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Pictured at the launch of the annual Daffodil Day 2023 Coffee Morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society at the Towers Hotel are front from left Eleanor Doherty, Irish Cancer Society - Killarney South Kerry Branch and Claudia Lopez, Killarney Towers Hotel. At back are Kathrine Breen, Eugene O'Sullivan and Kathleen O'Shea. The coffee morning will take place on Friday 3rd March from 10.30am - 12.30am.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook. Its a busy magazine with lots of news and sport for our readers to enjoy and lots of fantastic offers from our loyal advertisers.

The town said goodbye this week to one of Killarney's most popular businessman, the late Tommy Cronin. The local committee of the Irish Cancer Society are planning their annual coffee morning, a Killarney student has returned from a trip of a lifetime and the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle has been launched.

Trad fans took the road to Kilcummin for the rambling house, Soroptimist members were flipping pancakes and staff at The Gleneagles Hotel were awarded for their dedication.

The decision to extend the 9% VAT rate was widely welcomed in the town, two generous young people have donated their locks for charity and final preparations are underway for KMS's production of A Musical Journey.

All this and lots more in this week's Killarney Outlook!

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Sadness at the passing of Tommy Cronin

There was a palpable air of sadness throughout the town last Friday morning when the news broke that one of the town's favourite businessmen Tommy Cronin had passed away.

Tommy ran T. Cronin & Sons on High Street, with his wife Cáith and son Denis and the traditional family butchers have served the people of Killarney for 5 generations.

Tommy passed away peacefully at home in the presence of his family and this week Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has paid tribute to the late Tom (Tommy) Cronin, commenting that his passing marks a real end of an era for the Killarney business community.

Mr Cronin, who was laid to rest in Aghadoe on Monday, operated a thriving butcher shop on High Street and the business has been in the Cronin family for five generations.

It continues to thrive under the guiding hand of his son, Denis. Cronin's Butchers has been synonymous with Killarney business life and the shop has supplied and continues to supply several hotels, restaurants and guesthouses as well as tending to the needs of the community as a whole.

A statement issued by joint chamber presidents, Pádraig Treacy and Johnny McGuire, said Tommy will be fondly remembered as a great and proud Killarney man whose knowledge of and love for the town was second to none.

"The fact that a song about Killarney was sung as his remains were carried from St Mary's Cathedral says it all. He loved the town, he loved its people and he served them with passion, with loyalty and with great enthusiasm," they said.

The chamber added that Tommy Cronin was always a welcoming face behind the counter of his shop, with a warm greeting and a broad smile for everybody.

He loved exchanging the news of the day and hearing how his customers and their families were getting on.

"Tommy Cronin had a wonderful, almost unique, connection with



Killarney and while he will be greatly missed, so many people have very fond memories of the over-the-counter exchanges in his bustling High Street premises," the statement added.

Tommy will be sadly missed by his devoted wife Caith, their children Denis, Riona, Patricia, James, Anthony, Will, Noel and Caroline, their spouses, his grandchildren, his brother Jim and sister Breda, relatives, friends and his many loyal customers.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

The day we take back from cancer....

Local committee organise **COFFEE MORNING** in advance of Daffodil Day

In preparation for the upcoming Daffodil Day, the Irish Cancer Society Killarney and South Kerry Committee are busy preparing for their annual coffee morning which will take place at The Towers Hotel on Friday 3rd March from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The committee are urging the public to take part in Daffodil Day to support them in "race against time"

The Irish Cancer Society want Daffodil Day to be a reminder of the urgency to catch up on the detection of thousands of cancers remaining undiagnosed since the start of the pandemic.

It comes as an estimated 2,600 cancer diagnoses were missed in 2020 alone due to the Covid pandemic and catch up remains difficult due to demands on the health service.

The Irish Cancer Society will use Daffodil Day to fund its vital free services such as drives to and from cancer treatment, the Freephone Support Line and Daffodil Centres staffed by experienced cancer nurses, the Night Nursing service providing end of life care and counselling for anyone affected by cancer. Donations from the public will also provide funding for state-of-the-art cancer research and life-saving cancer trials.

The Irish Cancer Society says that this will be their biggest Daffodil Day yet and are hoping to raise €4million in funding to support their services



and life-changing research. They are ensuring that every person affected by cancer in Ireland has the support they need, when they need it most. As well as donating at www.cancer.ie or volunteering to help fundraise this Daffodil Day, people can purchase items from the Daffodil Day online shop and take part in a Steps Challenge.

For more information about Daffodil Day visit www.Cancer.ie/DaffodilDay.

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€914,000 raised at The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2022



Organisers and beneficiaries of the 2023 Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle pictured at the launch in Killarney.

After raising a whopping €914,000 in the 2022 cycle, this week, the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle (ROKCC) Committee announced that this year's 175 kms cycle will take place the first Saturday in July, it's habitual slot in the calendar.

Online registration will open on March 1st and with the aim to raise in excess of €1 Million for national and local charities.

In 2022, the Cycle was back on the road after a two year hiatus, and 6,000 cyclists took part and raised a whopping €914,000 for 34 Irish Charities and Voluntary Organisations. Since the events inception in 1982 close to €18 million has been raised making a powerful and meaningful difference to the people who need it most.

"A weekend seldom passes in Ireland without a Cycling Event happening somewhere in the country, YES - there is one significant difference when it comes to the Ring of Kerry Cycle!" John Rice, Chairman of ROKCC said. "Its purpose is solely to fundraise and to give back to communities. We are a non-profit organisation. It is not a race, nor is it an event for cyclists looking to set a new PB time for the Ring of Kerry, of course it is for cycling enthusiasts as it is for newcomers to long distance cycling who want to make a difference, make a sacrifice, prepare for the challenge and give back to a Charity or Voluntary Organisation that is important in their own lives", John added

The 175 Kilometre cycle starts and ends in Killarney. The scenery along the route is beyond spectacular. Vistas of the Atlantic Ocean will accompany you for nearly 100 kms of the route from Glenbeigh to Kenmare and the most welcome views of all are that of the Macgillycuddy Reeks that will accompany you for your descent back to Killarney. More than one thousand volunteers comprising of medics, marshals and teams of

people manning the water and food stations ensure participants safety and sustenance.

Also announced today are the selected beneficiary charities for this year's cycle; commenting on the event, Fundraising Manager for Breakthrough Cancer Research, Eoghan O'Sullivan said "to be selected once again as beneficiary charity is a huge WIN for us. Thanks to the generous support of the public and the ROKCC we have invested millions in cancer research, funding the development of new treatments and diagnostics for cancer which has already led to eight new treatments progressing to clinical trial. Funds raised from the ROKCC 2023 will help fund two exciting new projects in breast and oesophageal (food pipe) cancers and ultimately helping us in our mission to make more survivors."

The main beneficiary charities chosen this year include;

- Breakthrough Cancer Research
- Comfort for Chemo
- Kerry Mountain Rescue
- National Breast Cancer Research
- Valentia Hospital
- Irish Community Air Ambulance

and other local and important charities include;

- Killarney Water Rescue
- South West Counselling
- Recovery Haven
- Saoirse Foundation/Bumbalance
- Cliona's Foundation
- AK Inspired (Muscular Dystrophy)

AVA CHOPS HER LOCKS FOR LAURA LYNN

Not only is Ava O'Sullivan happy with her new hairstyle, the big-hearted student of Furies NS has donated her long, flowing locks to much loved Irish charity LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice.

Eleven year old student, Ava O'Sullivan 'Locks of Love' donation will go towards raising funds for children with life-limiting conditions in LauraLynn, while also creating a wig for a child in need through The Rapunzel Foundation.

Ava set up an iDonate page for her fundraiser, with all contributions going directly to LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice. Todate she has raised nearly €1,700. People can still donate by using the link: -

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/OliviaOsullivan524>

Ava's mum, Olivia O'Sullivan explains: "It was just something we talked about last year; she'd lovely thick hair and I explained that the hair goes to help them make wigs for children, She looked up about what LauraLynn does for sick children and the services they provide and couldn't be happier to help them out. Ava is a busy beaver who loves Irish Dancing with the Chambers School of Irish Dance, Soccer with MEK's, taking part in Siamsa Training Academy in Tralee and also taking part in the Killarney Musical Society next month.

Ava had 14 inches cut off Monday 20th February, by Mary O'Sullivan, Hairdresser in Furies.



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TRIP OF A LIFETIME FOR KILLARNEY STUDENT

A Killarney student has returned from a trip of a lifetime thanks to the Rotary Youth Leadership Competition.

Abbie O'Sullivan, a fifth year student at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School in Killarney entered a competition through her school to win the trip to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

"It was a trip that could not be defined into words, it truly expanded my knowledge, taught me new things about myself and other and helped me create life long bonds with people all over the country and across Europe", Abbie told Killarney Outlook.

Abbie took part in three different interview sessions as part of the selection process where she was asked about her own position in leadership, her opinions on topical issues both local and national and to present herself professionally to the Killarney Rotary Club.

Abbie, who was the sole Kerry representative, then took part in the finals which took place in Cork City and it was there that she was awarded this trip of a lifetime, representing The Rotary Club.

"I was over the moon wondering what experiences, friends and stories I would take from this trip and now as I reflect on it, the reality was beyond my expectations", Abbie said

"I arrived to Belfast and met all 23 other winners of the award from Ireland and Northern Ireland and immediately we were all attached at the hip rushing to dinner together and having our first night of our trip", Abbie said.

The group then spent the following day in Belfast, first visiting city hall and having a private luncheon and conversation with the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Tina Black. "She taught us about her position as both a woman in politics and also her position in Northern Ireland. We then visited Stormont. We had a guided tour and spoke with three MLAs and had the opportunity to ask them questions", Abbie said.

The group then headed to Dublin to visit Europe House where they learnt about all the facilities and opportunities available to them in the European Union and share their thoughts on big issues.

"In my opinion, this trip taught us how to work and converse as adults whilst also have as much fun as possible with our peers!", she said. The group received their official certificates and then went to the Dáil for our second tour of state governments.

It was then onto Frankfurt airport and the long drive to Strasbourg from Germany where the group booked into a hostel which they shared with over 500 other Students attending the



Abbie O'Sullivan, pictured at the European Parliament where she got to speak about Air Pollution.

Parliament.

"The next day was our big event", Abbie said. This event is called Euroscola. At this event, Ireland along with all other E.U member states sat in the official Parliament hemisphere and debated the E.U Zero Pollution Ambition. Having a huge interest in politics myself, when I sat down in the parliament and was able to speak on my own about my specific opinion, is an overwhelming feeling of accomplishment, and is one that could not be done without the role of the Rotary Club and the Youth Leadership Award", Abbie said

"This trip truly changes a person and I cannot promote it enough to any young person in Killarney", she added.

Mon Supporters get their thinking caps on



Parents supporting the Mon Table Quiz in the Killarney Avenue Hotel

The quiz buffs were out in force at the Killarney Avenue Hotel last week for the first Presentation Monastery National School quiz since Covid.

"We had a very successful night for our quiz. Our first one since 2020. We had a record turnout for the night. Pupils from the school that participated in the quiz thoroughly enjoyed their night with special spot prizes for them also", Brid Brosnan, PRO of the Parents Association told Killarney Outlook. "We were very grateful to have quiz master Cathal Walshe, our thoughts were with Pdraig Hartnett on the night who acted as quiz master for many years and was a great supporter of the school", Brid added.

The committee would also like to thank The Killarney Avenue hotel and all our sponsors for the amazing prizes. "Of course this would not have been such a successful evening without the participation of the parents, students and staff of the Mon", Brid added.



Thumbs Up from Mon Boys at the Quiz.



Principal Mary Brosnan with Quizmaster Cathal Walshe



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A LITERARY FESTIVAL FOR KILLARNEY?

EAMONN FITZGERALD LOOKS AT HOW THE TOURIST SEASON COULD BE EXTENDED IN THE TOWN

Ardshanvooley residents are beaming with pride on the recent birth of Conall Cooper, the first child of proud parents Ceitilis and Colm Cooper. Colm, affectionately known as Gooch, is one of the greats of Kerry football stars winning 5 All-Irelands and 8 All-Stars in a glittering career.

In faraway Japan another Ardshan. native continues to excel in another field. Colin O'Sullivan, a teacher of English to Junior High and Senior High School students in Aomari in the north of Spain regarded as the snowiest city in the world has published 6 well-known novels, and his name will certainly be up on lights next autumn when Sunny, the Apple TV series based on his novel The Dark Manual will stream worldwide. It will run for 10 episodes and is scheduled for the autumn.

Jessie Buckley, Michael Fassbender, the late Donie Courtney, Joe O'Connor, Dóchas, West End [Killarney] School of Acting, The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican[Monsignor Flaherty] and now Colin O'Sullivan the award-winning writer, should set local minds working.

Killarney Chamber of Commerce or a forward-thinking Town Councillor should promote the idea of a literary festival to complement the other wonderful festivals that make Killarney so attractive for visitors and locals alike. This could be ideally centred through the new St Brigid's bank holiday weekend. Killarney has the accommodation, facilities, unrivalled scenery, and proven organisational expertise to pick February 1st, extending the 2024 tourist season a full 6 weeks ahead of the present kick-off date of St Patrick's weekend.

There is something special about Ardshan football and writing.

Author Colin was very modest about his achievements when I contacted him this week. "I visited the set [Sunny TV] in November 2022 with my wife Yuki and we got the whole VIP experience from Apple and A24, the production company. We got to meet some of the stars, Rashida Jones et al, and they all were utterly charming and down to earth. Also, we met with Irish director Dearbhla Walsh as she directed it. It's a mixture of English and Japanese and will stream worldwide."

Following on the Oscar nomination for 'An Cailín Ciúin', language is no barrier to world acclaim. Colin's books have been translated into French, Russian, and Turkish.

Colin's parents are Betty and Pa O'Sullivan, both now retired in Woodlawn and well known in Killarney where they ran the very successful Safe Hands Dry Cleaning service at Michael Collins' Place, now the Shire bar and Coffee shop.

I spoke to Betty and she said,



Eamonn Fitzgeald

"We were delighted with the confirmation that Colin's latest book will be serialised over 10 episodes on TV. Now he will be reaching a much broader readership. We are very proud of his writings. Sure, he was always writing. Now we look forward to seeing him and his family home to Killarney visiting family and friends. He's a real Killarney man".

Colin O'Sullivan the prolific author and native of Killarney is married to Yuki. They have two offspring, their son Reinan (17) and daughter Nina (14)

The prizewinning author excelled in his 1992 Leaving Cert getting the top of the range A+ in English. That was no surprise to his teacher of English, who saw and encouraged the brilliance of this student. "Colin O'Sullivan was exceptional and a joy to teach. I recall his essays in preparation for the 1992 Leaving Cert. His interpretations of the literature on the course were so mature for an 18-year-old and he had the mastery of language to convey his individual interpretations. He wrote about 'misogyny', a word that is very much in vogue now, but back over 30 years ago, it was unknown and unused. He was a fan of Samuel Beckett and Beckett's writings are never easy to interpret. As a writer, he understands that life is never just black and white, more like the interchanging of light and darkness, and this is one of the features of his writings."

At Trinity, College he studied English and Philosophy where he discussed poetry with Brendan Kennelly, his lecturer, and tutor. He got to know journalist John Boland very well at Griffith College, Dublin, where he did a post-grad. in Journalism and Media Studies.

He was thousands of miles away from his native Killarney when he published first novel, Killarney Blues (2013), but his boyhood memories of the Killarney jarveys were crystal clear. The central character in Killarney Blues is Bernard Dunphy the eccentric fictional jarvey.

"Yes, part of the joy of writing my debut novel was the process of imagining /recollecting



Colin O'Sullivan

Killarney. It's the only novel where I mention actual place names. So, for example, when I was writing "Port Road" I was naturally seeing it in the mind's eye and delighting in it. The jarveys were of course an inspiration, I think primarily because of their uniqueness. You don't get them in any other town, hardly in any other country. They are a special breed for sure; how could I not write about them, they're so emblematic of Killarney. Everything in the books is entirely fictional, not based on any actual events Of course, certain characteristics of people find their way into characters in books, that's just down to observing, noticing, and utilising,"he said.

He received the prestigious Prix Mystère de la Critique, and was nominated for the Grand Prix de Literature Policière, for this his first novel, The Starved Lover Sings (2017) is different: more dystopian and political with shades of Samuel Beckett. Poetry came to the fore, and not surprisingly as the author was 'always writing'. More of his novels include My Perfect Cousin, Marshmallows, The True Story of Cinderella and Other Secret Siblings

His 6th novel, The Dark Manual is a mix of Irish and Japanese, where the heroine is Irish but has a Japanese setting. His next novel will be published in May. The author has happy memories of Fia Rua Writers' Group, prominent in Killarney in the 1990s. "I am still in touch with my dear friends Eileen Sheehan and John W. Sexton," he said.





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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

Middle Ireland finds its voice- The way forward for Fianna Fail?

There was a heated debate on Joe Duffy on Tuesday with contributors from squeezed "middle Ireland" wondering why they bother to work at all.

Not only is middle Ireland not entitled to anything, they are penalised. They would be far better off never trying to buy their own house, and never trying to put anything aside for a pension, was the reaction to the news that once again there were generous tax breaks and hand-outs for everyone but them.

Suddenly we live in a society where either the very top or the very bottom are rewarded and there really is nothing for the workhorse in the middle who feels abandoned by all political parties, was the theme.

Almost anticipating this anger, there was an interesting and brave contribution from Fianna Fail councillor Michael O'Shea at Monday's council meeting in Tralee.

Basically, there is no housing in Kerry for people of modest incomes who want to buy their own home.

Social housing either by the council or by the myriad number now of voluntary housing agencies is the only game in town.

The "trend" was for private developers to get planning for highly concentrated developments, but then to enter into agreements with social housing bodies to sell off the lot to these agencies which meant only social housing applicants whose incomes are low enough could get a house, Michael said.

That meant a whole segment of society, "middle Ireland" was being excluded, the mid-Kerry councillor said. "It's not all about social housing. Middle Ireland too needs a chance. Young couples can't get a start and are being left behind," he said.

Michael is the first local representative I have heard to so strongly advocate for this forgotten modest income sector - what was once the traditional voter base for Fail and indeed Fine Gael.

(Why a section of social housing, say 20 per cent, cannot be made available to be bought is beyond me. Especially when we already have such a provision in private housing).

Might I suggest that Fianna Fail as a party follow Michael O'Shea's lead and try and represent middle Ireland (the crowd Leo says get up early in the morning)? There would be votes - not to mention political representation for this most overlooked group.

The group who pay for everything from mortgages to college fees to Gps and private health insurance - and are entitled to nothing.

Let Sinn Fein have one end of "liberal"

Ireland and FG the other end; And let Fianna Fail go after the persecuted middle and utterly disenfranchised group, is my advice.

Fine New book from Lewis Road native - Ireland woke and broke!

The art of the long essay is not dead. Killarney has long punched above its weight when it comes to literary prowess and love of the pen.

"Muzak: Inside New Ireland 20-16-2020" by Lewis road native Donal Horgan is a fine example of the thought provoking art.

Donal, a historian whose previous works have concentrated on tourism and travel, turns his attention to the elephant in the room and the myths of new Ireland. This is a country with a simplistic idea of itself where everything in the past is being painted as a travesty and everything new is painted as progress.

"Today, Ireland is most likely to be presented as some socially progressive and prosperous Atlantic idyll located off the coast of Europe. It's a view widely shared and promoted by Dublin's liberal commentariat," Donal writes as he dismantles the clichéd groupthink that has almost completely undermined the strong honest values of middle Ireland.

Ireland's own narrative about itself is one that remains largely unquestioned, Donal writes. The prevailing view is that Ireland has been transformed from a socially conservative backwater into a modern progressive utopia. But this is a country that, in the space of one generation, has simply swapped nationalism for globalism, Catholicism for consumerism and conservatism for liberalism.

"This is now one of the most centralized countries in Europe, one increasingly centred on the Dublin metropolitan area."

100 years after the Easter Rising 40 percent of the citizens of the Republic now live within 50 km of Dublin's GPO - twice that of 1911.

It is an Ireland in which the State has never exercised as much influence over the lives of its citizens, he writes.

"Woke and broke" is an apt description of the very vocal echo chamber sector

meaninglessly shouting and marching only to preserve the views of the new centre left establishment.

New Ireland holds up "the glittering and tantalising prize" of a world of equality for all - while the young's chance of buying a house is remote.

What has become a very one sided Irish media also comes in for a bashing.

There is much to chew over in this excellent, soundly argued reflection written during lockdown.

It is available for Euro 15 from <https://www.new-ireland.com/>

Museum for Killarney?

The nuns are to leave Kenmare and departure of the St Clare's order from Kenmare after more than 160 years is being greeted with great sadness and there are calls now for a museum in Kenmare to celebrate their contribution.

The nuns arrived at the invitation of Archdeacon Fr John O'Sullivan to a town impoverished after the Famine and a particularly cruel landlord and agent. As well as education, they established a lace making industry for the women and girls to help lift Kenmare out of dire poverty.

The current parish priest of Kenmare, Fr George Hayes said the prevailing emotion was one of sadness.

Although not directly involved in education now, "the very presence of the nuns in the town had been invaluable" and should be celebrated, he said.

Fr Hayes supports the call by Nora Finnegan of Kenmare Lace and Design to establish a museum to the nuns.

This got me thinking once again as to why we don't have a museum in Killarney to Killarney. We are not just national park in Killarney and we are not just tourism. We have a strong social and civil history too. We have a strong history in health care from mental health to physical health such as the old fever hospital, the District, county home and St Finan's.

Is it about time we had a museum to our craft and industrial, health care past as well as our tourism and sporting history? There is a lot of noise now about what to do with the community hospital and rightly so, by Cllrs Cronin and Moloney particularly. Might a town museum be an idea?





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New South Kerry LEADER Plan - We Need Your Input

South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) is embarking on a round of consultation with Local Communities and other relevant stakeholders over the coming months as part of the work to develop a Local Development Strategy for the South Kerry area. This plan is being put in place in preparation for the roll-out of the new LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027.

A key feature of the LEADER programme is ensuring a community led approach in both the preparation and implementation of the local development strategy and therefore SKDP is very anxious to hear the views and get the input of community members and representatives from across the region. SKDP CEO Noel Spillane said that in order to facilitate South Kerry communities shape the local development strategy, SKDP will host a series of community consultation meetings throughout the month of March. Communities can provide their views on how LEADER 2023 – 2027 can support the development of their areas from an economic, social & environmental perspective.

"SKDP has a long tradition of working for and with

the communities of South Kerry and has successfully delivered a number of LEADER programmes in the region to date" he said. "The success of LEADER in South Kerry is due to the input of communities across the region and we aim to again ensure that their views and needs will be to the fore in the rollout of the new LEADER programme" Noel added.

He encouraged all those interested to come along to these community consultation events and pointed out that those involved in running small businesses etc. in the region are also encouraged to attend the meetings. "If you cannot make the meeting in your own area, we would strongly encourage you to try and attend the meeting in another area" he said.

A full list of the meeting dates and venues is on the SKDP website (southkerry.ie), SKDP Facebook page or you will find them on posters locally and all meetings will start at 7.30pm.

Noel concluded by noting the importance of communities having their input into the development of the Local Development Strategy so that the new LEADER programme can deliver on their identified priorities and the needs of South Kerry as a whole.



Noel Spillane, CEO, South Kerry Development Partnership

Flipping Great Fundraiser held by Killarney Soroptimists



Members of the Killarney Soroptimist Club pictured at their annual Pancake Morning in aid of Down Syndrome Kerry.



All smiles for the camera at the Soroptimists Pancake Morning at the Killarney Avenue Hotel.



All smiles for the camera at the Soroptimists Pancake Morning at the Killarney Avenue Hotel.



Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District Cllr. Niall Kelleher and his wife Linda Gordan at the annual Soroptimists Pancake Morning in aid of Down Syndrome Kerry.

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RAS MUMHAN TAKES TO THE ROADS

Ras Mumhan will once again make a return to the roads of Cork and Kerry over the Easter weekend. One of the highlights of this year's international event sees a return to the amphitheatre that is Killorglin, taking in the traditional Beaufort loop before they head on to the circuit around the town for 10 laps with the finish on the main street up the hill. It will allow for a spectacle for all and ignite the passion for all who love the sport of cycling.

This is the first major Stage Race of the Irish Cycling Calendar, the international event will take place over the 4 days of the Easter weekend from Friday April 7th to April 10th, 2023. The field comprising of the elite of Irish cycling will be challenged by Scottish and English squads and will ensure aggressive racing over the course taking in the rough terrain of the region where tactical decisions will determine the overall winner of this year's edition.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of our great friend Padraig Harnett who for years so willingly gave of his time in the promotion and coverage of the event and his loss has been felt throughout the sporting world here in Kerry.

New Race Director John Breen said "This year's event has been built on the success of 2022, the course has been designed to allow for aggressive racing from the outset, the geography of the route allows for no let-up in intensity and will certainly bring the hard men of the event to the fore as we enter the final stage that will be Killorglin."



Kerry Group launch in Killorglin for Ras Mumhan 2023. Cycling Munster are delighted to announce that Rás Mumhan will once again take to the roads over the Easter Weekend. Pictured at the launch in Killorglin were : Donie Kelleher Sliabh Luachra Cycle club, John James Tralee Manor West Cycle Club, Sam Bulger Killarney Cycle Club, and Teddy McCarthy Killorglin Cycle Club. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

Last years winner Lindsay Watson of Velo Revolution will make a defence of his title, and will no doubt make a serious claim for the throne, he will be challenged by local riders who have laid their claim in the form of Tom Moriarty from Castlegregory who had a successful year in 2022 in the professional ranks, as well as Lorcan Daly of Milltown who is the current Munster criterium champion. Local knowledge for Kerry based riders has always been an advantage and this year could throw up a few surprises. Kerry Group Ras Mumhan has been traditionally run by Killorglin cycling club and is now a regional wide effort by the aforementioned Killorglin CC, Tralee BC, Sliabh Luachra CC and Killarney CC and without the combined support the event would certainly be way more difficult to run.

The final stage in Killorglin is this year an even more fitting tribute to the great John Mangan who won the Ras Tailtean in 1972, and for those of you that remember the giants of the past, to get to the roadside to support the present and future warriors of the Ras Mumhan.

KILCUMMIN'S RAMBLING HOUSE a rip roaring success

All roads led to Kilcummin on Saturday night in spite of it being a little harder to navigate to currently, due to road closure for the laying of pipes

A full house at the Village Inn were treated to an array of talent, from singers, dancers and of course an extensive collection of musicians. A packed programme unfolded organically throughout the night, which if course is the nature and essence of what a rambling house is all about.

People as far a field as, Limerick, Knocknagoshel, Scartaglen & Spain were all in attendance and enjoy a fantastic night of entertainment and in keeping with tradition, were sustained through the night with ample cups of tea and traditional barn brack.

"We really wanted to get the rambling house going again in Kilcummin after a long break, primarily due to Covid and we were delighted with all those who participated and attended on the night" stated Shane O Callaghan, Chairperson of the Kilcummin Comhaltas branch.

Shane also said that the branch would definitely be running another rambling house evening in the coming months and it will be promoted on the Kilcummin social media pages.

Some of the talented musicians participating in the Kilcummin rambling house evening held on Saturday 18th February at the Village Inn in Kilcummin



A large crowd enjoyed Kilcummin's Rambling House at the weekend.





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Members of The Gleneagle Group celebrating their awards at the recent Gleneagle Group Employee Awards.
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AWARDS SEASON AT THE GLENEAGLE GROUP

The annual Gleneagle Group Employee Awards took place this week at a ceremony in the Muckross Park Hotel where the team enjoying a gala banquet followed by live entertainment with Gleneagle favourites Riff Shop.

Speaking about the ceremony Gleneagle Group CEO Patrick O'Donoghue said: "We are very proud of all that our team achieved throughout 2022. It was one of our busiest years yet for events, concerts and conferences and the feedback from our customers throughout the year has been nothing short of excellent."

The Gleneagle Group Employee Awards aim to appreciate and celebrate the hard work and dedication of the whole team with nominees chosen from across 2022.

The top accolades of Employee of the Year were awarded to Daniel Renehan from The Gleneagle Hotel, Francis Crowley from The Maritime Hotel and Ann O'Leary from The Gleneagle Group.

In The Gleneagle Hotel categories, Ann McCann won Manager of the Year, Conor Landers won Best New Starter, Bernardo Busquets won the Leadership Award, Naoise Purcell won World's Best Colleague and Kerri Marsh won the Excellence in Customer Service Award. Caroline Papin and Jamie Palmer both received special recognition awards.

In The Maritime Hotel categories, Danielle O'Rourke won Manager of the Year, Ciara Brady won Best New Starter, Julia Striele won the Leadership

Award, Richard Garcia won World's Best Colleague and Jacqueline O'Shea won the Excellence in Customer Service Award. Ewa Kawik received a special recognition award.

In The Gleneagle Group categories, Ann McCarthy won the Leadership Award and Carol O'Leary won the Excellence in Customer Service Award. Sylwia Godzik, Ciara Austin and Cathal Flaherty all received special recognition awards.



Pictured at The Gleneagle Group Employee Awards were (l to r) Ann McCann, Manager of the Year; John Dolan, General Manager; Daniel Renehan, Employee of the Year; Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO Gleneagle Group; Ann O'Leary, Employee of the Year.

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Reading is an adventure that never ends....

Take the pledge to READ MORE THIS SATURDAY!!

Ireland Reads is a campaign to get the whole country reading in the lead up to a National Day of Reading, which takes place tomorrow, Saturday, 25 February. People of all ages are invited to get reading – for one minute, ten minutes, an hour, or more.

It doesn't matter how long you read for or what you read because taking some time for yourself to relax and do the things you enjoy, like reading, is important to help look after your mental wellbeing. Ireland Reads is a initiative of the government of Ireland, funded by Healthy Ireland and supported by public libraries and many organisations that promote



literacy and the arts.

The campaign is asking everyone to 'squeeze in a read' on that day. It is supported with a dedicated website www.irelandreads.ie, where people can pledge to read on the day.

The website also offers book recommendations suited to one's interests and their available time and has over 800 recommendations from librarians all around the country. Users can simply enter their favourite type of book and how long they would like to read each day and the website will offer a suitable book suggestion and work out how long it will take to complete – a couch to 5k for books!

Each Kerry library will hold storytime sessions and crafts workshops for small children on the day, with Storytime and arts and crafts for children will take place at Killarney Library on this Saturday at 11am.

It doesn't matter how long you read for or what you read, it doesn't matter whether you're an avid reader, a reluctant reader, a lapsed reader or a new reader, this campaign is for you, says Kerry County Librarian, Tommy O'Connor. If you have never visited a library or have not done so for a while, take time out this Saturday to call in to any of the nine Kerry libraries. Enjoy the Discovery!

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MINISTER kept pledge to be a FRIEND TO KILLARNEY

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has welcomed the Government's decision to extend the nine per cent hospitality VAT rate until the end of August, commenting that it will be very significant in helping the tourism industry to continue its post pandemic recovery.

Former Chamber President Niall Kelleher, whose two-year term ended earlier this month, said he had made the VAT issue his number one priority during his recent discussions with the Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath, and he thanked him for the positive outcome.

At the Killarney Chamber President's lunch in January, which was attended by Minister McGrath, Mr Kelleher asked for measures to be taken to ensure commercial and industrial enterprises were supported.

"The minister was well aware of our campaign here in Killarney to ensure the nine per cent VAT rate was maintained beyond the planned cut-off date of February 23. He knew that the tourism and hospitality sector locally was most impacted by the public health restrictions," Mr Kelleher said this week.

"The reality is that hospitality needed that support and if the 13.5% rate was reintroduced, it would have created a major disadvantage as consumers and overseas visitors would have been paying the third highest tourism VAT rate in Europe if visiting here," he said.

"As the Kerry branch of the Irish Hotels' Federation and its chairperson, Bernadette Randles, had repeatedly pointed out, they had done really well to rebuild employment levels in the tourism industry back to 90% of the pre-pandemic figure and they must now seek to restore and grow tourism further, which can be achieved with the reduced VAT rate," Mr Kelleher added.

Ms. Randles, Chair of the Kerry Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) Branch, said that the measures

Bernadette Randles, Chair of the Kerry Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) Branch (centre) and her brother Tom Randles chat with Finance Minister Michael McGrath, TD, at a Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce event at the Killarney Plaza Hotel in January. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

announced now give tourism businesses greater certainty as they grapple with the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on Irish consumers and key overseas markets.

"Tuesday's announcement is a clear recognition by the Government of the challenges facing tourism and hospitality, Ireland's largest indigenous employer which currently supports over 250,000 livelihoods. It will go a long way in helping to sustain the recovery of our industry at a time when businesses and consumers are facing significant economic and financial headwinds."

"A vibrant tourism industry is one of the most effective ways to spread employment opportunities and prosperity throughout the entire country. That is why the decision to extend the 9% VAT rate is so critical for communities and regions that rely on tourism as a major employer and driver of economic activity."

Tellingly, on that visit to Killarney on January 13, Minister McGrath reacted positively when the Chamber President called on him to support the continuation of the lower VAT rate.



Outgoing Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President, Niall Kelleher, presenting a fountain pen carved from Arbutus wood, native to Killarney, to Finance Minister, Michael McGrath, to mark his attendance at the Chamber lunch. Picture: Valerie O'Sullivan

Mr McGrath said he heard the message "loud and clear" and he acknowledged the importance of the reduced rate for the sector. "I can't give any guarantees but I hear Niall's message and it will be considered," the minister said.

Mr Kelleher remarked: "It was incredibly encouraging at that lunch to hear Minister McGrath telling everybody present that he would be a friend to Killarney and that he would do all he could to support us and now he is proving that his word is his bond".

The challenge is on.....

5K for Palliative Care training continues

Members of the community of Barraduff and surrounding areas have been putting their best foot forward in participating in a Couch to 5K in the past few weeks. This initiative has been overseen by Declan O'Donoghue of Triumph Coaching. There has been up to 80 people attending training in the Barraduff Community Field. Not even the cold and wintry weather of snow and hailstone could hamper the efforts of this community. All their hard work will culminate in a 5K fundraiser run on Saturday March 4th at 10am in Barraduff Community Field. The donations from this 5K run will be kindly donated to Kerry Hospice-Palliative Care. Declan said 'The people from the parish of Glenflesk, Rathmore and surrounding areas have shown great dedication and motivation towards improving their fitness and wellbeing. With their support and the support of their family and friends we hope March 4th will raise vital funds for this very important charity: Kerry Hospice -Palliative Care.'

Everyone is invited to this event – walk, run, jog or just pop in for a coffee.



Kerry Hospice - Pat Doolan (chairperson), Juliette Culloty (Secretary), Declan O Donoghue (Triump Coaching) pictured with participants in the 5K for Palliative Care.



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Michelle Rosney, Killeen House Hotel is presented with the Special Dinner Feature Award

After a two-year hiatus due to the covid-19 pandemic, senior representatives of Ireland's tourism sector came together to, once again, celebrate the diversity and richness of experiences offered by Irish tourism at the CIE Tours annual Awards of Excellence.

Ballygarry Estate Hotel won the Best Hotel Dinner award while Killeen House Hotel won the Special Dinner Feature.

The National Heritage Award went to Brendan Ferris Sheep Dog Trials and Merit Awards went to John B. Keane's Pub, Killarney Horse & Carriage Tours, Tangney Tours Jaunting Car and the South Pole Inn.

A number of hotels in the region also won Hotel Merit Awards including Dingle Skellig Hotel, Great Southern Killarney, Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney Towers Hotel and The Brehon Killarney.

Launched in 1990, the Awards recognise Ireland's hospitality ambassadors – the people and businesses throughout the country who

put Irish tourism on the global stage through the warmth of welcome and quality of service provided to our international visitors. CIE Tours, which celebrates 91 years in business is the largest operator of guided tours to Ireland in the North American market, bringing over 25,000 visitors here last year.

Kerry based hotel group, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, were also delighted to have won coveted Merits for three of its venues at the CIE Tours Annual Awards of Excellence, based on exceptionally positive customer feedback.

Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, Killarney Towers Hotel & Leisure Centre and Killarney Avenue Hotel all received a customer satisfaction rating of 92% or higher as part of post-stay feedback received from nearly 20,000 CIE Tours customers surveyed throughout 2022.

THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND LAUNCHES NEW TRALEE SOCIAL CLUB

A new social club in Tralee has been opened by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) The ASI welcomes people with dementia, their carers and families to attend its new Social Club in The Rosemary Day Centre in the town.

The Social Club is a social gathering where people can call in to have a chat, access information and support and meet other people to exchange ideas and experiences. The Club also plans activities, organises outings, and allows people with dementia and their carers to meet others in a welcoming, warm and informal setting.

The ASI Tralee Social Club course will take place every second Friday from 12 pm - 2 pm at The Rosemary Day Centre, Tralee. The Social Club will commence on 24th February.

ASI staff members and volunteers support each club meeting and facilitate the group's needs.

An estimated 2,429 people live with dementia in Kerry, and 64,000 people live with Dementia in Ireland.



The Alzheimer Society of Ireland Staff Pose with Minister Norma Foley and Senator Fiona O'Loughlin at the Rosemary Day Care Centre, where the Social Club will be held.



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MARY B TEAHAN NAMED ALL-STAR KERRY BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR 2023 BY THE ALL-IRELAND BUSINESS FOUNDATION

Owner of Farranfore based environmental services business Irish Drain Services, Mary B Teahan, has been accredited as All-Star Kerry Business Person of the Year 2023 by the All-Ireland Business Foundation (AIBF).

Mary has been recognised by the autonomous accreditation body's adjudication panel for meeting standards of business excellence in the areas of trust, performance, commitment and customer centricity. Her business has also been accredited as a Business All-Star for the second successive year and is included in The AIBF Register of Irish Business Excellence (TRIBE).

Irish Drain Services was founded by Mary and Liam Brosnan in 2009, and provides a wide array of services for domestic, commercial and industrial clients. This includes everything from septic tank desludging and drain unblocking, to drain mapping and integrity/hydrostatic testing. Based in the center of Kerry in Farranfore, Mary and her team have become trusted service providers across the county and further afield. They offer 24-hour emergency call outs, and pride themselves on quality and efficiency.

Reacting to the news of her Accreditation, Irish Drain Services Managing Director Mary B Teahan said:

"I am truly honoured to receive this prestigious accreditation. I share it with the team at Irish Drain Services who have worked passionately beside me since we started the company in 2010. I am a proud Kerry

lady who loves where I come from, and I would like to acknowledge the great support our business gets from communities across the Kingdom (and beyond).

My business partner

Liam has been a constant support along with my family. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my late husband Brendan, he always believed in me and inspired me every day. I would not be in this position without him. Life is precious and surrounding yourself with good people is key to success."

The All-Ireland Business Foundation (AIBF) is an autonomous national accreditation body tasked with enterprise development and the promotion of Best-in-Class in Irish business.

The Foundation actively engages and supports its network through peer dialogue, collaboration, mentoring and enterprise development activities. Companies are qualified for accreditation by completing an enterprise audit and are identified by their use of the AIBF's Business All-Star Marque.



Mary B Teahan (Owner of Irish Drain Services) receiving her All-Star Kerry Business Person of the Year 2023 award from AIBF CEO Elaine Carroll."

FEXCO ASSET FINANCE joins SBCI's Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme



Finance Minister Michael McGrath, TD, at the RDI digital innovation Hub, Killorglin, Co Kerry, with Mike O'Halloran, right, Fexco Asset Finance, Sean Crowe, left, Fexco, Kay Galvin, Fexco Asset Finance, Fiona Lynch, Fexco Asset Finance, June Butler, SBCI, Neil Fosty, CEO Fexco, Catherine Evans, Fexco, Bertie Murphy, Fexco, Sean Cleary, Fexco, at the launch of The Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) joining Fexco Asset Finance as its fourth partner under the Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (EELS).

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) has welcomed Fexco Asset Finance as its fourth partner under the Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (EELS).

This low-cost loan guarantee scheme is specifically tailored to the needs of Small to Medium Enterprise (SMEs), farmers and fishers investing in energy-efficient equipment to enhance their sustainability and reduce their energy costs.

Eligible investments include a range of energy-saving technologies, as set out on the SEAI's Triple E Register for Products, including solar panels, heating and cooling systems, LED lighting, EV charging points, commercial appliances and lighting control systems. EELS offers low-cost finance

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Fexco Asset Finance is accepting loan applications from businesses that have been approved for eligibility under EELS by the SBCI. Further detail on eligibility approval can be found on the SBCI website at <https://sbci.gov.ie/products/energy-efficiency-loan-scheme-eels>


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Fionn set for the BIG CHOP FOR CHARITY



A young man with a heart of gold is set to chop his golden locks all in aid of a fantastic cause.

Fionn Griffin has spent the last 18 months growing his hair and today, Friday February 24th he will be getting the big chop and donating his ponytail to charity.

Fionn has a very good reason for picking the Cardiology Department for Children's health Foundation formerly CMRF Crumlin.

"I have chosen this for my fundraiser as I know from personal experience just how great all the doctors, nurses and staff are and want to thank them in some small way for the care they give me and other children", Fionn told Killarney Outlook.

"Fionn was born with a complex heart condition and was given 30% chance for survival and spent the first 3 weeks of life in the care of Crumlin, he attends appointment every year to monitor his condition and as a small thank you to everyone he is doing this fundraiser", Fionn's mum Donna said.

Fionn, the son of Donna and Paul Griffin from Knocklebede in Kilcummin turned 12 earlier this month and is the youngest of 3 boys.

The 6th class student from Tiernaboul NS is a keen sports player and GAA with Kilcummin, Soccer with Mastergeeha and soccer with Mastergeeha.

Fionn is doing this fundraiser for Crumlin Cardiology Dept as well as donating his ponytail to Little Princess Trust. He set a €500 target, the support so far has been tremendous reaching over €1500 so far.

It will be a family affair today at the big chop as Fionn's uncle Jonathan who has his own barbering business (Jonathan's Barber Van in Tesco carpark) to do the honours.

100% of raised funds here will go directly to this great cause and you can still donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/FIONN-GRIFFIN>

Cllr. Cahill 'OVER THE MOON' with Greenway allocation

Known for his ardent support of the long awaited South Kerry Greenway, Cllr. Michael Cahill has said he is "over the moon" to see actual progress at last on the South Kerry Greenway, with workers and machinery already operating.

This week's announcement by Transport Infrastructure Ireland of €4.6m of the 2023 allocation, specifically our long-awaited Greenway, is the icing on the cake" was the reaction of the Fianna Fáil Councillor, who has supported the project from day one, to developments.

"This is the first significant announcement of funding for the Glenbeigh to Cahersiveen Greenway, a project that I have stated since the very beginning will be a "Gamechanger" for Cahersiveen, Glenbeigh, Iveragh and the entire county" said Councillor Cahill

"Any new progress brings a smile to our faces and this €4.6 million makes it all the more believable that this is really happening. The people of South and Mid Kerry have waited and waited for a project, such as this to raise the prospects and profile of their home place. We can now believe finally, that forced emigration will come to an end and that we are no longer bringing children into this world, just to head for foreign shores to make a living" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"The future looks a bit rosier now" said Councillor Cahill.



*On the right track..At the official starting point of the South Kerry Greenway at Glenbeigh, Cathaoirleach of the Kenmare Municipal District, Cllr Michael Cahill, met with Sean O'Sullivan from the Capital Infrastructure Unit met with the Members of the Kenmare Municipal District to discuss progress on the South Kerry Greenway, from left, Cllr Norma Moriarty, Kevin Griffin, Landowner, Cllr John Francis Flynn, Sean O'Sullivan and Brian Sugrue, Landowner.
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (File Photo)*

COUNCIL INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

Funding available to community facilities supporting Ukrainian refugees

Kerry County Council is inviting applications for funding under a new scheme designed to support communities who are hosting Ukrainian refugees. The Department of Rural and Community Development has announced details of a €50 million national fund to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution of communities in hosting new arrivals in the county in response to the Ukraine crisis.

This fund has been allocated to local authorities based on the numbers of new arrivals located there. Kerry County Council has received an allocation of €4.4m. Details of the scheme are now available on the Council's website.

The available funding will be distributed under two measures. Measure 1 will be distributed for use on transformative capital projects of a scale

that will revitalise and enhance the economic and social environment of communities.

Proposals under this category 'must demonstrate that the funding is targeted at, and specifically invested in, those communities, villages and towns where the highest levels of new arrivals are located and where there is a clear need for investment identified.'

Measure 2 is a fund which will be allocated for small to medium scale capital projects 'that will deliver tangible benefits for communities' up to a maximum value of €40,000 per eligible project which are proposed by community groups, cultural organisations and sporting clubs across the county.

Application Forms for Measure 1 and Measure 2 Projects are available on www.kerrycoco.ie and applications must be submitted by 2 March 2023.





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By Billy Ryle

Further Education and Training (FET) offers a variety of life-long education options, including apprenticeships, traineeships, Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses, community and adult education as well as basic literacy and numeracy services. FET courses are provided through the Education and Training Board (ETB) network throughout the country as well as through other local providers including online through SOLAS' eCollege. FET courses are provided from levels one to six on the National Framework of Qualification (NFQ) for anyone over 16 yrs., who wants to learn new skills or enhance existing skills to get the right job, progress to third-level or to support the achievement of personal goals.

PLC courses are an attractive alternative to higher education and provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level. The CAO route doesn't suit everybody directly after Leaving Cert. Some may not feel ready for 3rd level. Others may not have secured a CAO offer or may be unhappy with the offer received. Over 200 Colleges of Further Education throughout the country offer PLC courses leading to awards at QQI FET Levels 5 & 6 from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

A PLC course is ideal for a person who has completed the Leaving Cert and requires further vocational education and training to enhance her/his employment prospects. A PLC course provides students with the opportunity to try out a course before committing to 3rd level studies. It's also tailor made for a student with the Leaving Cert Applied (LCA) and for mature students, who are returning to education.

PLC courses are full time, mainly one year, offering a blend of academic work, practical work and work experience. Many PLC courses lead directly to employment. Increasingly, PLC courses are used to access 3rd level education, with more than 700 courses in the CAO system

now accepting a PLC qualification for entry. Last year, about 14,172 applications to the CAO offered a PLC qualification. This is a very healthy development as it provides an alternative route into 3rd level.

Through the higher education links scheme (HELS), the PLC courses provide an alternative route into CAO courses other than Leaving Cert exam results. A PLC course normally involves completing eight modules in the academic year. Students' entry to CAO colleges is then based on a scoring system for PLC awards achieved at Level 5 and/or Level 6 on the NFQ. Full details about the scoring system are available on the QQI website, www.qqi.ie.

CAO has provided links to a host of full-time higher education, further education and training and apprenticeship options available to post-second level applicants. However, CAO does not accept applications for further education courses or apprenticeships. For all queries and information about Further Education and Training or Apprenticeship options, click on the further education and training tab on the CAO website. Alternatively, go to the FET course hub, www.fetchcourses.ie.

To apply for a PLC Course on the CAO website, click on the further education and training tab. This will open up the further education and training course hub. Click on the course category that interests you or select all courses. A list of available courses in your chosen category will be displayed along with details of the course provider. Select the course you are interested in. More information about the course will be displayed including details of course content, entry requirements, course qualifications, awarding bodies and location. Apply for a course by clicking on the 'apply now' link. You must now register with Fetchcourses. Once registered, up you will be able to see details of the courses you applied

for. You can also save courses to your account which you can review at a later date. Contact details for the course provider are available for further information. Once you have applied for a course you will receive acknowledgement of your application within three days. Your course provider will supply details of the next step. The centralised application system has made the application process for PLC courses much easier. Entry requirements normally consist of Leaving Cert standard and satisfactory performance at interview. Mature applicants are assessed on their life's experiences. PLC colleges are now accepting applications so apply early as places on the most popular courses fill up quickly.

CHECKLIST

- PLC courses are an attractive alternative to higher education
- PLC courses provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level
- PLC courses lead directly to employment in many cases
- PLC courses lead to awards at Level 5 (Certificate) and Level 6 (Advanced Certificate) from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
- CAO provides links to further education and training on www.cao.ie
- Access the FET course hub at www.fetchcourses.ie.
- If applying for PLC courses, set up an account with www.fetchcourses.ie.
- Apply now for your PLC course as popular courses fill up quickly
- PLC students have the same entitlement to funding as third level students
- College grants are processed by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)

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OLD OAK TREE BECOMES PART OF KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As part of a development taking place at Killarney Community College, the school had to sacrifice a 200 year old majestic Oak tree.

"We sometimes have to sacrifice beauty and our latest building development required the felling of a majestic Oak tree that grew in the site location. This tree was well in excess of 200 years old", the school said on their social media platforms.

At the development stage of this project Killarney Community College required that the tree be

planked after it was felled.

The builders have organised that a company is now converting this tree into slabs/planks for use by the college.

The timber will be seasoned at a suitable location for a number of years before it will live again in items of furniture that will be made by the woodwork department in the college.

What a fantastic way to demonstrate sustainability in the use of wood.

The school are planning a planting ceremony sometime in the future where new oak trees will grow and flourish for the generations of students to come.





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A treasure trove of talent at Killarney Musical Society

Last minute preparations are underway for Killarney Musical Societies production of "A Musical Journey" which will take place in the INEC Arena in the coming weeks. Last weekend the cast had a full run through of their show which takes place on the 7th 8th 9th March. The production team asked the full cast of 109 to attend our rehearsal venue and run the show from start to finish. Also in attendance were the back stage team, sound engineer, lighting technician, props manager, children and teen supervisors and members of the orchestra.

"Our director, multi-award AIMS winner, Mr. Oliver Hurley and our musical director Mr. Jimmy Brockie worked tirelessly on the night and as usual they were ably assisted by Stella, Sorcha and Jack", Linda O'Donoghue, PRO for the show told Killarney Outlook.

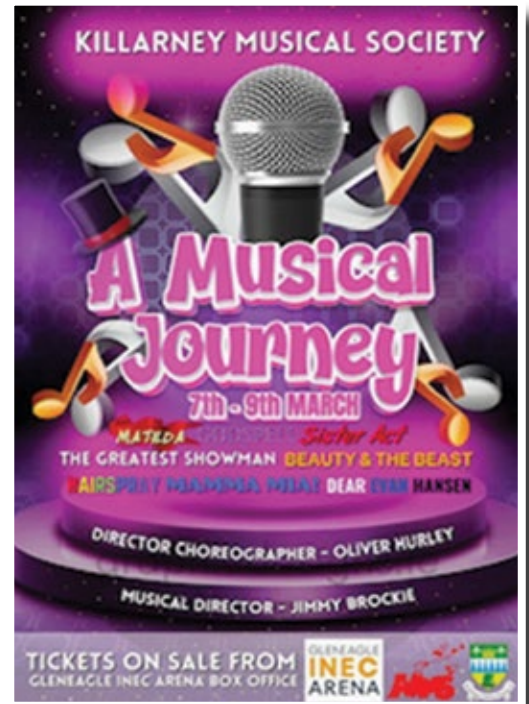
"Our hard-working chairperson Brid O

Callaghan said she was thrilled with the night. It was like opening a treasure trove of talent. "I will never forget watching the adults whose jaws dropped in amazement when they saw the children perform as most of the adult chorus would have seen and heard them for the first time last Saturday", Brid said.

Joan Gill and Breda Sparling were so proud when their young charges and they got a tremendous cheer and applause from the rest of the cast, while Annelie Fleming and Patricia Buckley were just the same when the teens got their chance to shine.

"It won't be long to the 7th March in the INEC and the next 2 weeks are going to be very exciting", Linda added.

Tickets are available online from universe.com. There will also be a ticket box-office in The Laurels Monday to Friday from 12 noon to 4pm.



MORE THAN 1,000 JOBS ON OFFER AT SOUTH KERRY JOBS FAIR

More than 1,000 jobs will be on offer to prospective job seekers at the upcoming South Kerry Jobs Fair to be held in Killarney on March 2nd. The event, which is being organised by South Kerry Development Partnership in conjunction with the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, will have more than 50 employers from a broad range of sectors in attendance including Hospitality, Health & Social Care, Engineering, Education & Training, Financial Services, Manufacturing. Representatives from the Department of Social Protection will also be in attendance to support job seekers.

Bridget O'Keeffe, Senior Executive Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce said she is delighted that this great event is taking place earlier this year as it represents a fantastic opportunity to match local

and incoming talent with businesses to meet their growth needs.

SKDP's Enterprise Office Joanne Griffin noted that a strong turnout is expected from the Ukrainian community, as they are anxious to seek employment and bring a range of skills that local employers can potentially tap into. "Unlike previous events, there is no need for job seekers to register in advance to attend this year's event, Joanne noted. "We would encourage all job seekers to bring copies of an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae with them which they can present to prospective employers at the event" she said.

The event will take place at The Great Southern Hotel in Killarney on Thursday, March 2nd from 10.30am to 1.30pm



Welcome Baby Olivia.....

Congratulations to Outlook Publications Designer, Martha Healy Walsh and her husband Sean Walsh on the arrival of their daughter Olivia Lelia Walsh. The couple are pictured at Olivia's Christening last weekend with their son James and god father Ted Healy and god mother Fiona Walsh.

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MINISTER FOLEY CONFIRMS OVER €1.7 MILLION IN ONCE-OFF FUNDING for voluntary and community health providers

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D Norma Foley welcomes confirmation of €1,760,614 in once-off funding for voluntary and community health providers in Kerry through the Government's 'Inflation Fund'.

This tranche of funding is paid directly to community-based and voluntary health and social care providers as part of Government measures to ease cost-of-living pressures.

In total, 107 organisations across the county will benefit from this funding stream with the St. John of God Community Services receiving €761,182 and the Kerry Parents and Friends Association awarded €504,907.



Kerry Parents and Friends Association have been awarded €504,907.

Minister Foley said: "I am delighted to receive confirmation of this vital funding which will help to ease pressures caused by increases in the cost of living for voluntary and community health providers. These organisations are the backbone of communities across Kerry and this funding will ensure that they can continue to provide pivotal services in the face of inflationary pressures and rising energy costs."

UTILITY BILLS TRIPLE IN 12 MONTHS

Kerry Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill has re-issued a warning that many businesses throughout Ireland are on the brink of collapse, due to the sheer size of the Utility Bills they are expected to pay. It is widely reported that the cost of oil, electricity and gas, has returned to the levels they were at before Russia invaded Ukraine, but this is not reflected in the costs to homes and businesses.

"I have put down a Notice of Motion asking Kerry County Council to call on the Commission for Regulation of Utilities to initiate an investigation into the prices charged by these companies both pre and post invasion in comparison to the cost to them of oil, gas and electricity. If there is any level of price gouging involved, I will expect all customers to be

reimbursed" stated Councillor Cahill.

"However, many businesses are on the brink of collapse, due to the fact that they cannot service such inordinate price rises. I have had representations from business owners, in

Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Killorglin and Killarney, businesses who are well known in our communities, who have put their life and soul in to building up what they have, who tell me that they suddenly find themselves in a loss making situation, have to borrow money and have to put their staff on notice" stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"A businessman in Killorglin recently showed me his electricity bill for the month of January and it was over €14,000 in comparison to €5,000 for the month of January in 2022, triple the amount. He is now borrowing to pay his bills and this is not sustainable" stated Councillor Cahill

"This is a possible national economic disaster for Ireland and we must urgently find a way to prevent it from happening. We are already experiencing restricted hours in our Restaurants and Public Houses due to these increases and now we face restrictions, even closures, in other services such as a shops and Supermarkets etc.," said Councillor Cahill.

"Emergency support needs to be put in place immediately and a return of normality to our Utility Bills before our whole economy and business community is devastated" stated Councillor Cahill.

"I outlined the seriousness of the situation at a recent meeting with the Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath and I am confident that a greatly improved Energy Support Scheme will be introduced to assist these businesses" added Councillor Cahill.



HIGH COST OF FERTILISER IN IRELAND

Deputy Danny Healy Rae spoke in the Dail this week about the crisis in relation to the prices of fertilisers and what's happening to farming in Ireland today

This is the second year that Irish farmers will have to pay unrealistic, exorbitant over the top prices for fertilisers and for the last number of weeks Germany and other European countries and the UK are paying 40% less than our farmers for fertilisers, for example they pay €500 a tonne for urea while Irish farmers are paying €850 to €900.

I thought that when we went into the European Common Market in 1973 that all EU Countries would have a level playing field especially with prices for goods and supplies.

It has become very clear that we don't have enough competition in the Fertiliser market. This problem began back in October/ November 2021 months before the Ukrainian war and prices began to soar and after Christmas, still

before the war, prices increased further and some of the co-ops would not even quote farmers. Last March Kerry farmers could not even get fertiliser for 2 weeks as it was being held up by the distributors and Co-ops so they could increase the price further. It is absolutely ridiculous that many Co-ops won't actually quote farmers today for the price per tonne for fertiliser, think of that they won't quote the price, only bring it out to ye or bring it yer selves and we'll send ye a bill after.

It's very clear that the fertiliser distributors and suppliers are profiteering at the expense of our farmers, Yara one of the fertilizer suppliers' profits are up 60% between September and December of last year. Mosaic one of leading producers doubled its profits during the same period, the whole thing is rotten Taoiseach with farmers suffering and households crippled with increased food costs.

Urea started out, before it went up in price at

€380 a tonne in 2021, last year it was €1,000 a tonne and it's still €900 a tonne now. The fertiliser companies blame the war and that the increased cost of gas was the reason for the increase in production costs, there has been a constant reduction in the price of natural gas of up to 85% since last September, likewise we should be seeing a massive reduction in the cost of fertiliser.

Taoiseach, it is now becoming very clear that we don't have proper competition in the fertiliser market with Gouldings, IFI, Grassland and Yara operating together I am calling for a high-powered investigation at a national level and a European level, what are the competition and consumer protection commission for? Is it a charade? Are they being paid for nothing; they are not helping Irish Farmers, or they are not helping Irish consumers by the way they are letting this go unattended.

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BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

>FIXTURES

Minor men away to St Mary's/Renard in Renard on Saturday, 25th at 1pm in round 2, minor league.

Senior men will be away to Laune Rangers on Sunday, 26th February at 2pm in round 2, Mid Kerry league.

>RESULTS

Round 1, Co Minor League:Beaufort 5.11 Gneeveguilla 2.09.

Beaufort panel was: Cormac O'Sullivan, Cian Kissane, Rory Breen, Eoin Kissane, Padraig Casey, John Murphy, Timmy Galvin, Thomas Coffey, Cillian Slattery, Fionn O'Neill, Kevin Coffey, Eanna Coffey, Roan O'Shea, Callum Smith, Arthur Gabbett, Jack Gabbett, Hugh Dorrian, Evan Doona, Daire Kingston, Enda Kelliher, Calum Galvin, Ciarán Doyle, Fionn Kennedy.

>LOTTO

There was no jackpot winner of €11,800 on Sunday, 19th February. Numbers: 4,8,9,18.

Consolation Prizes: €80 Michael Doona, Killarney €50 Denis and Margaret Galvin, Beaufort, Joanne McCall, Carlow, Pat Hartnett, Gap of Dunloe.

The next draw for a jackpot of €12,000 will be on Sunday, 5th March 2023. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at: www.beaufortgaa.com.

Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

>CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Work has resumed on the All-weather playing surface on the G.A.A. club grounds. The Club is holding a car draw and other cash prizes to fund the development. Tickets are still available. They are €25 each, 3 for €60, 5 for €100 and are available from local sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please contact the Club at 087 9975737 for more information.

>WALKING CHALLENGE

Well done to the thirty walkers who reached 6,104km in the walking challenge which finished on 15th February.

Thank you to all the participants. All Clubs who reach 4,000km will be in a draw for O'Neill's Club gear vouchers.

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LISTRY GAA

LOTTO

Numbers drawn 9,14,15, 23. €100 Emma Sheehan. €50 Mike Russell, Gortroe, Fossa. €50 Thomas Courtney, Malmoe Sweden. €25 Megan & Ali O Sullivan. €25 Noreen Horgan .Jackpot next week February 26th €9,600.

LISTRY SENIORS

Hard luck to our seniors who narrowly lost out against Glenflesk last Sunday .This week we are away to Rathmore Friday the 24th at 8Pm come a long and support .

MINORS

The keel/Listry minors are out again this week away to Killarney legion in the Keanes Minor county league division 1 ,round 2 ,Best of luck.

SIGERSON CUP

Congratulations to Listry senior player to Ruairi Murphy and UCC on their Sigerson cup win last week .

U15 KEEL/LISTRY COMÓRTAS F15 AN EARRAIGH 2023

Well done to all the lads who travelled to an Gaeltacht Sunday .A couple of tough games in the group stages that saw us come out runners up in the A final

>DEFIBRILLATOR

Listry Community Council clg and Listry GAA recently upgraded the Defibrillator cabinets throughout the parish and at the GAA pitch. Defibrillators are in the following locations.

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Courtney's, Rockfield Cross V93 R6P7

Listry GAA Club (Stand) V93 KX71

Killorglin Rugby Club V93 DE 68

Rugby Club is located at Kerry Woolen Mills Cross V93 DE68.

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downwards. It might be useful to note the Defibrillator nearest to you and take note of the EirCode and Access Code

>SYMPATHY

Listry Community Council want to sent Votes of sympathy to bereaved families, relatives and friends of following people who died in from October 2022 to recently. Margaret Deane (née O'Shea) Behenagh, Camp, Kerry / Listry, Kerry. (Kitty) Gorman (née Staunton) Woodlawn Drive, Killarney, Kerry / Dunmore, Galway. KATHLEEN DENNEHY (née DALY), NAUNTANINE, Killorglin, Kerry / Killarney, Kerry. JOHN MURPHY, LISSIVANE WEST, Milltown, Kerry / Glencar, Kerry. Gerard Murphy, Ballyhar, Killarney, Kerry / Cahersiveen, Kerry. Thomas Byrne, Mountain View, Killorglin, Kerry / Ballinacarrig, Carlow. CHRISTY SCULLY, NAUNTENANE, Killorglin, Kerry. Michael (Mike) Quirke, Tonbwee, Castleisland, Kerry / Milltown, Kerry. Mary Hobbins (née Duggan), Buncurragh, Ballyheigue, Kerry. Bernard Supple, Knockreigh, Milltown, Kerry. MICHAEL MANNIX, Keel, Faha, Killarney, Kerry. Chrissie Casey (née Naughton), Direeen, Blackvalley, Beaufort, Kerry. KATHLEEN DALY (née MCGILLYCUDDY), FARRANMANAGH, Milltown, Kerry. Margaret Murphy (née O'Neill), Lacken, Old Leighlin, Carlow. Anne Ashe (née Riordan), Ardshanavooley, Killarney, Kerry / Farranfore, Kerry. May their souls rest in peace.

>MEALS ON WHEELS

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>NOTES

If you would like to add a note or something to the notes, please contact Cathriona @ cathrionadoc73@hotmail.com or ring or text 087-9381063 before 6pm THURSDAYS.



Billy Brosnan with his grandmother Carmel Martin enjoying Grandparents Day at Fossa National School, Killarney recently.



Caoimhe McCarthy with her grandparents Lly and John Cronin enjoying Grandparents Day at Fossa National School, Killarney recently.



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SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin



A cheque was presented to Eleanor Doherty and Kathrina Breen on behalf of the Killarney-South Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society by our Club Chairman Michael Cronin and Adrian O'Sullivan, the Awards Committee.

➤WELL DONE

Well done to senior ladies' player Cass Buckley and the Kerry ladies on their triumph over Dublin at the weekend

Congratulations to the winners of Spa GAA Know Your Sport 2022, Aidan Clifford Laune Rangers and Cormac Cronin Spa collected their cheques from Club Chairman Michael Cronin and Competition Organiser John O'Donoghue

➤IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

A cheque was presented to Eleanor Doherty and Kathrina Breen on behalf of the Killarney-South Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society by our Club Chairman Michael Cronin and Adrian O'Sullivan, the Awards Committee. This money was collected at our Annual Awards night. A big thank you to everyone for kindly and generously contributing

➤FIXTURES

In the Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Championship draw Spa were placed in Group 1 along with Templenoe, Kenmare and Na Gaeil. We will play Templenoe in the first round of the date and time TBC

The Credit Union Senior Football League for 2023 kick starts St. Patrick's



Congratulations to the winners of Spa GAA Know Your Sport 2022, Aidan Clifford Laune Rangers and Cormac Cronin Spa collected their cheques from Club Chairman Michael Cronin and Competition Organiser John O'Donoghue

weekend. Spa will play Austin Stacks away this weekend, date and time TBC

➤UP AND ACTIVE EASTER CAMP

This Easter break Monday 3rd - Friday 7th April from 9am-1pm a fun filled camp for children attending Primary School will take place at Spa GAA grounds. To book your place contact Evan 087-1496951 or Dan 085-7386444

➤LOTTO

The Spa Lotto draw takes place on Monday nights. Play online on spagaa.com or tickets can be purchased in Sheahans Centra Muckcross Rd, Dalys Supervalu, The Torc Hotel, Jimmy Briens Bar, Mcsweeney Arms or The Arbutus. Thank you for your continued support.

➤SPAGAA.COM

Keep up to date with ongoing activity in the Club or to make any inquiries by visiting the website

➤ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the Spa notes please contact the club PRO on 085 7762411 or pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie before 8pm on Sundays

GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

➤LOTTO

There was one winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 20/2/ 2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €10,700. The numbers drawn were 1, 9, 10, 13. The winning ticket was purchased by Eileen O' Donoghue, Coracow, Headford. Congratulations Eileen!! Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 6/ 3 / 2023. Jackpot will be €3,000 Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers. Lotto tickets including annual tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs and shops or online before 6pm on the date of the draw at: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor

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➤ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Wishing Darragh Roche and the Kerry senior team all the best on Saturday when they play Armagh in Rd. 4 of the Allianz Football League in Austin Stack Park at 5pm.

➤KERRY U20S

Congratulations to Killian O Sullivan who was nominated as captain of Kerry U20 Team for 2023.

➤GLENFLESK GAA AND LGFA NIGHT

Glenflesk Gaa & Glenflesk Ladies Football Club presentation of medals

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➤SCOR

East Kerry Scór na nÓg: Saturday 11th March at 3pm in Fossa Community Hall - County Final Scór na nÓg: Saturday 25th March at 6pm in Currow - Munster Final: Saturday 15th April - All Ireland: Saturday 6th May @3pm in INEC, Killarney - East Kerry Scór na bPaisití: Sunday 2nd April TIME TBC in Fossa Community Hall. - Scór na bPaisti: County Semi Finals 15/16th April - Scór na bpaisti County Final: Sunday 30th April

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➤RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME

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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

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>HEDGEROWS

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>KILCUMMIN GAA EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUE

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LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 13th Feb. 2023 of the Jackpot for €3000. Numbers drawn were 19,20,21,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Con O'Mahony; Connie Kelly, Killarney; Sharon & Theresa c/o Dept Justice; Rian Fleming, Knockanore. The next draw will be Monday 27th February for



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LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 17th February 2023 of the Jackpot for €8,400. Numbers drawn were 2,4,24,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Paul O'Rourke, Rathanane; Dermot O'Sullivan c/o Klub; Dermot O'Neill, Mastergeeha c/o Lals; TJ & Ger Healy. The next draw will be Friday 24th February for jackpot of €8,600.

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

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>DICK GODSIL MEMORIAL

An open invitation to all former and current Cadbury employees to attend a meeting at Rathmore Community Centre to discuss a suitable memorial for Dick Godsil, the man who brought Cadbury's factory to Rathmore. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th February at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

>SYMPATHIES to Margaret Smith, on the death of her husband Alan Smith, 1 Bru na Sinsear, Rathmore his sister Genevieve, stepchildren Seamus & Helen, grandchildren & extended family. Alan's funeral took place on Wednesday 15th February in Rathmore. May Alan rest in peace

>LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

The children of Rathmore Parish preant Little Red Riding Hood at Community Centre on Saturday 4th @ 7pm & Sunday March 4th at 3pm. Admission €12 adults children €8. For more details & to book your seat contact Fiona 0879109257 & Mags 0879498344. All proceeds to Ronand McDonald House in aid of Brian Lawlor

>GNEEVEGUILLA GAA CLUB

Our Annual Social takes place on March 4th in Gneeveguilla GAA Hall, music from Hell for Leather. Tickets €35, to book tickets contact Adrian O'Connell 087 9589794.

>SCOR NA NOG

We're looking for competitors to take part in Scor na nOg. All young people under 17 can take part in the following competitions:

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>CONGRATULATIONS to A GREAT Gneeveguilla Greyhound man, Ray Fleming, was honoured with the 2022 Hall Of Fame Award at Tralee Greyhound Stadium recently

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>NOTES

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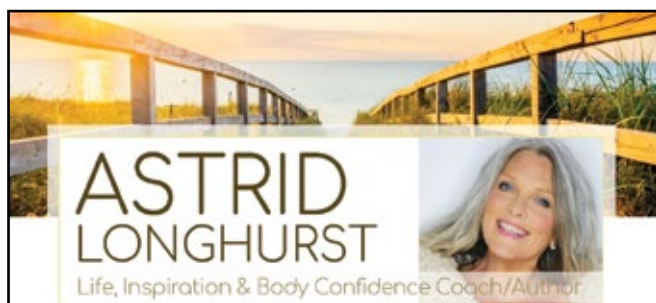


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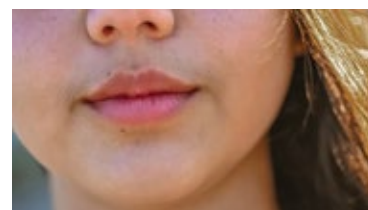
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Dara O'Brien with grandparents Jerry and Breeda McCarthy enjoying Grandparents Day at Fossa National School, Killarney recently.

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On Saturday next, the club will take part in the Cork Head Of the River returning to the familiar city marina venue in Cork which now plays host to three separate time trial events in the rowing calendar. This next event is hosted by the Cork City Regatta Committee involving all of the city's rowing clubs. Timing is provisionally set to run from 9am to 3.30pm

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Martin Murphy and Orlagh Moloney on the occasion of their marriage in Roscrea on Saturday last. Wishing the couple every health and happiness for the future.

KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB

Last Sunday, thirty members of Killarney Judo Club took part in the local Munster Mini Mon competition in Lissivigeen N.S in Killarney. They competed against boys and girls from across Munster including Tralee, Macroom, Cork City and Waterford. In total, over seventy players competed on the day.

The players brought brilliantly across the day from categories as young as six years old to sixteen years old. In total, Killarney won 8 Gold, 8 Silver and 14 Bronze from a brilliant display of throws and hold-downs.

We would like to thank all the parents and guardians who supported the players on the day.

KILLARNEY RFC NEWS

RESULTS

U14 Boys: Tralee 12 - 24 Killarney

U16 Boys: Killarney 8 - 7 Midleton

U14 Girls: Killarney win V Midleton/Youghal

FIXTURES

U16 Boys V Caslteisland away - Fri TBC

U18 girls V Bruff at home - Sat @ 1pm

Seniors: Munster Junior Bowl V Skibbereen Away, Sunday @ 2:30pm

MINIS ENJOY TRIP TO LISTOWEL

Very well done to our awesome Minis who traveled to North Kerry to take on Listowel in a blitz last Saturday. Some wonderful rugby, skills and teamwork on display and a huge thanks to Junior and all at Listowel for hosting us. Thanks to all the kids who represented the club with pride, the parents for driving and our fantastic



Killarney Judo Club who took part in the local Munster Mini Mon competition in Lissivigeen N.S in Killarney.

coaches for looking after the kids. Also a very special thank you to Emmet, Chloe and Sadie for playing with Listowel today to even up the numbers.

TRAINING resumes Sat but please note training will be from 10am to 11:30am from this Saturday on.

3 U18 GIRLS REPRESENT MUNSTER

Very well done to Fia Whelan, Lily Morris and Ava O'Malley who represented Munster Rugby in the Girls U18 Interpros in Dublin last week. The girls represented their province and clubs with huge pride. Very well done girls.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BC

JUVENILE NEWS

St Colmans 66 Killarney Cougars 69

The Cougars had to come through double overtime to defeat St Colmans in Miltown in a very competitive contest in Miltown. The Cougars came back well after a slow first quarter to lead throughout the game until the closing minutes with St Colman's taking the lead only for Cougars to show great determination to tie the game with little between the sides throughout the game it needed two periods of overtime see Cougars secure the win. Best for Cougars on this occasion were Finn Kennelly, Nathan Cox, Mark Daly and Mark Kennelly.

U16 PLATE SEMI FINAL

Killarney Cougars 45 St Brendans 38

A very entertaining game at the Pres Gym saw the Cougars over come St Brendans at the Presentation Gym on Thursday evening last. St Brendans undefeated in the league to-date found Cougars in determined mood and with

a strong defence the frustrated the visitors, dominating under the boards. Cougars led 15-10 at the opening quarter with their height advantage causing problems for the visitors.

The Cougars increased the lead slightly by halftime 23-16. A strong push by St Brendans in the third quarter had them well in contention by the end of the third 33-30. Their was little between the sides in the final quarter with sides tied early in an exciting period, but the Cougars through the excellent Dylan Bowler regained the lead and with foul trouble for St Brendans gave Cougars the opportunity to go to the line in the closing minutes to secure a hard earned win.

Best for Cougars were Dylan Bowler 15pts, Mark Kennelly and Andi Casey.

U13 BOYS DIV 1

Killarney Cougars 38 St Anne's 30

St Anne's came out of the blocks fast for this top of the table clash to lead impressively 15-5 by the end of the opening quarter with great baskets by Oige OLeary Griffin and Diarmud Casey. The Cougars were to respond well in the second quarter to totally dominate the game to take the lead 24-16 with great scores by Callum Cox and James O'Callaghan. The Cougars increased the lead in the third quarter through great baskets by Jaime Fleming and Setanta Hurley to lead 36-20. A strong comeback by St Anne's in the final quarter reduce the arrears but the Cougars determined defence held out to secure the win in a very competitive game for the good attendance.

Best on the night for the Cougars were Callum Cox, Jamie Fleming, James O'Callaghan.



Fia Whelan, Lily Morris and Ava O'Malley who represented Munster Rugby in the Girls U18 Interpros in Dublin last week.



Killarney Rugby Club U14 girls who were in action last weekend against Midleton/Youghal



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Killarney Cougars U18 Co League team that defeated v St Colmans in Miltown.



Killarney Cougars Masters team that played in the National Cup 1st round game Vs Kilorglin.

ACADEMY

Our Academy resumes on Friday after a short midterm break at the Parish Hall.

On Sunday our Boys & Girls travel to Tralee for the KABB Blitz games.

CASTLEISLAND OPEN U12 TOURNAMENT

Our U12 Boys travel early Saturday morning to the Div 1 Blitz in Castleisland. The Cougars have a difficult group and will face Ballincollig, Limerick Celtics and hosts St Mary's in the opening game of the tournament.

SENIOR NEWS

Masters National Cup

Kcymys 79 Killarney Cougars 63

A great performance by the Killarney Masters team that were injury hit going into this game but still produce a very determined performance before going out to the experienced Kcymys led by Declan Wall, John Galvin and John Teehan in this 1st round game played in Kilorglin. The sides were well matched through the first half with Kcymys just ahead 43-41 with Declan Wall three point shooting and John Galvin power under the boards having a big impact on the game. The Cougars through great baskets by Sarunas the determined efforts of Frank Rahilly and three point shooting of Darren Gaffey kept Cougars in contention however Kcymys big bench proved to be influential in the closing stages with Micheal Broderick, Tom Fleming, Eamon John Donohue, Dan Griffin and William Kirby all making good contributions to secure the win in a very entertaining clash.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 1

Team North West 74 Killarney Cougars 68

A tough defeat on the road for the Cougars who were slow to settle into this National League Div 1 game with a long road trip a contributing factor possibly in a home win for Team North West who had to withstand alot of pressure from the visitors chasing a first win on the road against an inform Team North West.

The Cougars trailed 15 - 9 at the end of the opening quarter despite creating good opportunities through American Marty Hill and having good possession it didn't translate on the scoreboard with Ignacio Campus dominating on the boards giving Team North West an advantage.

The second quarter saw the sides going basket for basket with good scores by Jack Lynch bringing Cougars well into the game midway through the quarter with Team North West Ignacio Campus dominating under the boards and Ryan Gannicleffit in top form bringing his tally to 19pts by half-time the home side increased their lead slightly to 37-27.

A strong third quarter by the Cougars led by Jack Lynch began to gradually reduce the arrears and saw home side come under pressure as Cougars began to get the much needed scores with a big three from Andraz Rakovec and baskets by Marty Hill and Esebjo Strijdhartig had Cougars well in contention 57-53 by the end of the quarter despite a growing influence of American John Fierstein for Team North West.

Fierstein restored the home sides advantage to 10pts with three good baskets early in the final quarter and despite good baskets by Marty Hill and a big three by Hill the Cougars were only trailing 65-60 with 5 minutes remaining. However Fierstein continued to respond well to the challenge and he hit another 3 pointer to increase the lead for the home side and with timing running out on the Cougars Team North West survived the closing minutes despite strong Cougars pressure with another three pointer by Lucas Cronin reducing the lead, but it was not enough and this was the final score of the game as time ran out for the Cougars who were disappointed as their possibly deserved more from the young team on duty on this occasion. The club greatly appreciate the continued support of OCallaghan Coaches with our away day travel arrangements.

Next up a home game vsTolka Rovers at home on Saturday evening at the Presentation Gym

Top scorers

Killarney Cougars: Marty Hill 19, Jack Lynch 18, Esebjo Strijdhartig 16.

Team North West: John Fierstein 25, Ryan Gannicleffit 23, Ignacio Campus 15

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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB



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Division 3: 1st: Damian O'Callaghan +3. 2nd: Mike O'Leary 0

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3rd: Moss Lyons jnr (6) & Eoin Brosnan (13); 46pts.

4th: James Curran (9) & Ger Moroney (8); 46pts.

5th: Stephen O'Connor (12) & Bernard O'Shea (23); 46pts.

6th: Donal Cronin (12) & Barry Duggan (20); 46pts.

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Well done to all the Ladies who played on Saturday. Lovely morning for golf.

Winners: Mary McCarrick, Bridie Doyle & Betty

O'Farrell

2nd: Margaret O'Donoghue, Noreen O'Mahony & Mona Looney

9 HOLE COMPETITION WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

Well done to all who played in the competition on Wednesday

1st: Bridie Doyle, 17 points

2nd: Mary Gorman, 13 points

3rd: Kaye Cremin, 13 points

COMPETITIONS

9 Hole Scramble Saturday 25th February

9-hole scramble. Tee time 10.00am for 10.30am

9 Hole Competition Wednesday mornings

Each Wednesday morning 9-hole competition everyone welcome. Meet at 9.45am for 10.00am. All members welcome.

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SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Sean Ashe & Aidan O'Keeffe 36, Gross: Gearóid Cronin & Noel Moynihan 42 and Second Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Dan Kiely 37. Same again this Sunday morning at 9am and 10.45am for club members aged 15 or over.

OPEN MEETING


This will take place on Monday night in the Clubhouse at 7.30pm. Open to all adult registered members to attend.

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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club's U11s hosted Camp Juniors at Murt Scott Park on Sunday last where there were some excellent performances from both squads. The u12 girls travelled to Castleisland on Saturday last where after an entertaining & close game lost out on a 3-1 scoreline. Niamh O Sullivan went close early on with Lucy Wynne ,Leah Cooper & Aoibhinn Daly very prominent in the early exchanges. Lucy made it 2-1 with an excellent goal to set up a close finish. Leanne Collins & Emma O Callaghan went close from a Niamh O Sullivan corner before Castleisland got a 3rd goal to seal the home win.

The U13 Team 2 welcomed Castleisland B to Murt Scott Park in the U13 cup where after a battling effort they lost out on a 0-2 scoreline. Ballyhar had plenty of possession but could not find the net. On the day Alan Rotek, Killian O Sullivan ,Daithi Allen & Patrick O Connor played well.

The 13s Team 1 made the trip to Mastergeeha in the Premier Division & came away with a point in a 3-3 draw. Shane Edwards cancelled out an early Mastergeeha lead. The home team led 3-1 at the break but with Ryan Vickers, Jack Kelly & Sean O Leary Griffin getting more into the game Ballyhar saw more possession which resulted in Griffin making it 3-2 . Griffin again made it 3-3 when he reacted quickest to a Ryan Quilter shot that the keeper parried to draw the game. All played well with Adam Fleming & Diarmuid Casey very solid at the back.

The U15s in the Cup had a tough encounter at home going down 3-8 to Iveragh Utd. The game was tied at 2-2 at half time with both from Cillian Slattery. A combination of the Visitors upping the tempo & a few mistakes saw Iveragh take a strong lead before Daniel Gleeson made it 3-5 with Jamie Quirke playing very well throughout the game.

The U17s travelled to St Brendans Park B on Sunday and secured a 0-2 win with second half strikes by Eugene Deniel & Jack Dicker. A great squad effort with Sean O Sullivan, Eoin Walshe, Colm O Riordan ,Colm O Sullivan, John Henderson , Micheal Fitzgerald & Robert Kelly in fine form throughout.

WELL DONE

Well done to Aaron Moriarty who was named on the recent team of the week on the back of his U14 performances. Congratulations to Ryan Quilter & Ryan Vickers who played their part

with the emerging talent Kerry U13 squad who defeated the Limerick Desmond League on Friday last at Askeaton, Co Limerick. They now contest the Munster Final.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the Clifford Family, Furies on their recent family Bereavement.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

TOMMY HEALY CUP RESULT

Killarney Athletic B 5 - 1 Castlegregory Celtic
Darren O'Doherty Armend Gashi

On a lovely morning in Ferndale we kicked off in the first round of the Tommy Healy Cup hoping to carry our good league form into the cup. After a strong start, Aaron O'Sullivan made a trademark run down to wing before he was hacked down in the box and the referee pointed to the spot. Armend Gashi dispatched the spot kick beautifully into the side netting to give us an early lead. A few minutes later David Naughten found in-form Darren O'Doherty down the right who made his way in on goal at a tight angle and with no other options he rifled it past the helpless Castlegregory goalkeeper beautifully at his near post. Naughten was again provider for Armend Gashi's second just before the break, as he flicked the ball over the last defender before finding the back of the net to give us a commanding lead at half time. We started the second half as we left off when a quick bit of thinking from Jason O'Grady slipped in O'Doherty with a smartly taken free kick to make it 4-0. Castlegregory Celtic did claw one back during the second half and they could have had more throughout the game if it wasn't for some great saves from Conor O'Riordan. Late on, we were awarded another penalty when the ball was handled in the box following a dangerous corner. Darren O'Doherty stepped up and completed his second hat trick in as many games. Another brilliant effort from all the boys and great to have such a strong impact from all the subs off the bench.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC VS KILLARNEY CELTIC UNDER 13 LEAGUE

Athletic welcomed their neighbours to Ferndale on sat morning. Athletic raced into a one nil lead through a strike from Sean Lyne after some good work down the left hand side. Some other good chances went missing from both sides in a 50/50 tie.

Second half was much the same, in fairness

to both sides it's was a very early kick off and both sides had players heavily involved in other sports the night before which made for a poor standard of game. Celtic were unlucky not to make it one all when they hit the post. Athletic doubled their lead when Eric Corcoran was taken down in the box and Eanna Hennigan stepped up to score the peno. Celtic to their credit never gave up and scored with a few mins to go. Athletic saw out last few minutes to take the 3pts.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1, 15, 21, 28. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €1,800 on Monday February 27th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegarty's Park Rd, club members and online through clubforce.com

GREYHOUND BAR CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Killarney Celtic 3, Camp Utd 2

Witness Odirile, Lee Carey, Cathal O Shea.

In a hard fought encounter Celtic, showing changes from their previous game in Dublin, had to come from behind to overcome Camp. 1 down after 20 mins Celtic went 3-1 up but Camp refused to lie down and when Camp pulled a goal back, a tense final quarter was played out before Celtic advanced to the 1st round proper to play Castleisland this Friday night at home.

PREMIER B

Killarney Celtic B 4, MEK 3

Mark Kolesnikov, Adam Grzesiak, Terry Sparling, Witness Odirile

Celtic B came out the right side of a 7 goal thriller last Sunday as the team continues to move up the table

YOUTH LEAGUE

Killarney Celtic 4, Mastergeeha 3

Dara O Shea, Colin O Callaghan, Shay O Meara, Liam Cronin.

Celtic came from behind to claim the win. Mastergeeha led 2-0 before Dara O Shea drilled home a free kick to leave it 2-1 at half time. Celtic began to press more and Colin O Callaghan levelled it before Shay O Meara put Celtic in front. Mastergeeha came back to equalise but Liam Cronin got the winner from a free kick from the right wing which evaded everyone to end up in the net.

U15 SHIELD

Killarney Celtic 6, Ferry Rangers 3



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 girls who were defeated away to Castleisland FC in Division 1 of the KSLG on Saturday last.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u11s who welcomed Camp Juniors last weekend to Murt Scott Park.



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Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s , team 2 who lost at home to Castleisland B on Saturday last in the u13 cup.



Killarney Celtic U12 Girls squad vs Fenit.

Patrick O'Brien 4, Dara O'Sullivan 2

A goal fest of a 1st half saw Pa O'Brien score 4 with Dara O'Sullivan getting 1 to leave Celtic 5-2 ahead at the break. Dara O'Sullivan completed the Celtic scoring with Ferry replying. In an action-packed game there was even time for Ryan Lucey to save a late penalty.

U13 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 2, Killarney Celtic 1

Pa McCarthy

Celtic tried hard to the very end but just came up short in this local derby.

U13 SHIELD

Killarney Celtic 4, Camp Juniors 6

Jason Harrington 2, Tristan Murphy, Majid Khaleel

Celtic led 3-2 but Camp came back in the 2nd half to claim the win.

GIRLS

SFAI U16 NATIONAL TROPHY

Killarney Celtic 1, Ballyhaise Celtic Girls 1

Ballyhaise win on penalties

Hannah Casey.

A tight encounter went all the way to penalties before Ballyhaise progressed to the next round.

1-1 at half time, neither team could find the elusive goal so it went to penalties and the journey came to an end for our U16 squad. Well

done to the management and players on their National Cup and Trophy campaign.

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 0, Fenit Samphires 0

A great last minute save by Feile Dower ensured that honours were even after this Premier encounter last weekend.

CONGRATS to Ryan Lucey U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Abbie Finan who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

MANY THANKS to all who supported our church gate collection last weekend and to all who gave of their time to collect.

MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

MINOR LADIES SUFFER LOSS IN FIRST GAME

Clare 4-05 -v- Kerry 0-05

The Kerry minors got their Munster Minor Championship campaign off to the wrong start with a loss away to Clare on Saturday in Inagh. With six players unavailable prior to the match it made this much more difficult leading up to the match. Their cause was further weakened with a change prior to throw in. Kiera Furey replacing the injured Sheoladh O'Donovan. Conditions were blustery and overcast favouring Kerry in the opening period but it was Clare who got off to the perfect start with captain Caoimhe Cahill registering the first score of the game. In the seventh minute Kerry keeper Aoife Looney was called into action pulling off a save to deny Clare. The home side would soon raise their first green flag of the afternoon in the sixteenth minute by Lucy Shanahan and added another goal in the twenty-third minute to open up a seven-point lead. Kerry kept pushing forward throughout the half but their final inside left them down at crucial times. They finished the half the strongest with two points from Julia Curtin and could have had a goal only for the Clare keeper Jemma Murphy to pull off a great save and go in at the break trailing by five points.

The second half followed much the same pattern as the first with Clare getting off to a strong start. 1-02 without reply saw Clare open up a ten-point lead inside the first five minutes making Kerry's task of taking something from the game all the more difficult. Julia Curtin battled hard for the visitors with another point but it was goals Kerry needed as they found Clare were in no mood to concede a goal as they got plenty of players back behind the ball preventing any chance of a Kerry comeback.

Further points by Julia Curtin and Keli Enright saw the deficit reduced to eight points but it was too little too late as Clare ran out deserving winners. While Kerry will be disappointed with the result, they have another four games left in the Munster Championship to look forward to and with a full

compliment of players to choose from you can expect Kerry to be a much more formidable side in the competition.

Kerry Scorers: K Enright (0-01), J Curtin (0-04 2f)

Clare Scorers: C Cahill (C) (0-01 – 1f), E Clune (0-01), S Torpey (0-01 – 1f), G Burke (0-1), L Shanahan (2-00), L Clarke (1-0), K Fitzgerald (1-1)

Lidl Ladies National Football League

Division 1 Round 5

Kerry -v- Meath

Saturday 25th February – Brosna GAA – 2:00pm

Munster Minor Championship - Round 2

Kerry -v- Waterford - Saturday 25th February - Cordal GAA - Time TBC

Munster U16 Championship R1 - Sunday 26th

Clare (A) -v- Kerry (A) - A Championship

Clare (B) -v- Kerry (B) - B Championship

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KERRY LADIES MINOR TEAM: Photo by Burren Eye Photography



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SCOTTS LAKERS 67 MALAHIDE 86

**MALAHIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

The standard in the National League, especially at the top end, is especially high so when you do come face to face with them you have to be at your maximum. For a variety of reasons the Lakers were shorn of the services of Paul Clarke, Mark O Shea, Ronan Collins and Jack O Sullivan and when you're missing players of that standard it's bound to be missed. To be fair though the Lakers played as hard as they could for as long as they could and Rui Saravia probably had his best night in a Laker vest. Oisín Spring made his biggest contribution of the season while it's fair to say Jack Ferguson is one of the best players in the league.

Malahide, by virtue of this win, now sit second in the Northern Conference and in this form will certainly fancy a crack at the title. Their entire squad saw meaningful game time, with nine of them on the scoresheet, and in Trevor Recio they have a definite ace in the pack. St Pauls made the better start, with Senan O'Leary and Jack Ferguson getting their eye in from three point land. But that 8-3 lead soon turned into a 16-8 deficit with Recio and Matthew Harper creating havoc. Rui Saravia steadied the ship with a couple of baskets but Recio and Cian Daly made it 23-12 at quarters end.

Saravia was particularly bright at the start of the second, he hit seven points to close the gap to 25-19 but that only served to wake the sleeping dog. Issac Westbrook, son of the legendary Jerome, hit a three, as did Recio and Jeff Collins and when Cian Daly nailed a basket it was now 38-19. Lakers called a time out,, it worked as Senan O Leary and Eoin Carroll hit five without reply. Again Malahide struck back but so did Ferguson with a three and Eoin Carroll. Harper was really starting to trouble the Lakers though and he helped Malahide into a 46-29 lead.

The third quarter literally went basket for basket but Malahide used their bench to good effect with dangerman Recio sitting out for periods. It was Oisín Rice's turn to torment now, he hit 13 points in the quarter, but Jack Ferguson kept his and the Lakers game going with some accurate shooting. A Harper three saw the home side lead by as much as 24, 60-36, but Jamie O Sullivan, Saravia, Ferguson and Eoin Carroll kept it competitive with the scoreboard reading 70-51 at the end of the quarter.

Malahide sensing the game was theirs gave their bench a good runout against an understandably tiring Lakers but further three from Ferguson and Oisín Spring put a bit of a spring in the Lakers step. The lead was

stretched to 26 midway through the quarter, 83-57, but to their eternal credit Saravia, Spring and O Leary played to the buzzer and the scoreline read a more respectable 86-67 by the end.

Rui Saravia was at his most productive with 22 points, Jack Ferguson (20), Senan O Leary (10), Eoin Carroll (6), Oisín Spring (5), Jamie O Sullivan (4).

For Malahide Trevor Recio shot 21, Matthew Harper had 17, Oisín Rice (15) and Cian Daly (8).

The Lakers make their second last road trip of the season when they face Abbey Seals Dublin Lions on Saturday February 25th in Colaiste Bride. The two sides met in December in the National Cup when Righ Dau and Kevin Obasuyi delivered for the Metropolitans. They will also count on Rian Caverly, Tiernan Howe and Evan Blackman to contribute. Tip off is at 7.15pm.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH, LISBURN

ST PAULS 75 PHOENIX ROCKETS 86

In what was always going to be a big ask, St Pauls came out of a busy weekend pretty much intact. Travelling to Lisburn was always going to be a big logistical challenge but to do so minus four of the squad made the task all the more difficult. Lorraine Scanlon, Siofra O Shea and Cassandra Buckley were all part of the Kerry Ladies set up which defeated Dublin and now sits top of the Lidl National League while Leah McMahon was also on football duty, with the Kerry minors in Inagh. The squad that travelled did their utmost but found the Phoenix Rockets in the kind of form which sees them on track for the playoffs.

Lynn Jones was welcomed back into the line up for this game alongside Yuleska Tejeda, Denise Dunlea, Sofia Paska and Rheanne O Shea. The Rockets fired out of the blocks with Jessica Fairweather, Georgie McGrath and Rebecca Barker to the fore. Tejeda and Paska though were soon into their groove and it was 14-14 with 2.41 to go in the quarter. Aisling Counihan was now introduced into the Pauls line up while Clark Calisha was starting to warm up her engines. Aisling Murray and Fionnuala Toner's last baskets helped the home side into a 20-15 lead.

Jessica Quirk's height was starting to pay dividends for Pauls and alongside Tejeda and Rheanne O'Shea the visitors went into a 21-20 lead. The quality of the exchanges in this quarter certainly went up a notch as Clark Calisha and Rheanne O'Shea showed their ability from beyond the arc. Tejeda was penetrating the Rockets defence to good effect also while the other McGrath, Charlie, grew more prominent. The lead was

exchanged on multiple occasions but late baskets from Toner and Calisha edged the Rockets 46-42 ahead at half time.

The Rockets started the third quarter on top, threatening to push out their lead further initially through Georgie McGrath, Toner and Maevie Deery but Paska, Tejeda and O Shea reeled them back in. But they went again, and in what was probably the most crucial period of the game, a twelve point lead was opened, 63-51. Coach Fleming introduced Denise Dunlea and Aisling Counihan in an attempt to break the momentum of the game but the McGraths and Rebecca Barker pushed the third quarter lead out to 70-57, despite the work of Paska. Lynn Jones was reintroduced and Rheanne O Shea gave an early glimpse of a possible comeback with a neat basket. Tejeda and Dunlea cut the gap to ten, 76-66, but Fionnuala Toner kept the Rockets on course. The game got a bit fractured at this juncture which inevitably suited the leaders as Calisha and McGrath put the seal on a 86-75 win. In the final analysis St Pauls battled as hard as they could but with only seven players available, they found it hard to keep pace with a bigger and more flexible Rockets squad.

Top Scorers were Yuleska Tejeda (28), Sofia Paska (24), Rheanne O Shea (14), Lynn Jones (6), Jessica Quirk (20), Denise Dunlea (1), Aisling Counihan. While for the Rockets Clark Calisha hit 22, Charley McGrath (17) while sister Georgie had 16.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH
PRESENTATION GYM KILLARNEY**

ST PAULS 81 OBLATE DYNAMOS 65

On Sunday and with a full deck to pick from, Coach James Fleming was able to gently shake the cobwebs off the previous day's performance with some astute squad rotation and the 81-65 win over Oblate Dynamos in the Presentation Gym helped to cushion the blow of the Rockets reverse. It sends them back up the country next Saturday to face the undisputed Queens of the Division, the McEvoy Cavan Eagles, in good form and there's no doubt they will have to be at their absolute best against the high flying Eagles. The Cavan side have only been beaten once all season and are guaranteed their playoff spot. But it also presents the Killarney girls with an opportunity to measure themselves against the side who will surely be favourites to win it outright.

The seeds of this win were sown in the first half when Pauls put themselves into a comfortable 46-25 lead. Tejeda and Paska were on fire in the opening quarter while the presence of Lorraine Scanlon on the bench, after her football heroics the day previous,



gave Pauls a more rounded look. The home side were rampant, with the deadly duo of Paska and Tejeda helping them into a 16-5 lead. The Dynamos failed to light up until Katie Moloney, Megan Aho and Heather Meagher got going but a late Scanlon basket had Pauls in a 22-12 first quarter lead. Further scores from Paska, Scanlon and Rheanne O Shea opened the advantage to 29-14 as Kerry Ladies Football captain Siofra OShea checked in alongside Jessica Quirke.. Paska was causing big problems inside for the Dynamos defence and with Pauls now in full control Leah McMahon made her entrance. A couple of Katie Moloney threes may have been a spur for the visitors but Lynn Jones, Tejeda and Scanlon didn't read the script, St Pauls opening up that twenty one point halftime advantage. The Dublin side definitely made a better fist of the third quarter with Megan Aho particularly impressive. Alongside Heather Meagher they tried to make inroads into the Pauls lead but Tejeda, Paska, Leah McMahon and Siofra O Shea kept the scoreboard busy. St Pauls kept their freshness in this quarter with ten players seeing action, maybe at the cost of a bit of fluidity, but the lead was still comfortable at 64-51, with Jennifer

Sheehans late three giving the Dynamos a bit of hope. Tejeda with an opening basket and subsequent free throw quashed any suggestions of an Oblate renaissance, reinforced by a Rheanne O'Shea score. Samantha Massey took up the cudgels with Katie Moloney but the truth is Pauls had too many aces in the pack, a point emphasised by another Rheanne O'Shea three. Cassandra Buckley and Aisling Counihan helped to keep the mojo flowing when introduced. Tejeda and Paska continued to find their range to make sure Pauls finished off a busy weekend on the right note. The consistent Tejeda netted 29 points, Sofia Paska hit her second 24 points of the weekend, Lorraine Scanlon scored 10, Rheanne O Shea (9), Lynn Jones (4), Siofra O Shea (2), Leah McMahon (2), Denise Dunlea (1), Aisling Counihan, Jessica Quirke, Cassandra Buckley. Katie Moloney was Dynamo's best with 17 points, Megan Aho shot 16 and Heather Meagher had 14. The Virginia Show Centre will play host next Saturday February 25th for that clash with McEvoy's Cavan Eagles. It promises to be a litmus test of St Paul's credentials but one that may be hampered by the absence



St Paul's Vince Barry presents MVP trophy to Sofia Paska after St Pauls win over Oblate Dynamos Dublin in the Presentation gym on Sunday 19th February.

of some of their squad due to football commitments. The Eagles are powered by Carnethia Brown, Imani Dixon, Aoife Maguire and the Tolans, Ciara, Emma and Niamh. With a visit to Templeogue and a home game against Moy Tolka Rovers to come for St Pauls, all going to plan, this may just prove to be the first meeting between the sides. Tip off is 4pm.



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The Kerry FC Team who played Cobh Ramblers



Action from the Kerry v Mayo game on Saturday night.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

STRONG START BUT NO REWARD FOR KERRY FC

League of Ireland Div Two:
Cobh Ramblers 2 Kerry FC 0

This has been a long time coming, over 60 years in the making really. And anyone who thought that Kerry FC's first foray into the League of Ireland would be the faltering steps of a newborn colt very quickly found out that these are thoroughbreds. No, they didn't get the result, and in fairness they didn't really deserve to on the overall balance of play, but they were much closer to it than it looks from the scoreline.

Kerry, understandably, defended deep early on as they established their footing at this level. The Guthrie brothers were simply magnificent. Wayne got down for his first save as early as the fourth minute, while Shane was absolutely indomitable at centre half all night. The problem for Kerry was that it was effectively three against two in the middle of Mounthawk Park and Cobh Ramblers had a very strong wind at their back. Matt Keane made intelligent use of early ball that came his way, while young Ronan Teahan was fearless in pushing forward, a real joy to watch. Graham Reilly did well as an overlapping full back; I expect him to be a real supplier of goals once Kerry get a couple of games under their belt. I did feel that we were trying to take the ball too far down the wings at times, but that will come.

Cobh were on top in terms of possession and always looked dangerous, with both Guthries kept busy. Cobh is a relatively small town with a huge soccer tradition, they are what we are capable of becoming, and they made the breakthrough shortly before half-time. It was a good goal too; it's not as if the defence did much wrong. Jack Doherty timed his move to perfection as he glided into the box and smoothly lifted the ball across for Tiernan O'Brien to smash a volley straight into the

bottom corner after 42 minutes. A friend said that it was "a bad time to concede a goal". Well, yes....I don't think there is a good time to be conceding a goal in soccer. Not conceding goals would sort of be the point.

Kerry had the wind in the second half, but that wasn't the only factor in Kerry's improvement. I may be extrapolating a bit, but it very much looked to me like Kerry were starting to realise that they were as good as their opponents and were less afraid of making mistakes and more willing to showcase their own abilities. Certainly the introduction of Leo Gaxha added direct pace and real venom to our attack. In fact, he very nearly had us on level terms, forcing a very good save out of Lee Steacy. Ten minutes later he was clear again, lifting a beautiful ball over the keeper, only for Michael McCarthy to clear it off the line. That led to a Kerry corner and there were definite shouts for a penalty when the ball came off a defender's hand. It wasn't a completely clear-cut decision, but I've seen the penalty given plenty of times – but this wasn't one of them. Look, that happens, and you can't let decisions like that derail your play.

Cobh were still dangerous themselves, as they proved by the nimble Doherty drawing another great save out of Wayne Guthrie.

Then came a little bit of a disaster. One down against a team like Cobh, you are always in with a chance, but two? And this time, unfortunately, it did come from a Kerry error. There wasn't enough weight on a pass back to the keeper, forcing Guthrie to race out and handle outside the area (I suppose you could argue begrudgingly that the referee saw that one alright!). Yellow for Wayne and a free kick in a dangerous area. Doherty struck it perfectly and Kerry were down two. With Cobh now withdrawing attackers to flood possession and essentially choke off Kerry chances, they were able to maintain that lead to the finish.

2-1 would have been a fairer result, I certainly thought we had a penalty shout and we

created other chances, but Kerry will be happy enough with their display. An attendance of 1200 on the night is crucial and hopefully those numbers will hold throughout the season – given the quality and entertainment value here, one would expect it to. That will give Kerry FC, an amateur team as yet, a sound financial footing and a base to build on.

Kerry has needed to take this step. For that matter, the often neglected League of Ireland needs promotion and fosterage in areas like Kerry, where it's no secret that there is an abundance of talent that until now had no way to showcase that talent locally. It wasn't to be on the scoreboard, but this was a huge win for Kerry soccer in every other respect. Next up is a tough trip away to Bray Wanderers, who beat Treaty United in their opening game, this Friday night.

Kerry FC: Wayne Guthrie, Kevin Williams, Shane Guthrie, Kalen Spillane, Graham O'Reilly, Sean McGrath, Matt Keane, Sean Kennedy, Sean O'Connell, Ronan Teahan, Trpimir Vrljicak. Subs Ryan Kelliher (for Seán McGrath, 46 mins), Nathan Gleeson (for Seán Kennedy, 46 mins), Leo Gaxha (for Trpimir Vrljicak, 46 mins), Kennedy Amechi (for Ronan Teahan, 79 mins) Cobh Ramblers: Lee Steacy, Michael McCarthy, Brendan Frahill, Charlie Lyons, Cian Browne, Dale Holland, Jason Abbott, Jack Doherty, Luke Desmond, Tiernan O'Brien, Wilson Waweru. Subs Pierce Phillips (for Dale Holland, 63 mins), Justin Equaabor (for Tiernan O'Brien, 70 mins), Jake Hegarty (for Wilson Waweru, 70 mins), David Bosnjak (for Jack Doherty, 84 mins) Referee: Declan Toland (Roscommon)

RESURGENT MAYO LAY DOWN STRONG MARKER

National League:
Mayo 2-14 Kerry 1-10

How do Mayo do this? How do they keep going back to the well, year after year, generation after



generation? Lee Keegan has finally stepped away – he will always be in the conversation about the best player never to win a celtic cross. Same with McHale and McDonald. Cillian O'Connor and Paddy Durcan were on the bench last weekend. And yet, somehow, Mayo come back just as hungry, just as strong. People talk about heartbreak – they are wrong. Those hearts are plain and simply unbreakable. I like Mayo. Dog tough, clean, hard, relentless. Look, it's early. I know it's early, and maybe they were gunning a little bit too hard and too fast. They coughed up a draw to Armagh in their last game when, frankly, potential champions should have had the nous to finish it out. As some-one said after this game, "that's the best All Ireland Mayo have ever won in February. Bit of a barb there, but a ring of truth as well. But if they are hitting peak form a touch early, Kerry are way behind the curve. I've been nonchalant enough so far, given the length of our club season and the players who not only deserved but needed a rest. But we were so far behind the pace here that time is getting short to close that gap. Even more worryingly, I'm not seeing young guns really picking up the slack or laying down firm markers. Hunger and work-rate, sure. Effectiveness? Not so much. Darragh Roche has proven himself an option. Mike Breen has looked like a player who is staking a claim. But frankly I don't think the likes of Paul Geaney, Gavin White, Adrian Spillane (we badly missed his physical presence) will be sweating on regaining their starting places. Jason Foley did well on a tough day against a rejuvenated Aidan O'Shea. Paul Murphy was Kerry's best player for me. I thought Micheál Burns was having a very good game in terms of tracking and work; he wasn't the player I'd have withdrawn at half-time, even though changes were clearly necessary. Donal Down O'Sullivan was over-praised after a very good display against a limited Monaghan; I certainly wouldn't be writing him off on this display. We had physically small forwards for the most part – Barry O'Sullivan impressed me when he moved in as a target-man, while David Clifford and Seán O'Shea also made a huge difference – God help us if they get injured. Our talent

pool is a lot shallower than we were hoping, that's the blunt truth. Mayo were fitter, faster, stronger. They are also very well organised. McStay has been seriously impressive. Physique and, to a certain extent, speed are gaps that can be narrowed on the training ground, so that doesn't bother me. But they threw our defence by going for the jugular. Mayo were happy with one on one duels and it proved profitable for them. Aidan O'Shea is doing tremendous damage inside opening up defences. Ruane, Flynn, O'Shea....that's some axis. Ryan O'Donoghue is a deadly predator. James Carr is starting to look like the real deal. Hession is filling Keegan's auxiliary role to perfection. I'm not convinced by Mayo, but they definitely look capable of going toe to toe with Galway and Roscommon. Mind you, Cork have been showing that they will be real contenders in Munster (they have been unlucky with results, but they are playing very good football), and I actually think that will be good for us when it comes to championship. I'm not going to go through the game play by play. There's no need. There are no significant individual patterns. We were well off the pace. Both sides missed early chances before James Carr won a free converted by Ryan O'Donoghue. James Carr added a long range mark. Enda Hession turned over the kick-out, leaving Ryan O'Donoghue in for a goal that was coughed up far, far too easily. Too many steps? Arrah, you are never going to get that call in your favour. Donal O'Sullivan won and converted our opening score and was then deftly robbed as he broke towards goal. Jordan Flynn picked off the kind of point that looks easy but isn't. Darragh Roche showed nice balance for one point but Jordan Flynn almost got through for goal. O'Donoghue with a point. Another bad turnover in our defence, and James Carr...2-4 to 0-2. Maybe Shane could have done a bit better, but it was a good strike. Again, though, we handed them the opportunity far too easily – our turnovers were giving Mayo scores on a platter, and they were quick to accept. Kerry are playing like a minor team against adults. Flynn, O'Donoghue, Carr....they are picking us off at

their ease, and the crowd are loving it. Dara Moynihan with a good steal allowed Tony Brosnan to score a beauty – Pádraic Colum wrote about "in wild earth, a Grecian vase", an unexpected thing of beauty in dull surroundings. That point was something similar, but there was a lot more wild earth than Grecian vases in Kerry's football. Three points in 35 minutes? That's the kind of scoreline you would see back in the 1920s when football was a series of one on one battles.

We did improve in the second half. In fact, technically we 'won' the second half by 1-7 to 0-4. Look, that's arrant nonsense. One of those phrases that sounds like intelligent analysis until you stop and think and realise that it's completely meaningless. We brought on probably the two best forwards in the country last year and they shared five points between them. Quelle surprise. David's first point was stunning – mind you, that was a bit of a lazy yellow card. Barry Dan's goal was a real thing of beauty, but it was also pretty much token resistance at that juncture. We didn't 'win' the second half, we lost the game by double figures. Mayo took their foot off the accelerator and could easily afford to.

I don't particularly want us playing in a National League Final. To be honest, given the tighter schedule these days, I expect the Division One Final to be a damp squib this year, most teams are too close to championship to commit to it. That was the case with the last couple of finals. But I don't want us in a relegation battle either, and that's looking like a strong possibility. Mayo: Colm Reape (0-2, 2'45), David McBrien, Rory Brickenden, Donnchadh McHugh (0-1), Conor Loftus, Enda Hession, Stephen Coen, Matthew Ruane, Diarmuid O'Connor (0-1), Fionn McDonagh, Jack Carney (0-1), Jordan Flynn (0-4), Aidan O'Shea, James Carr (1-2, 1f), Ryan O'Donoghue (1-3, 2f, 1m). Subs: Bob Touhy (for Diarmuid O'Connor, 36 mins), Cillian O'Connor (for Fionn McDonagh, 51 mins), Jack Coyne (for Rory Brickenden, 51 mins), Conor McStay for Carr (62), Paddy Durcan (for Stephen Coen, 63 mins).

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Graham O'Sullivan, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Pa Warren, Tadhg Morley, Paul Murphy (0-1), Jack Barry, Barry O'Sullivan (1-0), Dara Moynihan (0-1), Paudie Clifford, Micheál Burns, Tony Brosnan (0-1), Darragh Roche (0-2, 1f), Donal O'Sullivan. Subs: Sean O'Shea 0-2, 1f (for Micheál Burns, half-time), David Clifford 0-3 (for Donal O'Sullivan, half-time), Dylan Casey (for Pa Warren, half-time), Stefan Okunbor (for Darragh Roche, 52 mins), Killian Spillane (for Paudie Clifford, 62 mins). Referee: Seán Hurson (Tyrone).

KERRY LADIES PRODUCE AWESOME DISPLAY National League

Kerry 3-15 Dublin 1-10

God between us all, but you might not be dealing with the brightest of reporters here. To be honest, I thought Kerry would stay in Division One but I wasn't expecting us to absolutely thrive at this level. I would have been quite



Niamh Carmody of Kerry in action against Leah Caffrey of Dublin during the 2023 Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 4 match between Kerry and Dublin at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Eóin Noonan/Sportsfile



Lorraine Scanlon of Kerry in action against Leah Caffrey of Dublin during the 2023 Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 4 match between Kerry and Dublin at Austin Stack Park in Tralee, Kerry. Photo by Eóin Noonan/Sportsfile

happy with two wins from our first four games. I would have expected us to struggle against a Dublin team that has the likes of Leah Caffrey, Lauren Magee and Carla Rowe. Those players took over from Cork as the best in the country, and they have only been a bare fraction behind Meath in the past two years. Remember, Kerry were building from Division Two and still losing out to Cork during that period. But Declan Quill and Darragh Long were quietly and carefully building around the experience of the likes of Lorraine Scanlon, Kayleigh Cronin, Cait Lynch, Louise Galvin, Louise of course (surely her surname is superfluous at this stage) and the young and hungry players like Siofra O'Shea, Hannah O'Donoghue, Rachel Dwyer, and Erica McGlynn. That's without Danielle O'Leary or Paris McCarthy.

Kerry were stunningly good here. Dublin are a strong team, but they were simply blown away. Louise Ní Muircheartaigh has three All Stars; I'd say she can mark this year's date in her calendar already. 11 points against Dublin. There's a majority of teams – teams, not individual players – who aren't going to score that against Dublin. Bean laoch an chluiche. I don't care. I'm just going to save time by filling in that box in my report before the throw-in from now on. That's how good Louise is. Mary O'Connell wasn't far behind her, I thought O'Connell was an absolute colossus around the middle and herself and Lorraine Scanlon were in complete control. Kayleigh Cronin is just imperious. You may as well try to catch lightning as chase Cáit Lynch in possession.

Kerry took control from the off but were caught by a very good Dublin goal. No fault to the defending; that was very well crafted and a fine finish by Kate Sullivan. I remember a time when that would have thrown Kerry off, but this Kerry team didn't even blink. There is steel in them. Louise set up Hannah O'Donoghue to make it 1-9 to 1-4 and Siofra O'Shea hit an absolute rocket after good work by Niamh Carmody. 2-10 to 1-4 at half-time, and Kerry were full value for it.

There was no let-up in the second half either.

Kerry's subs blended in seamlessly and Siofra O'Shea set up Ciara Murphy for a third goal late on to seal a really emphatic victory.

Look, the same caveats apply as to the men's game against Mayo, except in reverse. It's February. Nobody is handing out any medals just yet. Even so, Kerry have made a real statement of intent here.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilis Lynch, Kayleigh Cronin, Ciara Murphy (1-0), Aishling O'Connell, Cáit Lynch, Louise Galvin, Lorraine Scanlon, Mary O'Connell, Niamh Carmody, Niamh Ní Choncuir (0-1), Caoimhe Evans, Hannah O'Donoghue (1-0), Siofra O'Shea (1-2) Louise Ní Muircheartaigh (0-11, 9f). Subs: Anna Galvin 0-1 (for Caoimhe Evans, 38 mins), Fiadhna Tangney (for Hannah O'Donoghue, 40 mins), Ciara O'Brien (for Louise Galvin, 53 mins), Amy Harrington (for Lorraine Scanlon, 53 mins), Erica McGlynn (for Niamh Ní Choncuir, 57 mins), Ciara Butler (for Mary Ellen Bolger 58 mins), Rachel Dwyer (for Louise Ní Muircheartaigh, 59 mins), Aoife Dillane (for Ciara Murphy 59 mins), Ciara McCarthy (for Aishling O'Connell, 59 mins)

Dublin: Emer Ní Eafa, Tammy Quinn Corbally, Martha Byrne, Jess Tobin, Leah Caffrey, Danielle Lawless (0-1), Lauren Magee, Jennifer Dunne, Eilish O'Dowd, Kate Sullivan (1-0), Carla Rowe 0-4 (3f), Ellen Gribben, Caoimhe O'Connor, Jodi Egan, Sinéad Wylde Subs: Orlagh Nolan 0-2 (for Danielle Lawless, half-time), Niamh Hetherton 0-2 (for Sinéad Wylde half-time), Chloe Darby (for Jodi Egan, 39 mins, Kerri Owens (for Tammy Quinn Corbally, 45 mins), Annabelle Timothy (for Kate Sullivan, 47 mins), Orla Martin (for Caoimhe O'Connor, 53 mins)

GAA CONGRESS

Like our own County Convention, it's a smoother, more clinical operation than it used to be. Part of me misses the firebrand speeches, the passionate arguments. Frank Murphy and our own Gerald McKenna teasing and arguing with each other in a myriad of languages and somehow remaining the best of friends. Now it's all committees.

On the other hand, I remember the drives home from the Austin Stack Pavilion at 2.00am, trying to make a coherent story out of scores of scribbled notes. Half the time I couldn't even read my own writing. It was fun in many ways, but it was chaotic.

Jarlath Burns, the former Armagh midfielder who captained his county, has been involved in GAA administration for a long time. As I recall, his first prominent position was as Player's Committee Chairman – the GAA's attempt to curb the rise of the GPA. He remains a strong critic of the GPA and has never hidden his belief that it is a step too close to professionalism in the GAA, something he has always opposed. He was also Chair of the Standing Committee for Playing Rules. He isn't any firebrand though, and I would expect him to be a proactive President. Certainly he was very much the popular choice. Having come second to current incumbent Larry McCarthy the last time around, he picked up a clear 158 votes out of a possible 277 votes, with Pat Teehan getting 70 and Niall Erskine 49. The ages for the various underage grades was always going to be a big talking point, but the GAA's earlier softening of the restrictions on U20s playing senior and counties being allowed to choose between 'even' and 'odd' ages enabled them to hold a firm line despite strong debate in regard to U17 minor. Weexford's motion to allow U20s play in senior competitions provided there is a seven day window between games was the the only one of nine underage motions to pass. Four were withdrawn as a result of the recent changes and four more were defeated on the floor. Kerry's Tralee Parnells were one of three clubs to put forward motions about restoring the U18 minor grade, citing player dropout, but strong speeches from respected figures such as Dr. Pat O'Neill, Tom Parsons, John Prenty and Michael Geoghegan saw the motions heavily defeated despite an impressive supporting speech from Cork's Kevin O'Donovan.

There was good news for Kerry hurling, with 91% of delegates voting to allow Kerry to enter the Munster Senior Hurling Championship if



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they should win the Joe McDonagh Cup, rather than having to win a play-off. It never struck me as fair, an obstacle for the sake of an obstacle rather than for the overall good of hurling. Galway will also be included in the Leinster Minor Hurling Championship from now on. Again, a long overdue decision that only ever required a bit of common sense.

Liam Griffin's proposal to make hurling mandatory in almost every GAA club failed to attract enough support. A good idea in theory, but it would have been a disaster in practise.

It's no secret that the GAA has had a recent and alarming number of incidents at underage games involving match and team officials. Congress had no hesitation in increasing the mandatory penalty to 12 weeks suspension from 8, to be doubled if it is a juvenile game.

Slightly bizarrely, the attempt by Evan Comerford to shake the posts when Seán O'Shea was taking that famous free-kick against Dublin in last year's All Ireland semi-final prompted a motion to allow a kick to be retaken in those circumstances.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Killarney Valley athletes at the National Senior Indoor Athletics Championships. Sarah Leahy was once again the headliner, taking gold in the 60m with a new personal best of 7.3 seconds, the fourth fastest Irish time ever. Ciara Kennelly added a Senior Bronze to her U23 Gold in the High Jump. Darragh O'Leary set a new personal best of 9.0079 for the 3000m.

Olympian David Kenny of Farranfore/ Maine Valley followed up on his stunning win in Munster with gold in the 5km in 9'11", well ahead of second placed friend and rival Brendan Boyce.

Irish athletics is flourishing at the moment and two of the biggest names in that are Rhadisa Adeleke and Israel Otalunde. Adeleke has set a number of national records already this year. Last weekend it was Otalunde's turn, absolutely smashing Paul Hession's 16 year 60m record. Otalunde came in at 6.57 seconds, taking a complete 0.4 seconds off the old record (at 60m, you literally measure in microseconds, 0.4 of a second is an eternity at that distance).



Sarah Leahy pictured following her gold medal win in the National Senior Indoor Athletics Championships with Israel Olatunda who broke the national record at the weekend, and their coach Daniel Kilgallen



Sarah pictured with her mum Marie, dad Mike and partner Daniel Chmielecki following her win.

KICK OF YOUR CYCLE SEASON WITH RIDE DINGLE

It's time to dust off your bike and kick start your cycle season with an entry to Ride Dingle on 15th April 2023. Registration is now open, and places are going fast!

If friends are worried they won't keep up with you, reassure them they can complete the Ride Dingle route on an electric bike.

A popular cycle around one of the country's most westerly and scenic points, Ride Dingle also makes the perfect training event if you are planning on completing the Ring of Beara Cycle or the Ring of Kerry.

Ride Dingle has a choice of two breathtaking routes: A 55km route following the coastal road from Dingle town around Sleah Head, and a 120km route that continues on from Sleah Head to the Conor Pass, onto Anascaul via Camp and back to Dingle. Both take in some of the country's most spectacular and unspoilt views of the Atlantic.

Come to Dingle with your cycling and non-cycling friends, stay a while and see all that Dingle has to offer: ancient beehive stone huts, dolphin

boat trips, plus trips to the Blasket and Skellig Islands where you can see puffins nesting. Enjoy the unique, traditional west of Ireland atmosphere in Dingle's closely knitted bars and seafood restaurants.

The event is organised by Kerry company Elite Event Management in association with Dingle Cycling Club. Oliver Kirwan from Elite Event Management said: "We encourage anyone with a love of cycling and the outdoors to join us in April for Ride Dingle. The event is popular with all levels of cyclists around the country and abroad due to its unique routes that take in the Dingle Peninsula - one of the most dramatic coastal routes in the country. Dingle's Wild Atlantic Way coastline is a fabulous place to explore on a bike, and the town is a great place to enjoy the craic after the event is over."

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Killarney Camogie Club members who played at half time in the senior match between Kerry and Westmeath last Saturday.



CAMOGIE CLUB

U8 & U10 TRAINING

Another huge turnout for last week's training in Spa GAA Hall. Special word of thanks to Anna Weir from the Westmeath senior camogie panel who helped us with the session ahead of the senior match between Kerry and Westmeath last Saturday. Training continues this Friday 24th February from 6 to 7pm in Spa GAA Hall. Enquiries to Sarah Breen Secretary (087)9849043. Registration details can be seen on our Facebook page or log on to www.foireann.ie

U13 EXHIBITION GAME

Our U13's were very kindly allowed to play an exhibition game at half time in the Kerry v Westmeath senior camogie match which ended in a draw on Saturday. The girls showed off their great skills and no doubt are shining stars of the future for Killarney & Kerry! It was a great privilege to be part of history as the 1st ever senior camogie match was played in Fitzgerald Stadium. Thanks to coaches Sarah Dineen, Sean Casey & Gerard Breen for looking after the girls on the day.

EAST KERRY GAA NOTES

BY: Michael Healy

FRANK DORAN SPONSORED EAST KERRY LEAGUE RESULTS.

Division 1A

Killcummin 0 - 15 Killarney Legion 0 - 6

Firies 1 - 12 Kenmare Shamrocks 0 - 6

Division 1B

Listry 0 - 16 Glenflesk 3 - 9

Rathmore 1 - 8 Fossa 2 - 14

Division 2

Spa 2 - 10 Scartaglen 2 - 3

Currow 2 - 16 Cordal 2 - 12

KERRY U 20 CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Killian O Sullivan who has been appointed the new U20 Kerry Captain for 2023.

EAST KERRY SCÓR NA NÓG

Saturday 11th March at 3pm in Fossa Community Hall.

KERRY LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE

Well done to the Kerry Ladies, who kept up their winning run in Division 1 of the National League, with a resounding win over Dublin at Austin Stacks Park on Saturday. Well done to the team and management.

DEATH OF TOM LONG

Everybody involved in Kerry Football was shocked by the sudden death of Tom Long. The Ventry native had a wonderful and storied footballing career, which saw him win a Dublin County Championship medal with Erin's Hopes Football Club in 1956, getting the better of powerhouse Club St Vincent's in the decider. That was their only defeat during this time, as they they won every other final between 1949 and 1962. On his return to Kerry to work as a teacher in Fossa, he was on the East Kerry team that won County Championships in 1965 and 1969. He also won two All Ireland's with Kerry, in 1959 and 1962. As a full forward or center forward, he was a powerful presence who was difficult to stop. 4 O Donoghue Cup medals were won with Dr Crokes, but it was Fossa where he spent the majority of his post playing career, as a hugely important part of the Club's history, from it's creation to the present day, as Chairman and manager in those early year's. The Club's All Ireland win of just a few short week's ago would have been one of his proudest day's. Condolences from the East Kerry Board to all his family and friend's.

DR. CROKES GAA CLUB

AWARDS NIGHT

Our Annual Awards Night will take place on Friday 10th March in the East Avenue Hotel. Tickets must be pre purchased by Tuesday March 7th. Tickets can be purchased from any club officers or by calling in to the Tatler Jack or Vince Casey's office.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

EK Superleague V Fossa at home on Sunday. County Minor Football League V Kerins O'Rahillys/St. Pats at home at 1pm on Saturday.

LAST MAN STANDING

Dr. Crokes Last Man Standing is starting this Saturday February 24th. There is a prize of €1,000 to be won. You can play online or by calling in to Vince Casey's office.

MEMBERSHIP is now due for the 2023 year. Follow the find below https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=11762#Anchor

LOTTO TOOK PLACE ON February 20th Numbers drawn were 3, 11, 13, 25 Jackpot of 16,700 was won. Jackpot for draw on February 27th will be €5,000. We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over

the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday night in St. Marys Parish Hall at 8pm. Doors open at 6:45. This week's jackpot is worth a whopping €2,600 with another €1,650 in prizes to be won in 10 games of bingo. Everyone Welcome.

PROGRESSIVE '31' continues every Wednesday at 8pm. Bring €5 and a partner.

MOTHERS & OTHERS continues every Monday at 6:30pm. If anyone is interested in helping out with this team in any way please contact Catherine Keogh on 087 2827626.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mark Cooper who won the Sigerson Cup with UCC.

SYMPATHY to the family of former Dr. Croke captain Tom Long and to the family of Tommy Cronin who also passed away during the week. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

NOTES

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

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EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

We travelled to Rathmore on Friday evening and had a good win there, well done to all the lads. A huge thanks to Rathmore for lining up for our team and welcoming them onto the pitch. We play Dr Crokes in Lewis Road next Friday evening at 7.30.

MINORS

Our minor began the County League at home Sat against St Senan's. Senas were too strong on the day and played with the breeze in the 1st half. Half time score was 3-09 to 0-04, credit our lad who kept going and tighten up and knocked over a few points - Final score 4-14 to 0-11.

LOTTO

There was no jackpot winner. 5 consolation €40 winners were: Alan & Denise O'Brien, 62 Pairc Chumín; Marie Buckley, Barleymount; 4 Girls, c/o Murphy's Bar, Keel; Bridie Doyle, Fossa; Claudia Buckley, Barleymount. Thanks for playing - HEY the jackpot is a whopping €12K this week.

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Cronin Family of Ballydowney on the passing of Tom. May he rest in peace.

KILLARNEY LEGION

EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE

A tough day in the office for our Senior Men we were defeated by Kilcummin in Round 2 of the East Kerry Superleague. Short of a number of regulars due to a variety of circumstances, the game did afford the opportunity for a number of younger players to take part. Callum O Donoghue, Callum O Grady, Eoghan Crowley and Brian O'Sullivan were all introduced to the fray. Final score Killarney Legion 0-6 Kilcummin 0-15.

The next round is on this Sunday February 26th in Fr Breen Park where we will face Kenmare.

KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The draw was made for the Intermediate Club Championship in Austin Stack Park last weekend. We will be facing our neighbours Kilcummin, their neighbours Currow and Laune Rangers. This competition will commence one week after Kerry have completed their All Ireland football championship campaign. In a change from last years format, if Kerry reach the All Ireland final the club championships will be played upto and including the semi final stage and then the Kerry Senior County Championship will commence. If Kerry fail to reach the last two, the format will be as per 2022 i.e. played upto and including quarter final stage, then the County Championship commences.

THIRD LEVEL FOOTBALL

Eoghan O Sullivan is the latest Legionnaire to attain the prestigious Sigerson Cup medal when he was a member of the UCC panel that defeated UL in the showpiece final last Wednesday in Waterford. Jackie Lyne was a member of the 1943 UCC team while in 1988 John Keane captained them to Sigerson glory. More recently Brian Kelly and Shaun Keane were members of the 2014 victors while Padraig Lucey was a mainstay in the 2019 UCC team. John Trant and Donie Murphy, while attending the University College of Galway, won it in 1948, a feat repeated by John(of Sewells Pharmacy) in 1950. Tralee RTC won three in a row in the late 1990s, and in 1999 Sean Hegarty and Alan O'Neill were members of the squad.

DCU won the All Ireland Freshers final last Thursday, with William Shine and Sam Benson in their ranks.

KERRY TEAMS

A mixed weekend on the playing fields for the various Kerry teams. The Kerry Senior Ladies sit proudly on top of the Lidl Ladies National League following Saturdays win over Dublin. Keri Ann Hanrahan was a member of the match day squad, who now welcome All Ireland champions Meath to Brosna next Saturday at 2pm. Andrea Murphy was a member of the Kerry minor panel who were defeated by Clare in Inagh. The Kerry U20 squad with Darragh Fleming at corner back, and Will on the bench, lost out to Dublin in Parnell Park while the

Kerry Senior Men will be desperate for a win when they face Armagh in Austin Stack Park this Saturday. Cian Gammell continues to be a members of their training panel.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Tom Cronin, High Street who ran the family butcher shop for many years. He had built it into an institution in the town and Toms grandson, Tom, and granddaughter, Molly, are both active and popular members of our club. May Tom Rest in Peace.

LOTTO

Monday February 13th. Numbers were 5, 13, 17, 27 Bonus No. 21. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips/ Match 3s: 1. Andrea McCarthy, Ross Rd 2. Ben O Sullivan c/o Lake Hotel 3. John Mangan, Ardshanavooly 4. Jerome McNamara, 18 Meelish Close, JB Keane Road Listowel 5. Darren O'Shea.

KEEL GAA CLUB

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 13th of February. Numbers drawn: 13, 24, 31, 32. There was no winner of our jackpot of €3,050. Lucky dip winner of €50 were KKACC C/O William O'Shea and Jacko Costello. The jackpot will be €3,100 for the draw on Monday the 20th of February.

SENIORS

Our seniors welcome Laune Rangers A to Keel on Sunday for round 2 of the Mid Kerry League. Full time score Keel 0-10, Laune Rangers A 2-06.

KERRY U20S

Commiserations to the Kerry U20 team who were beaten by Dublin in round 2 of the John Kerins Cup U20 Development League.

COMÓRTAS F15 AN EARRAIGH 2023

Well done to our U15s who travelled to An Ghaeltacht yesterday. They played some tough games in the group stages but they came through and qualified for the A final. They played a strong Laune Rangers side in the final and unfortunately came up short against them. Well done to all the players and their management team. Thank you to An Ghaeltacht for their hospitality.

U9S

Training takes place on MONDAY from 7pm-8pm in Nagle Rice Astro MILLTOWN. Open to boys & girls born in 2014 & 2015. Please bring water, gumshields & €2 for the pitch.

U5'S & U7'S

First training session for these age groups will be on SUNDAY March 5th.

SCÓR NA NÓG

Scór na nÓg is returning!! If your child would be interested in taking part in Solo Singing, Ballad Group, Instrumental Music or Recitation, please contact Aisling on (086) 325 9750 to express interest. This is open to our members who would be under 17 on the 1st of January 2022. We are also looking for people to get involved and mentor these groups. Contact Aisling if you would like to get involved. The Mid Kerry Final will take place on the first week in March.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Kerry Ladies team on

their victory over Dublin on Saturday. Best of luck to Caoimhe Evans, Ciara Murphy and the Kerry Ladies team who take on All Ireland Champions Meath this Saturday at 2pm in Brosna. Please get out and support the girls! Best of luck to the team and management.

STRICTLY COME DANCING

The weekend is upon us! Strictly Come Dancing 2023 takes place this weekend. Best of luck to all our dancers ahead of this weekend. Thank you to everyone who has given so generously to our fundraiser. The money raised will go along way in the development plans for both Keel and MKL Gaels.

BUSES TO STRICTLY COME DANCING

Flynn's are organising return buses from Listry, Milltown, Castlemaine and Keel for Strictly Come Dancing on Saturday the 25th of February in The Ballygarry Estate Hotel. Seats must be prebooked on 087-9687997. Return Prices: Castlemaine & Milltown Villages €15, Listry & Keel €20

FIRIES GAA

EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE

Our Seniors were in action on Sunday morning in the East Kerry League where they beat Kenmare in Farranfore on a scoreline of Furies 1-12 Kenmare 0-06.

COISTE NA NÒG TABLE QUIZ

There will be a table quiz in aid of our Coiste Na NÒg on Friday 3rd March at 8pm in Sheerwoods bar. Please support where possible as all funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for our underage players

MEMBERSHIP 2023

Membership Renewal is now live on Foireann for rates and further information please see our social media channels.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA LOTTO 20/02/23

Numbers drawn were: 9, 20, 23, 24. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Catriena McCarthy, Furies Close. Jackie Quirke, Ballybane. Anthony Palmer, Clounmellane. Sarah Palmer, Clounmellane. Daniel O'Shea, Coolcaslagh. Next week's jackpot €5400

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

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SOUTH KERRY DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIP CLG.



Farmers in East Kerry and Killarney are invited TO AN INFORMATION MEETING AT Murphys Bar, Barraduff, Killarney at 8pm on Monday 27th February 2023.

South Kerry Development Partnership CLG (SKDP) are looking for farmers in East Kerry and Killarney to join the Rural Social Scheme (RSS). To this end, SKDP are organising an information meeting at Murphys Bar, Barraduff at 8pm on Monday 27th February. South Kerry Development Partnership have currently 140 farmers working on the Rural Social Scheme and a further 27 places available for new farmers to join the scheme.

On the 9th January 2023 John Cronin was appointed as a full time RSS supervisor covering East Kerry and the Greater Killarney area in an effort to reach out to farmers and encourage them to join the RSS. John Cronin is based in the South Kerry Development Partnership CLG office at 37 High Street, Killarney, Co Kerry where farmers can meet John to discuss the opportunities provided through the RSS.

The Rural Social Scheme provides a supplementary income for low-income farmers and fishermen. To qualify for the scheme, you must be getting a social welfare payment. In return, people participating in the scheme provide services that benefit rural communities.

You work 19.5 hours per week on a local community project such as sports clubs, developing and upgrading walks ways, care of community buildings, maintaining community grounds, maintaining graveyards, care of the elderly, community administration etc. These hours are based on a farmer or fisher-friendly schedule. This ensures that participation on the scheme does not affect your farming or fishing activities. A participant retires from the scheme on the day before their 66th birthday.

*Pictured is John Cronin,
Rural Social
Scheme Supervisor,
Ruth Fleming,
Mary Fleming,
Kerry IFA 2nd Rep,
Patsy Herlihy, Chairman
Gneeveguilla IFA Branch.*



To participate in the scheme, you must be 25 years or over and getting:

- Farm Assist or
 - if you are actively farming or fishing, you may qualify for the scheme if you are getting one of the following social welfare payments:
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 - Jobseeker's Transitional Payment
 - Disability Allowance
 - One-Parent Family Payment
 - Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Contributory) Pension
 - Widow's, Widower's or Surviving Civil Partner's (Non-contributory) Pension
 - Increase for a qualified adult under 66 years of age as part of your spouse, cohabitant or civil partner's State Pension (Non-contributory)
- You can retain your medical card while you are taking part in the Rural Social Scheme.

You must provide proof that you are actively farming. To do this, you must provide a copy of your application for the Basic Payment Scheme for the current year, including a valid herd number. If you are actively farming and have not applied for the Basic Payment Scheme, you should contact your local RSS implementing body, South Kerry Development partnership CLG for advice.

If you are a child or sibling of a herd number owner and you can certify that you are resident and/or working on the farm and you are getting one of the qualifying social welfare payments, you may be eligible to participate in the scheme on the basis of your parent's or sibling's herd number.

If you are eligible but do not wish to participate in the scheme, your dependent spouse, civil partner or cohabitant can take the available place. Alternatively, if your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant is getting one of the qualifying social welfare payments and is actively farming, they can use your herd number to qualify for the scheme.

Your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant can participate in the scheme, if he or she is under 66 and you are getting a State Pension (Non-contributory) which includes an increase for qualified adult for him or her.

For Further information Please contact;

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A good example of this would be an alpine called Cerastium (snow in summer) which is quite a quick growing alpine and spreads quickly in a short space of time. it can tend to take over small rockeries. having said that it is a beautiful plant with silver foliage and is covered, as the name suggests, in beautiful white flowers. It can be pruned back to keep it under control.

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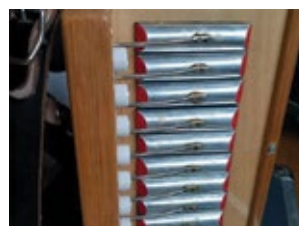
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Many people think 'God is in control' as if He was orchestrating everything - both good and evil. No, God is good - and He never changes (James 1:17; Malachi 3:6). The Lord does not tell lies or deceive people, and He is bound by His Word (Hebrews 6:17-20). He gave His Word to Adam and Eve that they had dominion over this earth, and that remains so until Jesus comes back.

God is on the Throne in Heaven, but we are supposed to be in control here as His ambassadors. Unfortunately, many are living far from God - influenced by the devil and that is why the world is so messed up. But God's Word will never fail (Isaiah 40:7-8). He promised to deliver us from sin, redeem us from the powers of darkness, and restore our place in Him, so God sent His Son the Lord Jesus to die upon the Cross to pay for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:24). All of us have been forgiven, but few receive the forgiveness and the new life that Jesus offers. Why? Because the lure and deception of sin is seductive, making people not want to change their lifestyles. Jesus said if you follow Me take up your cross (Matthew 16:24-27). He was not talking about a cross of sickness or disaster - that's curse, the very thing Yeshua came to destroy (Galatians 3:13). The cross Jesus speaks of is 'dying to self'. Laying down 'my agenda' and instead turning to, and living for God - obeying His Word, and being led by His Spirit (Romans 8:5-14; John 14:15). Because we are made in God's image we have the same creative power as God to declare His Word of Truth in prayer and see it come to pass. But make sure you deal with sin and unforgiveness because that hinders prayer. (Mark 11:22-26).

Bible Study & Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursdays @ 7.30pm in person and on Zoom at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney - Eircode: V93V6X4.

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The KAHS Clár

The Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society's Programme which is linked with the Decade of Commemorations is planning three events:

Knocknagoshel & Ballyseedy Centenary Commemorations on Sunday 5th March. Outing led by Jimmy Deenihan & Owen O'Shea and all will meet at the Sportsfield, Knocknagoshel at 2.30pm.

The Civil War: Beyond the Archives on Thursday 9th March in The County Library, Moyderwell, Tralee at 7.00pm. Lecture will be given by Dr. Tim Horgan, historian & KAHS member.

Countess Bridge Centenary Commemoration on Saturday 11th March led by Dr. Tim Horgan & Fr. Tomás Ó Luanaigh. All meet at Spa GAA Grounds, Killarney at 2.30pm and proceed to visit The Dugout on the Buckley Family Farm, Rathdrinagh before moving to Countess Bridge.



Children's Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Church of the Resurrection, Park Road Sundays @11am
The Church of the Resurrection Children's Liturgy Group gather every Sunday at 11am welcoming children from the beginning of the Readings up to the Preparation of Gifts to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is appropriate to their level of understanding. It is to make the Word of God come alive and more accessible to enable them participate more fully in the Holy Mass. The Group invites parents/families to join with them on Sunday 26th Feb after Mass for refreshments and conversation in the Parish Centre.

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

Amen.

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

Thank you for favours received

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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