, having turned down the opportunity to manage Cobh Ramblers on the basis of an implicit by the FAI’s promise, but his version was extensively reported by the media at the time. To say that Marc Canham’s denials are weak and unconvincing is being very generous, to say the least, and the silence from David Courell is deafening. The Ladies’ team lost a lot of public credibility after a poor showing against Wales and failure to qualify for the European Finals – I’m sorry, but it means that we are two years away from a World Cup and, even if Carla Ward were Napoleon and Katie McCabe were a Ballon d’Or winner, the Nations League glorified friendlies were always going to be a tough sell. I wish Carla Ward the very best of luck; it looks to me as if she will need to. And I hope that, like Eileen Gleeson, she has made sure to protect herself contractually, given who she is dealing with.



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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 19/01/2025 for a jackpot of €7,800 were 5, 16, 22, 23. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Peter O'Brien, Siobhan Kissane, Shauna Murphy, Pat and Norma Talbot, Tim Foley Barleymount. 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>

LAST MAN STANDING

We are pleased to announce the Fossa GAA Last Man Standing Fundraiser for the Allianz League. Last Man Standing Rules; Pick a winner for each of the 7 league matches. Win = progress, lose or draw = out. No picking the same team more than once. €750 to be won plus a chance to win a signed Paudie and David Clifford Jersey. Massive thanks to our sponsors The Golden Nugget and The Old Killarney Inn. Selections can be submitted via Google form which can be found on our Facebook page or Instagram page. We will also have a handful of hard copy sheets available in The Nugget, The Old Killarney Inn and Foleys shop. The deadline for entering the competition is Friday 24th Jan.

€10 entry (cash or Revolut). Can be paid to Fossa Senior Team or Club Member or Revolut to @danieln2ff.

AWARDS NIGHT

This Friday, the 24th in the Golden Nugget Lounge starting at 8, we will be presenting our player of the year trophies: The Donie Kissane trophy for Minor player of the year. The Marie Murphy trophy for Senior Ladies player of the year and The John Kelly trophy for Senior Men's player of the year.

Also, the medals will be presented for the Co League Division 6, the Molyneaux Shield and the Bill Tangney Cup. All are welcome to this awards night.

WELL DONE

Well done to the Sem team and the Fossa boys involved- Ted O'Gorman, Mark Kennelly, Cathal Breen, Dylan O'Meara and Fionn Doyle who defeated CBS The Green, Tralee last Wednesday in the quarter final of Corn Ui Mhuiri. They now play Iver Sceine Kenmare in the semi-final next weekend.

HEALTHY CLUB

Any Fossa club members looking to get January off to a healthy start, My Life Every Step Counts Challenge- commenced on January 8th but it's not too late to start now! Download the My Life App and choose, Every step counts, challenge. Fossa GAA can be found in Munster section just click on Fossa to join the group. A chance to get fit and possibly win some money for the club if the challenge target is reached.

DR. CROKES

LOTTO took place January 20th. Numbers drawn were 2, 7, 15, 22. Jackpot of €8,000 was NOT WON. 13 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €35 each. Jackpot for draw on January

27th will be €8,300. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=734#Anchor)

SOCIAL will take place on February 14th in the Gleneagle Hotel. Tickets are €55 and will be on sale in the clubhouse on Wednesday 22nd of January from 6pm-7:30pm. They are also available in the Tatler Jack or from executive members.

FR. PADDY'S CARDS Night will continue every Wednesday from 8pm in the clubhouse.

GENTLE YOGA for men and woman returns on Thursday January 16th until February 6th from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks.

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BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every second Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm. Next game is January 26th.

BEST OF LUCK to Kacper, Adam, Cian, Mark, Ben and the Sem in the Corn Uí Mhuiri Semi Final on Saturday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sheila Naughton who celebrated a special birthday recently.

CONDOLENCE to the O'Sullivan Darcy Family on the recent passing of both Christopher and Sean Moynihan. Condolences also the Kiely Family on the recent passing of Hillary Kelleher, Rathmore. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email pro.dr.crokeshop@pro.dr.crokeshop.com

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

CLUB HALL OF FAME

Mike Murphy will this year be inducted into the Killarney Legion Hall of Fame and few could argue with his contribution to the club over the years. Originally from Rathmore he moved into town where he hooked up with Derry O'Keefe, Diarmuid O'Donoghue and Paddy Griffin in the Presentation Monastery. Obviously his playing career came first and he was noted for his versatility where he could line out in any position up the middle. It wasn't only on the football field that Mike stood out. He was the envy of every student in St Brendans College as he travelled to school in his mothers car, a mini, the only student to go by such means. Mike played for the clubs senior team and was an outstanding performer with many noting that but for injury he would have almost certainly worn the county jersey, in a time when Kerry were in their pomp. He did line out for the Kerry minor team in 1977 where he started at centre forward in their defeat to Cork. Unheard of in this day and age Mike actually managed the Legion senior team at the tender age of 23. His unique management style often saw him hold court in the pub afterwards rating the players performances. It had the effect of bringing the best out in everyone. Mike then turned his hand to coaching juveniles

alongside his great friend Pat Moynihan. He originally started at U12 with the late Mickey Culloty and then became involved with Pat in their sons, David and Adams teams. Conscientiously they stepped away to allow their sons have the benefit of other coaches. Together Mike and Pat gathered many titles for the club at underage level. Finding it more difficult to convert that success at older levels they did manage a club u21 team to a County Final, where they were pipped by Austin Stacks in Listry. Spending close to twenty years coaching juveniles he eventually stepped up to Senior level again, where he served as a selector under two managers, Frank Walsh and Donal Culloty.

When Pat Moynihan became club chairman in 1999 one of his first acts was to bring Mike into the Club Executive, a role he filled for the next ten years, always making a valuable and constructive contribution to everything he was involved in. And while he never held any club officership that should not mitigate against the positive role he has played in the club. Married to Mary, they have two kids, Sandra and David with his grandkids Indiyah, Aria and Poppy being the apple of Mike's eye. Mary's daughter Linda has three kids, Kate, Emma and Dara and they affectionately call Mike Grandad also... He is a very worthy recipient of the Vincent Doyle Cup and will receive the Award at the Killarney Heights Hotel on Friday January 31st.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Mark Friday January 31st into your diary as the club will be hosting its annual social. On the night we will be celebrating a great year for our Senior ladies team as well as honouring our annual award winners. Keep the date free. Tickets for the event will be held in the Killarney Heights Hotel, are now available for the great value of €50. That will provide you with a four course meal, music to Truly Diverse, a DJ till late and a bar exemption. They must be purchased before the night to finalise numbers (no payment at the door) and are available from Dave Randles, Denise Fogarty, Sharon O'Shea, Fergal Moynihan, Ted Healy (and from his office DNG Ted Healy New Street) and Enda Walshe.

SENIOR B PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The winner of the Jackie Lyne Cup for the Senior B Player of the Year is Colm O'Cuiv. Since joining the club ten years ago from his native Galway Colm has become a popular member of both Senior panels and has lined out in a variety of positions. When the Senior B management discussed the criteria for their player of the year it was felt that Colm ticked all the boxes. He exhibited leadership both on and off the field, was committed and when he lined out always possessed the will to win. His versatility and attitude saw him play both in goals and out the field and in another nod to his clubmanship he always made himself available to the Senior team as a substitute keeper, despite it not being his preferred position. A worthy winner it is hoped that he remains a positive influence in the club for many years to come.

SENIOR B YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Senior B Management saw fit some years back to introduce a new category to the Club Awards with the initiation of the Young Senior B Player of the Year. It was done as the dynamic of



the team had changed with an emphasis on the development of young players coming out of the juvenile ranks. Daire Murphy stood out in 2024 as a player who dedicated himself to the Senior B set up having finished in the juvenile ranks. His commitment to training, the improvement in his all round game and his contribution to the club made him stand out in the eyes of the mentors who saw over his development this year. Indeed such was his trajectory that he made his senior championship debut against Gneeveguilla in August, joining his cousins Ryan O Grady, Peter McCarthy and Finbarr Murphy in the Clubs flagship team. It is envisaged that he will continue on his upward trajectory and line out for the club for many years to come.

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

The Cooper Cup will be awarded to John Foran who has stepped down as the Club Treasurer after ten years in the role. In that time John oversaw huge changes in the way the club

conducted its financial business with the modern world now facilitating online payments. But John handled the transition in his own affable way with his unflappable nature making it smooth as ever. At the end of each year John presented a detailed breakdown of the clubs finances and no sooner had a new year dawned then he presented a budget for the year ahead. He also organised the clubs flags and church gate collections without any fuss, making sure their potential was maximised. The good news is John will not be moving away altogether from the club as he slides across to a new portfolio, overseeing the Club lotto. It couldn't be in better hands and 2024 couldn't have given a more worthy Clubperson of the year as John Foran.

LOTTO

Results Monday January 13th. Numbers were 6, 8, 22, 24. Bonus No 15.No jackpot winner.Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Chris Scannell 2. John Crowley 3. Declan Looney. All played online

EAST KERRY NEWS

EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUES 2025

First team named will be at home. All games Sunday February 2nd 1pm.

Division 1A

Furies, Kenmare, Legion, Listry, Spa. Round 1: Legion V Spa, Listry V Kenmare, Furies Bye

Division 1B

Glenflesk, Gneeveguilla, Dr Crokes, Kilcummin, Rathmore Round 1: Kilcummin V Rathmore, Gneeveguilla V Dr Crokes, Glenflesk Bye

Division 2

Fossa, Kilgarvan, Currow, Cordal, Scartaglin Round 1: Currow V Fossa, Scartaglin V Kilgarvan, Cordal Bye

SEM LOSE OUT IN QUARTER-FINAL THRILLER
TAFT CUP (MUNSTER U15) QUARTER-FINAL:
TRALEE CBS 1-18 ST. BRENDANS 0-18

The luck of the draw selected two of the top guns together at quarter-final stage. It was always expected to be a thriller in Caherslee and lived up to every last bit of the billing. It was an epic encounter, and in the end it was a shooting masterclass by one player in particular that saw the Green just edge a classic in injury time. Calvin O'Sullivan had scored for the Irish U15 side in their defeat to Australia during the week, signed a professional contract with Cork City FC, and to ice the cake, he notched a phenomenal 1-10 here. Mind you, the Sem's Daragh Keane with 0-8 and Cian Hegarty with 0-7 weren't too far off the mark either! The Sem came fast out of the starting blocks. Tralee defended well in numbers, but Cian Hegarty and Éanna Hennigan got through for good scores and Hegarty added a free to make it 0-3 to 0-0. Tralee revved up their engines with some lovely long ball directly into their forwards. Calvin O'Sullivan opened their account with a free and Ronan Harrington O'Callaghan spit the posts from play. O'Sullivan added a free to square things up, but Daragh Keane opened his personal account with a beauty at the other end. A lively Danny Lane replied but good work by Éanna Hennigan saw Daragh Keane notch his second point and he gathered from a roving Ryan Vickers for another from play. Cian Hegarty saw a good goal chance whizz just over the crossbar, but that was enough to put three between them, 0-6 to 0-3. Tralee were desperately unlucky in the 24th minute, keeper Jerry Moloney doing well to divert Danny Lane's swirling cross into the box. A lively Ciallían O'Brien pounced on the rebound and fired a rocket at point blank range, but somehow Moloney got across to block it, a really phenomenal save. Calvin

O'Sullivan did have the last score of the first half to leave the Sem ahead by 0-7 to 0-5. The Sem also started the second half stronger, with Éanna Hennigan agonising millimetres just wide of goal after a scintillating team move. Daragh Keane pointed a free, but that was immediately cancelled out as Danny Lane's effort at a point fell short, only for Calvin O'Sullivan to pounce with his poacher's instinct and fist it home. 0-8 to 1-5. The weather was actually beginning to darken, but things were definitely heating up on the pitch! Two more frees from Calvin O'Sullivan saw the Green in control and they were moving very well and full value for it. It was interesting – and enjoyable – to see two teams completely unafraid to defend one-on-one (Kiernan Kelly was actually one of the Sem's best players, but no one individual was going to fully contain Calvin O'Sullivan in this vein of form). Cian Hegarty pulled one back for the Sem but O'Sullivan won and converted another free and Joseph Field put Tralee two up with possibly the best score of the day. The Sem needed to pull something out of the hat and their response was outstanding as Cian Hegarty fired over and then converted a free won by Daragh Keane, who added another himself. That nudged the Sem a point in front – it felt as if the pendulum was swinging wildly now, with Calvin O'Sullivan replying in kind. Tralee had two chances to go in front with time running out, but couldn't convert either, and it was Daragh Keane who put the Sem in front in injury time after good work by Kiernan Kelly. They had been under the cosh for the last ten minutes and bailing water – could they nip in and snatch it in the last minute (as happened the last time



Action from the Taft Cup: Photo: Adrienne McLoughlin

these two teams met)? The answer was no, Tralee CBS had enough character and composure to win one last free and Danny Lane tapped over to send the game to extra-time. Tired bodies now and the weather was beginning to take a nasty turn, but this game was riveting. Patrick O'Donoghue had a well-worked score for the Sem. Calvin O'Sullivan promptly equalised. Daragh Keane and O'Sullivan, probably the stand-out players overall, traded more scores. Éanna Hennigan kicked a fine score but Tralee refused to field an inch, with Danny Lane drawing the sides level at the short break, 0-17 to 1-14. At last, though, the struggle began to take its toll on the Sem and the Green finally managed to pull away in the second half with points from Jason Gaynor (2), Danny Lane, and, of course, Calvin O'Sullivan. The Sem did actually manage to get the ball into the net through Jayden Hurley, but alert referee Maurice Murphy had correctly spotted an earlier infringement and gave the free out. One last score by Cian Hegarty was too little and too

late, with the Green marching into the last four after a deserved but very hard-earned victory.

Tralee CBS: Seán O'Connell, Conor O'Sullivan, Mark Riordan, Dan Moriarty, David Cullinane, Eoin Tansley, Joseph Field (0-1), Tom Slattery, Stephen Mulally, Jason Gaynor (0-2), Calvin O'Sullivan (1-10, 8f), Ryan Lynch Clifford (0-1), Danny Lane (0-4, 1f), Ronan Harrington O'Callaghan (0-1), Cillian O'Brien. Subs Eric Quirke, Ben O'Connor, Jack Corridan

St. Brendans: Jerry Moloney, Daniel O'Sullivan, Donnacha Vaughan, Paddy Nash, Conor Moynihan, Kiernan Kelly, Oran Lynch, Patrick O'Donoghue (0-1), Luke Clancy, Éanna Hennigan (0-2), Jayden Hurley, Jamie Fleming, Cian Hegarty (0-7, 3f), Daragh Keane (0-8, 4f), Ryan Vickers. Subs Liam Moynihan, Derry Moynihan, Derry O'Gorman, Mark Corkery Referee: Maurice Murphy (St. Michaels/ Foilmore)



SCOTTS LAKERS VS TITANS PREVIEW

Mens Basketball League
Saturday January 25th 7pm
Ballyfoyle Community School

TITANS VS SCOTTS LAKERS

Preview by Enda Walshe

With only one game so far in 2025 due to the National Cup weekends, January has the feel of a mid term break for Scotts Lakers. As with all breaks it can be a time for reflection before you look forward and there's no doubt that the opening twelve games of the season have the Lakers in rude health. They sit second in the Southern Conference with nine wins and should they occupy that position come season's end they will be guaranteed a home league semi final. But there's many a slip between the cup and the lip so it's probably best to take each game on its merits.

What the next two months hold for Manuel Suarez's side is six home games and that could yet play a huge part in any potential playoff chase. League newcomers Carrick Cruisers visit Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday February 1st but before that the Lakers must travel along the West road to play the Titans in the City of the Tribes. It will be the third meeting of the sides with the Titans holding the advantage on both of the previous occasions. They came to Killarney in mid October and returned with a 93-84 win. The two sides met again in early November in the National Cup and the win was even more emphatic in the Ballyfoyle Community Centre.

One thorn in the Lakers side in those wins was Charles Pepin and it may come as a relief to them that the towering presence of Pepin is no longer a factor. But his loss hasn't unsettled that much with the prolific Michael Hayes still leading the charge. The Titans are a big side with Irish underage international Declan Gbinigie particularly effective and point guard Matthew Sweeney a wily playmaker . Joseph and Eoin Coughlan are part of the club fibre in a season where they are sitting third behind the Lakers.

The Lakers will have built up a big head of steam from that last second Malahide win on January 4th and another win in Galway would be a serious leg up. February will see them make trips to Moycullen on Bank Holiday Monday and Donegal on February 8th. Thereafter they have a Valentines Night date with Limerick Celtics and the next four Saturday nights will see Ulster University,

Killarney Cougars, Tolka Rovers and Limerick Sport Eagles all visit the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre.

Remaining Fixtures

- Saturday January 25th 7pm vs Titans (A)
- Saturday February 1st 7.30pm vs Carrick Cruisers(H)
- Monday February 3rd 3pm vs Moycullen (A)
- Saturday February 8th 5pm vs Team North West(A)
- Friday February 14th 7pm vs Limerick Celtics(H)
- Saturday February 22nd 7.30pm vs Ulster University (H)
- Saturday March 1st 7.30pm vs Killarney Cougars (H)
- Saturday March 8th 7.30pm vs Moy Tolka Rovers (H)
- Saturday March 15th 7.30pm vs Limerick Sport Eagles (H)

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS BRUNELL PREVIEW

Womens Superleague Basketball
Saturday January 25th 4.15pm
Presentation Gym

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS BRUNELL

Preview by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls will be looking to put their cup heartbreak behind them and finish the season as strong as possible, starting with a home game against Brunell this Saturday January 25th. What cannot be lost in that narrow defeat to Killester in the Cup semi final was the performance which was probably their best of the season . In an epic battle it took the reigning league champions all their game nous to come out on top and the objective for James Fleming now is to extract the last drop out of his squad and use

the momentum of the performance going forward.

The week has been one of farewells as Megan Ormiston has moved to Phoenix Rockets for the remainder of the season. With the signing of Alex Wittinger bringing the American contingent to three, and only two allowed to play in any game, it's a good move for all parties as it ensures Megan gets deserved game time. Her stats measure up against anyones, she sits inside the top ten in scoring, rebounds , field goals and free throws . Much respected amongst her teammates and coaches Megan will be wished well for her future.

The Brunell game will take place in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre at 4pm on this Saturday and if the first fixture between the sides is anything to go by, we're in for a cracker. St Pauls held the whip hand in the first half but a strong third quarter from the Leesiders swayed the momentum. Trinity Hudson and Deaja Lynn Richardson are a high scoring American duo who have helped them to six wins in the league. The team are of course boosted by the return of Irish International Edel Thornton who is the conductor of the orchestra. Thornton has bounced back from an ACL injury and alongside Lauryn Homan , the O Learys , Megan and Danielle and the Sextons, Kelly and Rebecca they have a strong local feel.

St Pauls have three further home games , Galway Mystics on February 15th, Trinity Meteors on March 1st and Fr Matthews on March 15th with trips to cup conquerors Killester, Portlaoise Panthers and Waterford Wildcats pencilled in on the other weekends.

Remaining fixtures

- Saturday January 25th Brunell (H) 4.15pm
- Saturday February 1st Killester (A) 4.45pm
- Saturday February 15th Galway Mystics (H) 4pm
- Sunday February 23rd Portlaoise Panthers (A) 3.30pm
- Saturday March 1st Trinity Meteors (H) 4pm
- Saturday March 8th Waterford Wildcats (A) 5pm
- Saturday March 15th Fr Matthews (H) 4pm



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



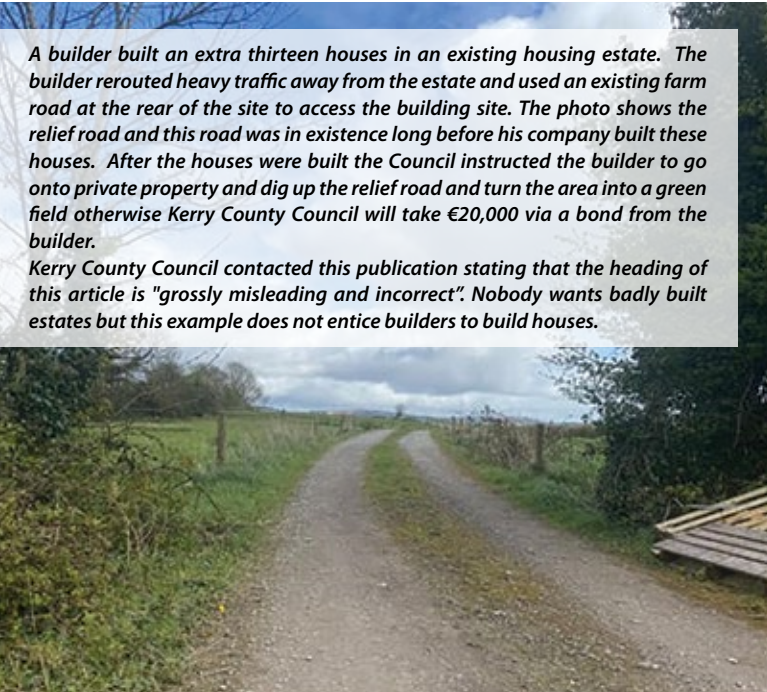
This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from 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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Camellias are also ideal for growing in containers. Remember if you are planting your Camellia in the ground, that it might be small initially but most will grow to the size of a small tree, so allow plenty of room around it. There is very little maintenance with Camellias only to prune out old dead wood, clean up old blooms that fall to the ground, and to mulch around the base of plants every spring with some moss peat. There are a lot of other good spring flowering shrubs, here is a list of just a few: Forsythia, Cythuis, Corylus, Berberis Darwinii, Ribes, and skimmia.



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A Word of Victory

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like mature men and be courageous and be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Welcome back dear student, this week sees a new era begin with the inauguration of President Trump in the USA. What an emotional day for America – a nation built upon the principles of God's Word, that for decades has been ravaged by wokeness, drugs, wickedness, and all kinds of corruption, but God has intervened and answered His people's prayers. Donald Trump is NOT the saviour, he is a human being, with faults aplenty - like us all - but God can use him to turn back the works of darkness (Isaiah 60:1-3). The spiritual reverberations will impact every nation, because where America goes, the rest follow. His first piece of work was to declare that there are only two genders. A biological truth, inconvenient for some. This, along with other reversals of crazy woke ideologies will cause those who already hate him to mock him even further but watch and see, God's plans will prevail regardless of man's opinions. Buckle up friends for a rollercoaster ride. Chaos may be released, as dark forces try to besiege those who stand up for Righteousness and Truth - but Truth will always prevail, long after its enemies are dead (Isaiah 40:8). We pray that the Lord will guide the new administration, and surround them with His favour, protection, and blessings, as they go about turning this great ship of humanity back on course.

Our own nation has already reacted to the blast – by cancelling the Occupied Territories Bill, and back-tracking on their snide mockery of President Trump. Ireland has long pandered to globalist agendas that are not based upon either Truth or Integrity, trying to please people. However, it's not possible to please everyone all the time. Right and wrong must be clearly defined for order. God is Faithful, and He will grab authorities here by the scruff of the neck too. Courageous leaders with moral integrity, and character who have been hidden up to now will emerge as God's reveals His Kingdom people in the nations. This will affect governments, churches, communities, and families everywhere. God is looking for faithful men and women who will do the right thing, not the popular thing (2 Timothy 2:19). The world cannot keep going the way it has been – on a destructive collision course. Educated, intelligent people have made stupid decisions that have brought us directly under the gaze of God's eyes, and not for good (Zechariah 2:5-8). There is no such thing as being on the right side of history if one is on the wrong side of God, especially in relation to His land Israel. All we can do is pray for Mercy.

Spiritual earthquakes are about to erupt - watch for explosions of God's Power and Glory in every age group and every tribe (Joel 2:28). People are tired of being bullied, intimidated, and feeling hopeless (2 Timothy 1:7). Some don't recognise God's hand in all this. That's ok - Jesus will reveal Himself to anyone who seeks Him and calls upon His Name (Romans 10:9-13). Paul and Silas were imprisoned for speaking inconvenient Truth and upsetting certain people (Acts 16:16-34). They were badly beaten and thrown into a dark dungeon with their feet locked in stocks in an agonising position - a vile, dirty, and miserable place; their lives hanging in the balance. Instead of moaning though, they started to sing praise to God. The other prisoners listened and then – boom! An earthquake ripped the place wide open. That's what we are going to see happening (Isaiah 61:1-3; Isaiah 45:2-3). Works of darkness exposed, spiritual prison bars melting in God's Presence, and captives being set free, Hallelujah!

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 Sundays @ 6pm

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE DECEASED OF 2024

There will be a special concelebrated Mass on Monday 27th January at 7p.m. in the Cathedral in memory of all those who died in our Parish in 2024 (i.e. January 1st to December 31st 2024 inclusive) There is No 6.15 pm Mass that evening. We invite family, relatives, neighbours and friends to join us for this Mass.

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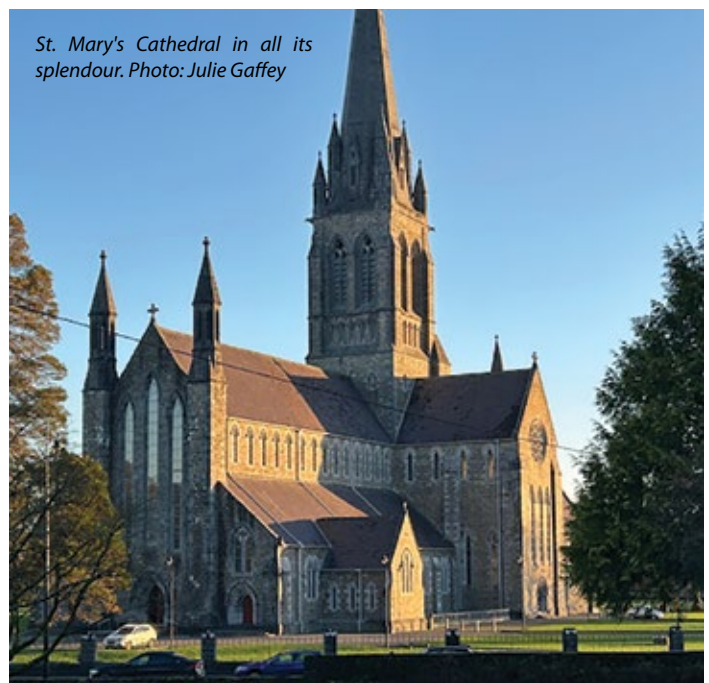
Masses 18.01.25, 8.02.25, 22.02.25 all at 6.30pm in the Church of the Resurrection. Confession 5.45pm.

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19TH ANNIVERSARY

TREASURED MEMORIES OF
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AND SISTER

**KAYLEIGH
O'CONNOR**



*If Heaven had a number,
We'd call you on the phone,
to say how much we love you
and tell you to come home.*

*You left behind some aching hearts,
how dearly we love you and
prayed that you would live,
but Jesus called you and we
had to give in.*

*You always had a huge laugh,
a caring nature warm and true,
what wonderful memories
we have of you.*

*We're always with you our wonderful girl
Kayleigh*

Missed and loved every day
Dad, Mum, Ailbhe & Cillian

*Anniversary Mass on Thursday 30th of
February at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes
Church, Kilcummin*

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**STEPHEN
O'DONOGHUE**



LISSIVANE EAST, MILLTOWN,
CO KERRY

WHO DIED ON THE
28TH JANUARY 2021

One Wish

*I wish I had some time with you
To walk among the stars
To hold your hand and see your face
And ask you how you are.*

*I'd tell you how things are going here
And say how I miss you so
And then there'd be that moment when
I wouldn't want to let you go.*

*But I know that I would have to
As I'd give you a kiss and then
I'd wish that heaven allowed visitors
So I could come back and see you again.*

Missing you every day and always
in our heart
Cathal, Naoishe and Caitriona
xxx

**Anniversary Mass on Saturday 25th
January in Listry Church at 6pm**

3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**TOM JOE
O'DONOGHUE**



KNOCKNAGEEHA,
GNEEVGUILLA

WHO DIED ON THE
28TH JANUARY 2022.

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

Suaimhneas síoraí i dteannta Dé

**Sadly missed by your wife Peggy,
Sons & daughters; Niall, Josephine,
Sheila, Denis, Brigid, Tomás,
Padraig, Michael and their
families.**

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26th January
2025 at 9:30am in the Church of the Holy
Rosary, Gneeveguilla

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF A DEAR SISTER

**CATHERINE
FITZGERALD
(NEE COTTER)**



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WHO PASSED AWAY
ON JANUARY 27TH 2024.

Kate

*Another day goes by without you.
Another day to reminisce,
About all the times we shared together
And everything we miss.*

Flowers by your graveside

Your photo in a frame

We still feel you around us,

But nothing feels the same.

If we could see you for a minute

I know what we would do,

We would freeze that moment in a heartbeat,

So we could stay with you.

We know someday we will all be together,

In a place not far away,

And our hearts will not be broken,

Like they are today.

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Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Cathedral,
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ST JOSEPH**

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so
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in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful
intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord;
so that having engaged here below your heavenly
power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to
the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you
and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach
while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my
name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to
return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Amen

**PRAYER TO SAINT
MARTIN DE PORRES**

Most humble Saint Martin whose
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or in need, we turn to thee for help in
our present difficulties and we implore
thee to obtain for us from God health
of soul and body, and in particular the
favour we now ask.....

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20TH JANUARY 2008.

*Time & years slip gently by
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But in our hearts you're always there.*

Loved and remembered always
by your wife Peggy
& family.

**Anniversary Mass for Tom will be held
in Ballyhar Church on Sunday,
January 26th at 10am**

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9TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**SHEILA (MAC)
KELLIHER**



CLASH, KILLARNEY

WHO DIED ON THE
31ST OF JANUARY, 2016.

*Lonely is the home without you,
Life to us is not the same;
All the world would be like heaven,
If we could have you back again.*

*A light from our household gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.*

*May the God of Love and Mercy,
Care for our loved one who is gone,
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.*

*The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still,
But death has left a vacant place,
This world can never fill.*

*How dearly we loved you,
And prayed you might live,
But Jesus just beckoned,
And we had to give.*

*God gave us strength to bear it,
And courage to fight the blow,
What it has meant to lose you,
God alone will ever know.*

Sadly missed and never forgotten
by Tomas, Stephen and Ryan.

**Anniversary Mass in the Church of the
Resurrection on Friday January 31st
at 9.30am**

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HENRY AHERN



LATE OF FARRANFORE,
CO KERRY.

On the occasion of Henry's First Anniversary Maureen and the Ahern Family would like to acknowledge the many gestures of kindness and sympathy shown to us throughout the difficult days around his sudden death and his funeral.

We are deeply indebted to Dr. Eamonn Shanahan, to the Medical Team and to the Gardaí who attended the sudden emergency. We thank them for their remarkable kindness and care. A particular word of gratitude for our parish priest Fr. Padraig Kennelly who attended to Henry and for all the Clergy who concelebrated Henry's Requiem Mass, this was a source of strength for all of us.

Thanks to the sacristans Michael O'Sullivan and Liam Fell and to all who prepared the Funeral Liturgy and to all who participated in it. A special thanks to our wonderful relatives, neighbours and friends who supported us and to all who travelled long distances to be with us and to share in our grief. Thanks to Firies GAA who organised parking and arranged the guard of honour.

The Mass Cards and the numerous messages of condolences we received have been a huge consolation and all are gratefully appreciated.

To Michael Sheehan Undertaker and friend we are most grateful for your professionalism and personal touch and also to the staff of Kilnare Cemetery.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our thanks and appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

'May he rest in peace.'

Henry's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Gertrudes Church Firies on Saturday, January 25th at 7.30pm.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MAUREEN FOLLIN



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WHO PASSED AWAY
24TH JANUARY, 2024.

On the 1st Anniversary of Mum's passing, her daughters Carmel and Susan, grandchildren Muireann, Mike and Ciara and son-in-law Ciaran, would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the kindness and support shown to us by our extended family, good neighbours and many friends at the time of her passing.

To all who travelled to attend the removal, funeral Mass and burial, who sent Mass cards, texts, flowers, messages of condolence, and who provided Guards of Honour, we extend our profound thanks.

Our sincerest and deepest gratitude to all of Mum's Home Helps over the years and most of all to her friends in Killarney Nursing Home and the outstanding staff who cared for her with so much kindness and showed such compassion in her final days.

Grateful thanks to Fr. Joe Begley for making the Mass a special celebration of Mum's life, to Maura Reen and Anita for the lovely music and also to Pauline O Shea and the Sacristan.

To O'Shea Funeral Directors for their compassion, consideration and professionalism. A special word of appreciation to Martin Sheahan, gravedigger and to Fr. Pat Condon for his friendship, support and oration at the graveside. Our thanks also to James Clancy for his hospitality.

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