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Odd Socks..... Celebrating Down Syndrome Day 2023 at Tiernaboul National School where they raised €375 for Down Syndrome Kerry by wearing odd socks on Tuesday. Pictured are from left: Jessica Treyvaud, Ailbhe Claffey, Aoife Foley, Anabelle Casey and Niamh Foley.



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Aisling Crosbie.

## FROM THE EDITOR

The festivities of St. Patrick's Day paled into insignificance when the news broke on Monday morning of the passing of one of the most familiar faces in Killarney Town. Breda Walshe was the person that you met when you were walking down the street.... everyone knew her. Breda's family is steeped in all things Killarney, she was a much loved housekeeper at The Presbytery where she will be greatly missed for her warm and caring nature. She was also a familiar face in the hospitality industry in the town, having previously worked at Mac's Restaurant on Main Street and more recently at Murphy's Bar on College Street.

Her husband Enda, well known manager of Quills on High Street is a weekly contributor to Killarney Outlook as PRO for Killarney Legion GAA Club and St. Paul's Basketball Club. There was an outpouring of grief at the removal on Wednesday evening when thousands queued for hours at O'Shea's Funeral Home to sympathise with her family, Enda, her daughters Rebecca and Amy and her parents Eddie and Kathleen and her extended family. Following her Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday morning, Breda made her final journey to Island Crematorium for cremation. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

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# A TOWN UNITED IN GRIEF

## Killarney mourns the passing of popular Breda

**T**he town of Killarney was united in grief this week following the untimely death of one of its most popular residents.

News filtered early on Monday morning that Breda Walshe from Bridgefield and originally from Kilcummin had passed away suddenly.

Breda was well known to everyone in Killarney, wife to Enda Walshe, mother to Rebecca and Amy and a much loved daughter to Eddie and Kathleen Morrissey.

Speaking of his loss, Enda said that "a light went out in my life that I'll never replace..my partner for 28 years, my wife for 23 years but my soul mate forever.

The couple have two children Rebecca who is in college and Amy who is studying for her Leaving Cert at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School.

Speaking on the loss of his daughter in law, Cathal Walshe said that "It is with great sadness that earlier today we lost this beautiful lady Breda my daughter in law of 23 years and wife to my son Enda and mother to Rebecca and Amy. She was the daughter I never had and a great support to me since my wife June passed away just over two years ago. I loved her for her sense of humour, her generosity, kindness, hard work and wonderful person to be around. She had a great sense of style and vibrant personality to go with it. We will miss her terribly, she was taken far too soon.

Breda was full of life, a hard worker with a great sense of humour, she a keen follower of fashion who always had time to stop for a chat on her daily chores around Killarney.

Breda worked in the Killarney Presbytery, looking after the Priests of the Parish who have said that they will greatly miss their "dear friend and co-worker who generously cared for our Killarney Parish family"

Breda was also a familiar face in the hospitality industry, working for years in Mac's Restaurant and more recently working in Murphy's Bar.

The Murphy family have said that they are devastated with her passing. "Breda Walshe, our work colleague and most importantly, our friend. We were lucky enough to have worked with Breda and got the chance to see what a wonderful person she was. Today, we mourn the sudden passing of Breda and extend our heartfelt condolences to Enda, Rebecca, Amy and all of Breda's extended family.

Her loss will be felt by many. May your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Breda's removal was one of the biggest in Killarney as thousands of people gathered to sympathise with her devastated family.

At her Requiem Mass on Thursday morning, which was concelebrated by 12 priests, items were brought to the altar to remember Breda including shoes (of which she had many), a multipack of taytos, her apron which said "Don't Mess with Chef" and a coffee cake which she always had on hand for the priests of the parish following mass.

Fr. Kieran said that there was always a special warmth from Breda, she was loving, kind and always put people first. "Her death has numbed this community and beyond - she made our house a home, a place we wanted to be and a place where everyone was welcome.

Her daughters Rebecca and Amy said the readings while her husband Enda spoke lovingly about his beautiful Breda and how well she looked after him and their girls "Becs and Mim".

He quoted her favourite performer Michael Bubl   saying " you are my first, my last, my everything - And the answer to all my dreams".

While Breda's friendly face will be missed



*Enda Walshe with his Wife Breda pictured in Killarney House and Gardens. Photo:Valerie O'Sullivan*

by many in Killarney, her passing will be the greatest loss for beloved husband Enda, daughters Rebecca and Amy, father Eddie and mother Kathleen along with her loving family her sisters Sheila, Martina O'Shea, Patricia O'Brien, Eileen Clifford and Adrienne Walsh, her brother Michael, her father-in-law Cathal, brothers-in-law Ger, Eddie, Adrian, Ronan and Finbarr, sister-in-law Margaret, nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, neighbours, her many dear friends and her work colleagues in Killarney Presbytery and Murphy's Bar, College Street, Killarney.

Breda's cremation took place following Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Killarney Outlook would like to extend their sincere condolences to the family on Breda's passing. "We work with Enda on a weekly basis in his role as PRO for Killarney Legion and St. Paul's Basketball Club and are all devastated for him and his family on this great loss", Aisling Crosbie, Editor said.

## On Daffodil Day -

### CANCER PATIENTS NEED OUR HELP MORE THAN EVER BEFORE



**V**olunteers from the Killarney South Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society will be out in force today selling daffodils to raise money for this hugely important charity.

"We are so grateful for all our volunteers and the people of Killarney who support all of our fundraisers", Eugene O'Sullivan, Chairperson of the local society said.

The Society says that the cost of living crisis has put an added strain on those impacted by cancer, causing increased demand for their services, particularly financial advice and counselling. The charity is now supporting people with far higher levels of distress than normally associated

with a cancer diagnosis, requiring more counselling supports than ever before.

The number of drives the Society's transport services has provided has increased by 30% in the past year.

Meanwhile, expenditure on the Society's Children's Fund has increased fourfold from €153k in 2020 to €672k in 2022.

The Irish Cancer Society is calling on the public to donate this weekend to show solidarity and support for anyone affected by cancer. Collections will take place in towns and shopping centres across the country from Fri 24th-Sun 26th March. People can also donate at cancer.ie.





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## SCHOOLS TEAM UP WITH COUNCIL TO HIGHLIGHT DOG FOUL PROBLEM

Kerry County Council is teaming up with local schools to draw attention to the issue of dog fouling. The initiative will be run through the Green Schools Programme and will involve students patrolling areas near their schools, spraying any dog faeces found with temporary bright yellow spray paint, thereby highlighting the prevalence of the problem.

"Dog fouling damages the aesthetic value of our shared public spaces, and is a nuisance that undermines our outdoor experience, particularly for vulnerable members of society such as children, those with visual impairments, and wheelchair users," said Breda Moriarty, Environmental Awareness Officer with Kerry County Council.

"But dog fouling also carries a more serious risk. Dog faeces is harmful to people's health as it can contain dangerous parasites and bacteria," she added.

Kerry County Council is urging dog owners to take responsibility by picking up after their dogs and reducing the amount of dog faeces



Smelling of roses!!!! 'Beau' with Transition year Students of St. Brigid's Secondary School Killarney, are teaming up with Kerry County Council and local schools to draw attention to the issue of dog fouling. The initiative will be run through the Green Schools Programme and will involve students patrolling areas near their schools, spraying any dog faeces found with temporary bright yellow spray paint, thereby highlighting the prevalence of the problem. Students include, Sorcha Beazley, Emma O'Sullivan, Evie Fahy, Lauren Carey, Kerri Lenihan, Méabh Doolan. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

being left in public spaces. Speaking at St Brigid's Secondary School this week, Breda Moriarty reminded dog owners of their responsibilities.

"The schools involved in this campaign will assist in highlighting the problem, but we want to see dog owners take responsibility by picking up after their pets. We hope that this campaign will change attitudes to dog fouling and lead to an overall reduction in the phenomenon."

## Students wear Odd Socks to honour DOWN SYNDROME DAY



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Odd Socks Day 2023 which raises awareness of Down Syndrome had pupils and students at Tiernaboul NS turn up in some very bright and colourful socks on Tuesday.

"This was all in aid of a very good cause as Tuesday 21st March was World Down Syndrome Day and the whole school community embraced the #LotsOfSocks campaign happening all over the world on the day", Principal Maria Breen told Killarney Outlook. By wearing their craziest

matching and mismatched socks, the students and staff of the school hope to raise awareness of Down Syndrome on World Down Syndrome Day and also raise some much needed funds for Down Syndrome Kerry. Not only did they have lots of fun on the day this small school community with a big heart had raised over €375 for Down Syndrome Kerry. Meanwhile teachers and students at St. Brendan's College also donned their odd socks for World Down Syndrome Day.



St Brendan's College student Oisín Doyle participating in "Wear a Different Sock" in aid of World Down Syndrome Day with staff members Pa Murphy, Anita O'Sullivan, Annette O'Neill, Paul Moriarty (back) Sean Coffey Principal, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal, Mairead Canty and Brid O'Connor at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Tuesday.



St Brendan's College students John O'Connor, Jake Dunlea (back) Morgan and Darren O'Brien and Ben Kavanagh participating in "Wear a Different Sock" in aid of World Down Syndrome Day at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Tuesday.





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# NEW TRIATHLON CLUB FOR KILLARNEY



The new Killarney Triathlon Club will host their open night on Thursday 30th March  
Photo: Stephen Kelleghan

**K**illarney Triathlon Club is a brand new club in Killarney and is open to everybody!

That's the message from the Club ahead of their open night next Thursday night, March 30th.

New and potential members are welcome to the event at the Anam Arts & Cultural Center in Killarney on East Avenue Road from 7.00pm.

The information evening is a chance for people to find out more about this dynamic sport and their club.

Committee members and a number of speakers will be there in person to share their experiences of the club and the sport.

"The open night is a great opportunity for anyone interested in the club or the sport to find out more", KTC chairman Oran Kane said

"Killarney Triathlon club is not just for those with an interest in individual triathlon, but for people who want to run, or cycle, or swim as part of a relay team and our club is actively seeking new members, regardless of ability or ambition and we also cater for non racing members who enjoy participating in our club events", Oran added.

The club aims to provide a structure for people who wish to train or race and we welcome people of all abilities with open arms. KTC club is about developing a training and social community here in Killarney and the greater area. that promotes a fun and healthy lifestyle. Our membership

consists of a mix of all levels of triathlete from novice to elite. In 2022 we doubled our membership and we are hoping to continue the trend this year.

"We are extremely lucky to have Killarney National Park as our training base. We enjoy club swims in the lake at Dundag, brick sessions include a local cycle route and finishes with a run in the park", Oran added.



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## EGG-citing Times at Kennedy's Pet Farm

**A** firm favourite over the Easter Holidays, Kennedy's Pet Farm are holding their Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

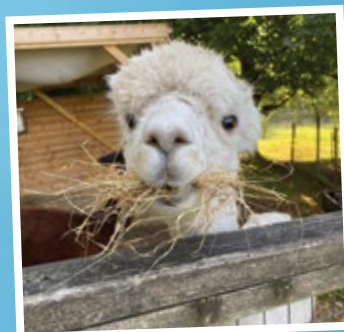
The Easter Bunny will be on hand over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10am - 1pm for the morning session and from 1.30pm - 4.30pm for the afternoon session.

The ticket only event can be booked at their website [www.kennedyspetfarm.com](http://www.kennedyspetfarm.com).

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## REMEMBERING & CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF YVONNE QUILL

**T**he Saturday Supplement on Radio Kerry will remember and celebrate the life of well known Killarney woman Yvonne Quill this week.

Guided by husband John & daughter Sandra Dunlea, Frank Lewis, presenter of the show will hear many stories told on the day from friends of Yvonne, including Pat Clifford, Michelle Cooper-Galvin, Lisa Corkery, Marlyn Counihan, Peter Dunlea, Cormac Foley, Kathleen Foley, Donagh Gleeson, Michael Gleeson, Therese Irwin, Dan Kelliher, Christy McCarthy, Johnny Maguire, Mick Myers Aileen O'Callaghan, Micheal O Coileain, Michael O'Leary, Padruig O'Sullivan, Mairead Quill, Peter Quill & Sean Quill

Entertaining stories from Yvonne's full

life will look at The Cafe – where those down in their luck with also friends and guests, how Yvonne worked tirelessly as a volunteer with Killarney Looking Good/ Tidy Towns - transforming the appearance of Killarney.

How Yvonne was inspired by her volunteer father Padraig Fleming a founding member of the Trustees of Muckcross House and how she enjoyed daily walks & swims year round in the National Park.

A master baker, Yvonne endlessly supporting family and friends .. providing buns and cakes for every occasion.

This entertaining programme will be broadcast tomorrow, Saturday March 25th from 9am-11pm with Frank Lewis.



## Nathan is an Un-BEE-lievable Speller



The contestants in the Eason Spelling Bee including Schools that took part: Noah Griffin from Fybough NS, Lela Curran from Cullina NS, Mia Boyov from St Finian's NS, Roisin Sheehy from Scoil Eoin Balloonagh, Calum O'Leary from HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, Shea Gilligan from Spa National School, Kyle Byrne from Ardfer National School, Nathan Ó Maolchatha from Gaelscoil Faithleann, Cora O'Sullivan from St. Olivers NS

**A** student at Gaelscoil Faithleann in Killarney has been announced as this year's winner of the Co.Kerry Eason Spelling Bee Final, that took place this week.

Nathan Ó Maolchatha, soared to the top following an intense competition in which he faced 9 fellow spelling enthusiasts. Nathan will now go on to compete in the Munster Provincial Spelling Bee later this year, which he is very excited for. Celebrating its tenth year, the Eason Spelling Bee provides a fun, educational outlet for school kids, encouraging them to expand their vocabulary and develop their confidence. As well as the prestigious title of Eason Spelling Bee 2023 Champion, the top Bee will also take home a collection of books for their school library, worth €7,500 as well as a personal collection of books worth €500.

This year, over 500 schools nationwide will compete against each other in a bid to win the coveted prize. The Eason Spelling Bee team will be travelling around the country to host County Final Bees, and then progressing to a Provincial Bee contest. The champions from these will then go head-to-head in the All-Ireland Final Bee, taking place in June 2023, with the lucky winner being crowned King or Queen Bee.



Nathan Ó Maolchatha wins Eason Spelling Bee

## Tight Lines as THE CHARITY IS LAUNCHED

**I**t's that time of the year again when anglers take to the waters of Lough Lein, Killarney, to raise funds for local charities. The Lough Lein Anglers' Association are hosting 'The Charity' Fly Fishing competition for the 35th time on Sunday 23rd of April.

The main sponsor of the event is Lee Strand Co-op, Tralee and the outing is part of a great local angling

tradition run by one of the longest established fishing clubs in Ireland. To date, it has generated a massive €275,000 for local charities and two more charities are set to benefit this year. The Kerry Branch of The Irish Kidney Association and The Kerry Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland will both receive welcome donations from the event.



At the launch of The Lough Lein Anglers Association 'The Charity' Fly Fishing competition are from left, Aebhin Ryan and 'Alfie', Theresa Looney (Irish Kidney Association), Mark and Stephanie Treyvaud (Down Syndrome Kerry), Gearoid Linnane, Chief Executive Officer at Lee Strand Co-op (sponsor), Tim O'Sullivan (The Charity Chairman), Padraic Coughlan (Competitions Chairman), Rory O'Flaherty (PRO) and Corry O'Flaherty (Secretary). The event will take place on Sunday 23rd of April. Picture: Eamonn Keogh





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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

## THAT OTHER CRIMEAN WAR

In the race up the steps of the Tralee Courthouse, a person can sometimes overlook the monuments flanking the imposing building on Lord Nelson/Ashe Street.

The northern stone contains the names of 55 local men who lost their lives in the Crimean War. That was in 1854-1856 and once again there is war in the very same region.

160 odd years ago Crimea was firmly part of Russia and thousands of Irish flocked to the shores of the Black Sea to defend the European alliance of Britain, France, Turkey, and Sardinia against Russia.

Sevastopol and Balaclava became familiar as war fever gripped Kerry and the rest of Ireland. Medics, administrators, priests and women as wives, nurses and washerwomen all departed for the Crimea.

We don't know how many Kerry women died there. In most wars, women are overlooked. But the Kerry names on the war memorial include Bland, Dee, Barton, Hare, Courtney, Fewright, Healy, Fitzgerald, Lynch, Scully, Connor, Cahill, Flynn, Mahony, Sullivan, Keating, Carey, O'Dwyer, Twist, O'Neill, Murphy, Morphy, Ash, Fagan and Studdert. There's also a McElligot, a Donoghue, a Harrington and a Litton Hewson, a Foley and a Fagan along with a Naughten and a Fitzpatrick. Moriarty, Slatter, Begley, Gallivan and O'Sullivan are listed too. Surgeon James Bowen Thompson died.

On the plinth overhead is a captured Russian cannon.

Funnily enough, the Russians rushed into that war too and for similar reasons - freedom to practice the Russian language and Orthodox religion in Turkey. There are other parallels including that a mighty Russia, then as now, expected a quick victory and were surprised Europe became involved.

'Plus ça change, plus ça la meme chose,' springs to mind.

## MEANWHILE, WILL WE HAVE AN ELECTION?

Between wars and evictions, I sometimes wonder if we are doomed to constantly repeat the past. But despite the echoes of the 19th century evictions, I can't see many backbenchers voting against the Government



and throwing themselves to the wolves of the electorate. I know this country is bad at math but there are a few basics anyone can figure out: the more population, the more people we have, the more housing we need. It is that simple. One in five workers here now are not Irish citizens, the IHF conference in Killarney was told and we are dependent on bringing people in to power the economy.

In the UK, the council of Westminster is bringing in a vacant homes tax. There will be a hotline for people to report empty neighbouring properties. An extension of the no-fault eviction will keep people off the streets only for now. Reporting neighbouring buildings for not turning their lights on - and in this day of high electricity bills, who is to say there are not dozens inside all huddling inside in the dark - will also only go part of the way. The real answer is more units.

Meanwhile, the electoral boundary commission/An Coimisiún Toghcháin is inviting submissions to prepare for a general election in a year or two. Is Kerry is too big geographically to be a single constituency? The smart money is on a return to two constituencies. Certainly, the south of the county has lost out in the current single five seater.

But housing is not the only thorny issue. Jerry O'Sullivan on Radio Kerry drew an interesting quip from Green Ireland South MEP Grace O'Sullivan this week, and I was surprised the national media did not pick it up. 'Believe me it isn't easy for the Greens in Government with Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael...' Grace said.

So does anyone believe the Greens will last in Government much longer?

## CHRISTY HEALY'S SHOP: A MILESTONE.

An important milestone was marked in Killarney on St Patrick's Day. From planting potatoes to opening a business, St Patrick's Day in Killarney and South Kerry is regarded as the day of good beginnings.

And this St Patrick's Day, Healy's Shop in New

Street celebrated 100 years of unbroken service. Christy Healy's, holds a special place in the heart of Killarney.

Opened after the late Christy returned from his travels in the US, the shop at 86 New Street anticipated new ways of doing business seven days a week and in the century of its existence has only ever closed for close family funerals.

Killarney has changed much in recent years, but the taste of customers has stayed largely the same, says Aileen O'Brien, who runs it with her mother Angela O'Brien.

Angela, who began work 70 years ago in the shop founded by her father Christy and mother Ellen still works behind the counter.

Aileen is called after her grandmother Ellen O'Sullivan who met Christy Healy on a trip home from America and stayed.

At that time in Killarney there was a lot of coming and going between America and Killarney and indeed Canada.

Cigarettes are no longer as popular, but newspapers are still bought in great numbers and the ice cream cones which have lured generations of Killarney children are as popular as ever.

'The big thing is ham. People love the sliced ham and they come here for it,' said Aileen.

'It's the way it's cut,' she said, complementing the popular Kay Griffin who began working in the shop 34 years ago.

Christy opened the business on St Patrick's Day 'a big day to open in Killarney', Aileen said. Angela and her brother Johnny took over the reins after Christy retired. He died in 1979.

Much loved customers on the lanes off New Street have passed away and there is so much coming and going in Killarney now it is hard to keep track.

'There was a time when I would know everyone,' said Aileen, as we recalled great Killarney characters like the late Sandy Hayes who lived down the Green Lawn.

As well as pop-in customers, there is still a loyal base, not least the great Johnny Culloty, captain of the winning Kerry Team of 1969. Don MacMonagle snapped Johnny as the shop got ready for the big anniversary.



Crowds queue for the tradition green Ice Cream Cone as Christy Healy's celebrate 100 years old on St. Patrick's Day. Photo: Des O'Connor





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## NEW OUTDOOR DINING INFRASTRUCTURE OPENS IN KILLARNEY

A new outdoor dining space at Kenmare Place in Killarney has been officially opened by the Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Niall Kelleher.

The project, which was supported by funding from Fáilte Ireland under the Local Authority Weatherproofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme, provides an attractive outdoor dining option for locals and visitors to Killarney. 'This is a really wonderful addition to Killarney's tourism infrastructure and will prove a great asset throughout the year and particularly during the forthcoming tourist season,' said Cllr Kelleher.

'One of the effects of the recent pandemic was the need to utilise and maximise outdoor dining options and this infrastructure shows what can be achieved in an imaginative way. It will greatly enhance Killarney's reputation as a destination for top quality tourism experiences,' he said.

'We would like to thank the local businesses as well as the local Jarvey Association for their help and support during the delivery of this important project,' Cllr Kelleher added.

Miriam Kennedy, Head of Wild Atlantic Way at Fáilte Ireland, said: 'It is fantastic to see Killarney's outdoor dining infrastructure, which was funded by Fáilte Ireland's Outdoor Dining Enhancement Scheme and developed in partnership with Kerry County Council, being so well received by trade and visitors alike.'



Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Niall Kelleher unveils the plaque at the official opening of the Killarney Outdoor Dining Infrastructure at Kenmare Place, Killarney on Wednesday along with Angela McAllen, Killarney Town Manager and Miriam Kennedy, Head of Wild Atlantic Way Fáilte Ireland. Also included are local councillors and council staff. Photo: Don MacMonagle

'Outdoor dining is now a permanent feature of our tourism and hospitality offering post-COVID, and facilities like these allow visitors to access outdoor dining options for longer periods of the year, supporting local businesses to sustainably develop and adding to the atmosphere in the town,' she said.

Councillors in the Killarney Municipal District approved planning permission for the infrastructure which was completed by Daniel Canty Construction.

The dining space has been in use since October 2022. Fáilte Ireland provided grant aid of €605,000 towards the project.

## Great Southern kick off SPONSORSHIP DEAL WITH KERRY FC



Photo shows Michael Jacobi, Managing Director, Hayfield Collection / Great Southern Hotel, Killarney with Kerry FC players, Leo Gaxha, Kevin Williams, Ryan Kelliher, Trpimir Vrljicak and Billy Dennehy, Team Manager at the announcement this week. Also in photo are Sean O'Keeffe, General Manager, Kerry FC, Sean Cooney, Group Marketing Manager and Roisín O'Sullivan, Operations Manager, Great Southern Hotel, Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle

Great Southern Killarney have been teamed up as an official partner of Kerry FC as they take part in their inaugural season in the SSE Airtricity First Division.

The newly formed team play their home games in Mounthawk Park Tralee under manager, Billy Dennehy.

'We are delighted to team up with Kerry FC as they start their exciting new venture in the League of Ireland. Local partnerships are incredibly important to us, as they have been throughout the history of Great Southern, and it is fantastic to see Kerry soccer represented on the national stage. We wish Billy and the team the greatest of success in the season ahead!', Managing Director Michael Jacobi said.

Great Southern Killarney are committed to a number of charities and organisations as part of their ongoing work in the local Killarney and overall Kerry region, including work with the Ring of Kerry Cycle and Kerry Cancer Support Group.

## QUIZ HELPS TO FUND EASTER PILGRIMAGE

A popular annual table quiz, which raises funds to send Kerry children and young adults with special needs to Lourdes, will be held in Killarney on Wednesday, March 29.

The Tim Moore Memorial Table Quiz will be held in the Gleneagle Hotel at 7.30pm. The entry fee for tables of four is €40 and it is €20 for teams of four schoolchildren with great prizes up for grabs on the night.

All proceeds will go to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust which organises trips to Lourdes every Easter for children and young adults with additional needs.

They will be brought on the pilgrimage on Easter Sunday and all the volunteer helpers and medical staff that will accompany them will cover for their own travel costs.

The annual quiz, which is running for close on 30 years, is dedicated to the memory of the late Killarney accountant Tim Moore who was a tireless campaigner for the Irish

Pilgrimage Trust.

He passed away, suddenly, in 2002 and his friends have continued the quiz as a tribute to his legacy and to ensure the charity continues to be supported.

It hasn't been held for the past two years due to the pandemic but all involved are thrilled that it is back for 2023.

Kieran Coffey, the retired principal of Fossa National School, is one of those who spearhead the Kerry pilgrimage to Lourdes and he has appealed to the public to support the very important fundraiser which helps offset some of the costs involved.

'We are delighted to be in a position to continue Tim's great work and to dedicate the quiz to him. The event is always so well supported by the people of the greater Killarney area and we greatly appreciate that generosity,' said Kieran.



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# The Magic of ABBA Comes to Rathmore

Students at Scoil Phobail Slibah Luachra took to the stage last week and performed an incredible show which was enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th of March 2023, the school was very proud to present their first ever School Musical entitled, 'Thank you for the Music' directed by the school's music teacher, Rebecca Stryker. The entire production team, students and staff worked extremely hard to ensure that audiences were highly entertained, and they did not disappoint. The show contained a captivating storyline, lighthearted comedy and of course timeless music.

Preparations began last September when auditions took place. The lead cast and chorus members have been busy rehearsing ever since to ensure their first show was one to remember. This was a whole school event with cast and chorus members ranging from first to sixth-year groups. Students involved have described the event as the highlight of their school year, an amazing experience and overall just great fun!



Musical Director Rebecca Stryker, with Lead Cast Members. Celebrating after their final show Wednesday Evening.  
Photo: Seamus Healy



Donna Sheridan played by Leaving Certificate student, Saoirse Casey with her fellow cast and chorus members.  
Photo: Seamus Healy



Principal Kerins with teachers Liz Healy and Pat Brosnan greeting audience members on their arrival to SPSL.  
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Chorus members partying at Sophie's Hen Do!  
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The three possible fathers Harry, Bill and Sam played by Mollie Herlihy, Setanta O'Callaghan and Sean O'Keeffe.  
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Lions Clubs International Board with Kerry Stars Special Olympics athletes and coaches

**T**he board of Lions Club International, the largest service club organisation in the world with 1.4 million volunteers serving communities in 200 countries and territories, visited Killarney over the St. Patrick's Bank Holiday weekend. A party of almost 100 board members from throughout the world, led by International President Brian Sheehan, spent three days in town following a Board meeting in Belfast.

The highlights of their visit were a tour of the sensory room in the Monastery school, tree planting in Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Park with transition year students from Killarney's secondary schools, and a basketball training session with athletes from Kerry Stars Special Olympics. Their trip culminated in a reception hosted by Killarney Lions Club at Killarney Racecourse where they were welcomed by the Mayor of Killarney, Cllr. Niall Kelleher.

"This is a huge honour for the local Lions club in Killarney" said Denis Doolan, President of Killarney Lions Club. "We do our best to provide

## HUGE COUP FOR KILLARNEY as International Lions Clubs Board visits

support where it's needed in our community, so it was great to be able to show the International Board some of the work we have done with organisations like Kerry Stars and local schools."

To commemorate the trip, Lions Clubs International and Killarney Lions Club made donations to help complete the sensory room at the Monastery school and provide further support for Kerry Stars activities.

The Killarney Lions club through its members, assists various groups and individuals in and around the community. Lions do this through voluntary activities, fundraising and by holding various types of events in support of many local causes. For further information contact [killarney\\_sec@lionsclubs.ie](mailto:killarney_sec@lionsclubs.ie)



Lori Sheahan, Mary Brosnan, Principal, The Mon, Brian Sheehan, President, Lions Clubs International and Denis Doolan, President, Killarney Lions Club

## FAMILY FRIENDLY ORIENTEERING EVENT PLANNED

**K**erry Orienteers are running a Family Urban Orienteering event as part of the Wander Wild Festival on 25th of March.

Starting at the Killarney Plaza Hotel BaseCamp anytime from 2-4pm - entrants are tasked with finding their way around the town of Killarney through all of its paths, tracks, lanes and alleys?

So why not come and give Street Orienteering a go with courses suitable for all ages and abilities. Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport which involves walking or running whilst navigating around a course using a detailed map and sometimes a compass.

The aim is to navigate in sequence between a set of control points and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time.

It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog the course and progress at your own pace. If you need any help or tips members of Kerry Orienteering Club will be



available to assist during the day. - Why not give it a go? and bring all the family!

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# HONOURS FOR CREDIT UNION VOLUNTEERS

**K**illarney Credit Union showed their appreciation and thanks to Board Directors and Board Oversight Committee Members who have retired in the last couple of years.

"In the absence of these events in recent years it was fitting that these people were recognised for their work and dedication to Killarney Credit Union", Karena McCarthy, Marketing Manager at the Credit Union told Killarney Outlook.

Dermot Griffin, Ted Leizcynski, Caragh Neeson and Michael O'Brien were honoured and thanked for their valuable contributions of time and expertise during their respective volunteering roles with Killarney Credit Union.

"Volunteers are at the heart of every Credit Union. The Credit Union movement started out with volunteers and it is with the work of these volunteers that Credit Unions in Ireland continue to grow", Karena added.



*John Long, Vice Chairperson, Joy Clifford-Vaughan, Chairperson, Caragh Neeson and Ger Galvin, Director Killarney Credit Union*



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## CASTLEISLAND TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY AND ADDRESS VACANCY



**C**astleisland set to receive €250,000 as one of three conservation projects funded under the 2023 Historic Towns Initiative

The Heritage Council, along with Minister of State Malcolm Noonan TD announced that 11 historic towns will share €1.3m funding under the 2023 Historic Towns Initiative (HTI). The funding will help to provide jobs through heritage-led regeneration, aid the rebuilding of local economies, and address vacancy with heritage as the consistent focal point.

Castleisland is set to receive €250,000 as one of three conservation projects funded under the initiative. This funding will support the community-led regeneration of Castleisland's main street, underpin urban revitalisation, and promote conservation-led improvements to historic fabric in a number of buildings to ensure occupancy and address vacancy.



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# KILLARNEY ROLLS OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE MEITHEAL

450 Irish businesses gathered in Killarney this week to pitch to over 230 international buyers from 17 countries at Fáilte Ireland's flagship trade event Meitheal, the largest and most important trade event for the Irish tourism industry which got underway on Monday at the Gleneagle INEC in Killarney.

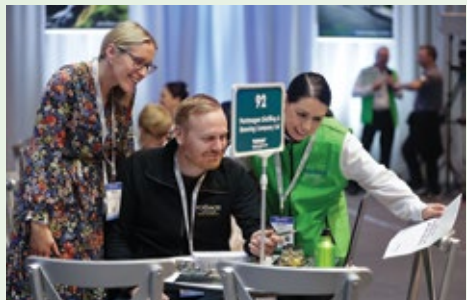
Running since 1975, Meitheal is Fáilte Ireland's annual flagship trade event, which is organised in partnership with Tourism Ireland, to provide Irish tourism businesses with the opportunity to sell directly to top international buyers and tour operators. Significant business deals were signed over the three days as more than 450 Irish tourism providers will pitch their business to 232 international buyers and tour operators from 17 countries.

The countries represented are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, Great Britain and USA, including online Travel Agents.

The best of what is on offer across Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, Ireland's Ancient East, the Wild Atlantic Way and Dublin, were showcased with the aim of being scheduled on the itineraries of the global tour operators. Key themes and trends emerging this year are sustainable travel options, immersive outdoor experiences and festivals.



Veronica O'Connor, Fáilte Ireland, Maurice Whelan, Ireland Walk, Bike, Hike, Sharon Houlihan, Fáilte Ireland, Michelle King, The Rose Hotel, Tralee, in Killarney to meet international tourism buyers from around the world. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Delegates and Buyers, Norma O'Shea, Skellig Six18 Distillery, James Murphy, Portmagee Irish Whiskey, Danielle Favier, Fáilte Ireland, in Killarney to meet international tourism buyers from around the world. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



The art of Hurling...John Lenihan, demonstrates the tackle with Kerry Senior Hurler Tom Doyle, at Muckcross Traditional Farms, along with International tourism buyers from around the world who have been attending Meitheal, Ireland's most important tourism trade event. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Attendees at the Meitheal enjoying the wildness of Dun Chaoin, Dingle Peninsula. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Michedl O'Sullivan, Killarney Photo Tours with Josephine O'Driscoll, Fáilte Ireland, in Killarney to meet international tourism buyers from around the world. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Up close with 'Buachaill' the resident Irish Wolfhound at Muckcross Traditional Farms, as he learns the art of hurling along with International tourism buyers from around the world



Susan Randles, left, Dromall Hotel, Killarney and Nicola Duggan, Sneem Hotel, meeting with international tourism buyers from around the world, at Meitheal Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



CEO Fáilte Ireland, Paul Kelly, arrives in Killarney to meet international tourism buyers from around the world, experiencing first-hand the Irish tourism product at Meitheal. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Annalisa Hoek and Robert Le Livre, taking part in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



St Patrick Himself...Pádraig Sands from Caherciveen, marching in St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade in Killarney on Friday.



Rosie O'Carroll, enjoying all the action on the streets at the St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade in Killarney on Friday.



Killarney Order of Malta, marching in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Killarney Tidy Towns and Meitheal volunteers, Rory O'Flaherty and John Joe Culloty, at the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day



Fiona Carroll, Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan/



Patricia Palmer, left, Caoimhe Brosnan and Denise Cremin, Kerry Special Olympics, marching in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



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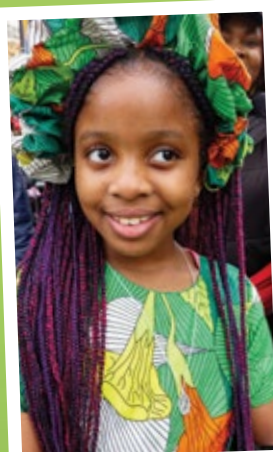
Reliving the 1860's, Staff from Killarney Great Southern, marching in St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade in Killarney on Friday.



Finbarr Crowley, enjoying all the action on the streets at the St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade in Killarney on Friday.



Pádraig Sands, with St. Parade's Festival Parade organisers, Maureen Hegarty, left and Katy Jakobi, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, at the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Precious, from the Wander Wild Festival Killarney, marching in St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade in Killarney on Friday.



Grand Marshall for the 2023 parade - Cathal Walshe, afforded the coveted title, for his 40 years of tireless volunteer work and contribution to the community of Killarney, with Cathal is Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. Niall Kelleher, in St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade in Killarney on Friday.



Donal 'Dux' O'Donoghue, with some empty merch ahead of the Wander Wild festival, at the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Flying the flag for Meitheal Killarney, Declan Murphy Fáilte Ireland and Laura Tangney, Killarney Jaunting Cars, at the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



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Timmy O'Donoghue, left and David Randles in the driving seat for Legion GAA Club float, in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Colm and Sinead Murphy with their Daughter Ailbhe Murphy marching with Killarney Athletic Club, in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Legion GAA Club, Junior members, marching in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Killarney Tidy Towns and Meitheal Volunteers out in full force and dress!!! for the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Members of Dr Crokes GAA Club, marching in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Volunteers with Wander Wild Festival Killarney marching in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Fossa Pulling out all the stops yet again with their amazing float in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.





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Fossa Community Pulling out all the stops yet again with their amazing float in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Ger Healy, Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Marching bands from the USA make a welcome return for the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day



Sandra Dunlea, right, Daughter of the late Yvonne Quill leading the Killarney Tidy Towns and Meitheal Volunteers in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Tony Wharton, Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Paul Sherry, chief organiser of the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.

Like Father Like Son... Tom Leslie with his Dad Michael Leslie, members of Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club, in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.



Representatives members of Kingdom Pride marching in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.





*The more that you read... the more things you will know... the more that you learn... the more places you'll go -Dr. Seuss*

Children at Loughguittane National School had a magical time on World Book Day.

"All the children loved dressing up as their favourite book characters, and we spent the day holding reading workshops where the children read both silently and aloud to the rest of the class", Principal John O'Donoghue told Killarney Outlook.



## Flesk Valley row from 'Malin to Mizen' in Indoor challenge

Flesk Valley Rowing Club will take on the epic journey length from Malin to Mizen this Sunday March 26th in support of the Killarney Order of Malta, at the Killarney Racecourse.



This event has been organised to mark the end of their winter training and in anticipation of long sunny evenings on the lakeshore!

More than 40 members young and old will start rowing on the indoor machines at 11am on Sunday the 26th and hope to collectively cover the distance from Malin to Mizen head by 12 noon. Members will row a variety of distances from half-marathon to 5k, individually and in relays. The Club members have decided to dedicate their efforts to raising funds for the Killarney Order of Malta who have a fantastic tradition of community service in Killarney and across the county for more than 70 years. There is scarcely a community or sporting event that they don't cover, including our own regatta last year, and always with professionalism and good humour.

"We would like to invite the public, and members past and present, to pop in to the Celtic Steps venue at the Killarney Racecourse to witness the spectacle and noise of 25 rowing machines and support our rowers and the Order of Malta", Tim O'Donoghue from the club told Killarney Outlook.

The Club would like to sincerely thank David Rea and Sean Murphy (Celtic Steps) for hosting us throughout the winter and for their support in facilitating this event and we wish them every success in the season ahead

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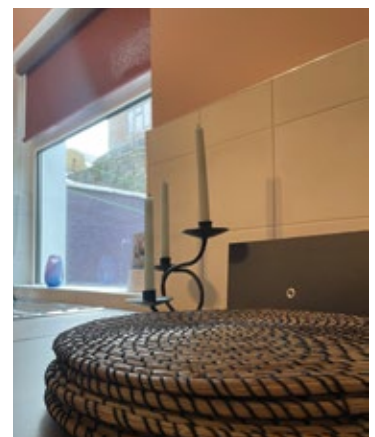
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# MARCH STATISTICS LOOK VERY PROMISING FOR CAO COLLEGE APPLICANTS



By Billy Ryle

## INTERIM

Interim figures released by the Central Applications Office (CAO) suggest that the demand for 3rd level courses continues to level off. The data covers the period up to 1st March 2023, the closing date for amending course choices. 78,025 applications have been lodged with the CAO, almost on par with the 78,012 at the same time last year. With the economy flourishing, it seems that more Leaving Cert candidates are seriously considering the 'world of work', apprenticeships, traineeships and further education as alternatives to the CAO route. It looks as if the final number of CAO applications in 2023, which will be released later in the year, will continue the downward trend in applications of 84,420 last year and 84,526 in 2021. The significant decrease in the number of mature applicants (23yrs or older) is further indication of the growth in employment. In total, there are 5904 mature applicants, down by 683 on last year's figure and by 2763 on the 2021 figure.

## DARE

9913 applicants to the CAO have registered for the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE). This is an increase of 1200 on last year's figure. DARE is a third level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers with an educational or medical disability.

## HEAR

8624 applicants applied for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) route, a third level alternative admissions scheme for school leavers from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are resident in the Republic of Ireland. Despite the current pressure on household incomes, that figure is 623 less than last year.

## CHANGE

The interim data will change slightly when late applications are taken into account and when the Change of Mind facility closes on 1st July at 5pm. The majority of CAO applicants will be permitted to use the Change of Mind facility when it opens on 5th May to add, remove or re-order course choices, which will result in changes to the figures released for 1st March. Late applications are accepted up to 1st May at 5pm.

## COMPETITION

Despite the stabilisation in the number of

CAO applications, competition for prestigious courses will again be intense if the grades are artificially inflated as they were last year. On average, the 2022 Leaving Cert class received about 60 CAO points more than they would have achieved in 2019. It brought more CAO applicants up to very high, if not maximum, points levels, putting pressure on courses where competition is always very keen. It's now time to return to the normality of the pre-Covid marking schemes and reduce the points to the 2019 levels in order to ease the pressure on the 2023 Leaving Cert Class.

## SURGE

Disciplines that have seen a surge in first preference applications include Business/Administration up to 8805 from 8492 last year or by 4%, Law up to 2779 from 2627 or by 6%, Information & Communications Technology up to 4067 from 3829 or by 6%, Engineering up to 4189 from 4025 or by 4%, Architecture/Construction up to 2778 from 2627 or by 6%, Agriculture up to 408 from 345 or by a whopping 18%.

## DROPPED

As expected, the general Arts/Humanities/Language degrees have appealed to a huge 11,050 applicants, up slightly from last year's figure of 10,942. Surprisingly, social science applications have dropped by 7%, down from 5472 to 5071. Interest in health-related courses is down 7% from 13021 to 12087. Applications for degrees in Environmental Science have dropped from 532 to 452 or a significant 15%, which suggests the 'green wave' has calmed.

## SPECIALIST

In the specialist groupings, applications for Primary Teaching have dropped to 2259 from 2543 or by 11%, which is of concern. Secondary Teaching applications have increased to 2180 from 1960 or by 11%, which is very good news. Nursing degree applications, down by 10% to 3908 from 4363 and medical degree applications, down by 11% to 3606 from 4058 are indicative of the difficult working conditions in these areas. Dentistry degree applications remain steady at 455 from last year's 464 while Pharmacy degree applications have increased significantly to 532 from 484 or by 10%.

## TRENDS

Applications, with the exception of the changing trends mentioned earlier, are very

much on par with current trends in a very healthy employment environment. Applicants are keeping a very close eye on the jobs market and are aware that a good qualification is a passport to a successful career. Prospects for the 2023 Leaving Cert class look very promising. Except for a few very competitive quota-based courses, there will be a third level course on offer for the vast majority of CAO applicants. That's how it should be!

## CHECKLIST

- Interim CAO figures suggest that the demand for 3rd level courses is levelling off
- 78,025 applications have been lodged with the CAO for 2023/2024 academic year
- 9913 CAO applicants applied for Disability Access Route to Education (DARE)
- 8624 applicants applied for the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)
- CAO applications are in line with trends in a healthy employment environment
- Applicants are keeping a very close eye on the jobs market
- Prospects for the 2023 Leaving Cert class look very promising
- CAO late application facility opened at €60 fee on 6th March
- HEAR/DARE supporting documentation must arrive in CAO by 5pm on 15th March
- CAO closing date for late applications is 5pm on 1st May
- CAO online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon on 5th May
- Leaving Cert Music Practical tests take place from Mon. 20th March to Fri. 31st March
- Leaving Cert oral language tests take place from Sat 1st April to Thurs 6th April
- Leaving Cert Engineering Practical takes place on Tues 25th, Wed 26th & Thurs 27th April
- Leaving Certificate Art Practical exam window is from Tues 25th to Thurs 27th April

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4 students from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School were invited to an awards ceremony in the University of Limerick on Wednesday 8th March. The Kemmy Business School (KBS) and the Business Studies Teachers of Ireland (BSTI) invited the students to acknowledge their achievement in being awarded a Distinction (90-100%) in the 2022 Junior Cycle examination in Business Studies. The four award winners from St. Brigid's were Li Chen (missing from photo), Muireann O'Brien, Ciara O'Sullivan and Gráinne Byrne. Congratulations to the students, their families and their teachers.





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## JESSICA TOPS OFF A BUSY FEW MONTHS WITH A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER

It's been a busy few weeks for Jessica Hegarty! With strong Killarney connections, Jessica was named Yonkers Montessori Academy Salutatorian 2023 in February and last week, along with accepting her place to Cortland University in New York, she also was honoured to meet Minister for Education Norma Foley on her visit to New York. *'Thrilled beyond measure to visit Yonkers Montessori Academy campus in New York. Enormous gratitude to the school community for their warm welcome feast of song and dance and for the bright and colourful signs. A joy to meet with you all.'* Minister Norma Foley wrote on her social media posting after her recent visit.

Jessica Hegarty is the daughter of David Hegarty and grand daughter to the late Dave Hegarty from Park Road, lives in New York, but she is very proud of her Kerry and Cork roots, her mom being from Meelin in Co. Cork.

Her sights are set on becoming a school teacher, so her visit from the Irish Minister meant a lot to her and she was truly honoured. Jessica and her family spend a lot of time in Killarney as Jessica was a competitive Irish dancer for many years and they love coming to Killarney, competing in the INEC and staying at nanas house!



John Griffin, Kerry County Council; Cllr John Francis Flynn, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council; Paul McDonagh, Tourism Ireland; Moira Murrell, Kerry County Council; Anna Cahill, Tourism Ireland; Christy O'Connor, Kerry County Council; and Fallon Griffin, Tourism Ireland, in the Tourism Ireland office in New York.

## KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL VISITS TOURISM IRELAND IN NEW YORK

Representatives of Kerry County Council, who are in New York for the St Patrick's Day period, met with senior executives from from Tourism Ireland last week. They were briefed on Tourism Ireland's promotional programme in the United States for 2023, which is in full swing right now.

This year, Tourism Ireland is rolling out an extensive programme of promotions in the United States, to rebuild overseas tourism to Ireland and to drive the return of revenue from American holidaymakers to pre-pandemic levels.

St Patrick's Day offers a unique opportunity for Ireland and Irish tourism, so Tourism Ireland in the United States is rolling out an extensive programme of trade, media and consumer activity to capitalise on Ireland's heightened profile around the St Patrick's Day period.

## STUDENTS FUNDRAISE FOR THE MISSIONS

Students from Kilcummin National School recently presented a cheque to Fr Billy Hoyne OFM Franciscan Friary on behalf of the Franciscan missions. The money was raised from donations made for St. Brigid's Crosses which were made by the children.

"Much thanks must go to all the students and their teachers for this wonderful act of kindness which raised €420.00 which will help our Franciscan missions in Zimbabwe, Central America & South Africa" Fr Billy OFM who served as a missionary himself said. A special word of thanks also to the children of the Presentation Monastery and the Holy Cross Mercy national schools who also contributed to the over all number of crosses that were made available.



Students from Kilcummin National School present a cheque Fr Billy Hoyne OFM Franciscan Friary on behalf of the Franciscan missions. They are pictured with Michael Murphy Acting Principal.





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## KILLARNEY RAMBLING HOUSE

on Friday the 31st of March at 8p.m at the Old Killarney Inn - in Aghadoe V93 NW52 - Entry €5 - All Welcome.Come for the Tea, the Brack, and the bit of Ceoil agus Craic and to all musicians, dancers, storytellers and singers, please come join us for a great night. - Follow us on Facebook CCE Cill Airne.

**BINGO** at St. Mary's Parish Hall every Thursday @ 8.30pm. All are welcome!

**RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY** (Cancer Support House) have a new 6 week online Cancer Thriving and Surviving course beginning Tuesday 25th April @ 10.30am-1pm. (Intro session 18th April). Please ring reception 066 7192122 for more information. [www.recoveryhavenkerry.com](http://www.recoveryhavenkerry.com)

**COFFEE MORNING** in aid of Palliative Care Unit UHK on Sunday 2nd April 9.30am to 1pm in The Heritage Centre, Scartaglin.

## COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS SCHEDULE FOR KERRY

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is calling on all adults and children over the age of six months, who are due a COVID-19 vaccine, to visit their nearest clinic. If anyone is unsure of their vaccine status, you can check by contacting HSELive on 1800 700 700.

Dr Anne Sheahan, Area Director of Public Health for Cork and Kerry, says: "Check your vaccination status and if you are due - please come along, or make an appointment, for a clinic near you. It is a very safe vaccine and will offer added protection; particularly if you, or your child, has an underlying condition."

COVID-19 vaccination appointments will be available at the following clinics in Kerry:

Friday, 24th March: 2pm-4pm (12+)  
Friday, 24th March: 2pm-3pm (5-11)

COVID-19 vaccination appointments will be available at the following clinic in Kerry:

Kerry Vaccination Centre, Borg Warner, Monavalley, Tralee, Co. Kerry V92 HT21

Saturday, 25th March: 3pm-3:30pm  
(6 months-4 years)

# COISTE SCOR NA NOG CHIARRAI 2023



With all District Boards having their competitions completed; the stage is now set for the staging of the County Finals of Scor Na nOg; (Under 17s) which will be held in the Community Centre, Currow on this Saturday March 25th commencing at 6pm. Certainly the response from the Clubs in this special year as we celebrate 50 years of Scor Na nOg has been very favourable indeed. The evening will be getting underway with the Figure Dancing, continuing on with Solo Singing, Recitation and Ballad Group; there will be a break for 15 minutes before the second half of competitions begins. Novelty Act, Instrumental Music and finishing with Set Dancing competition and this will conclude the days activities; so with a huge attendance expected everybody will be in for a great evenings entertainment. Medals for both first and second with only the winner in each category going forward to represent their

County where a Munster Final awaits to be held in the Eire Og G A A Pavilion, County Cork on Saturday April 8th, with the All Ireland Finals pencilled in for Saturday May 6th at the National Events centre, Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney.

## QUIZ

It is very important to note that in recent years there has been a change in the running of the Quiz which now takes place on a different day from the on stage events and this date has now been confirmed for this Thursday March 23rd at Currow National School with a starting time of 7pm; The outright winner will then go forward to the Munster Finals and will be part of the days Munster Final programme on Saturday April 8th in Ovens.

## CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS CONNECT WITH THEIR COMMUNITY

The open curriculum of the Transition year programme allows teachers to take on projects that appeal to them or to the school community in general. The Transition year students connected with their local Tidy Towns to improve the amenity of the river walk. They made fairy doors using wood cut offs left over from school projects and horse shoes that were no longer in use. The students worked in Woodwork and Engineering classes under the guidance of their teachers, JJ Herlihy and Bill Keane. The project began last year and completed fairy doors from last year were placed on trees in April 2022. However much to the dismay of teachers and pupils, only 3 fairy doors now remain. The sign 'Fáilte ó na Siógá' has also disappeared. A sad reflection on our community that people would purposefully remove the doors and take away this

wonderful magic and enjoyment from children.

'Every year our school has set the target of involving our Transition year students with the Castleisland Community. Our aim is to make our students proud of their local town and to connect with it. We liaise with Castleisland Tidy Towns to achieve this goal. Over the years the projects completed include 4 biodiversity signs along the river walk, building the model train at the entrance to the library car park, swift bird and bat signs along the river walk, making Castleisland the 50th Fairtrade town in Ireland and creating a fairy trail along the river walk. This year the signs have been attached to trees at a height to hopefully prevent them from being stolen again.' stated Doreen Killington, Transition year Geography teacher, Castleisland Community College.



Shauna Mc Carthy, Keeva Aherne, Bill Keane (Engineering teacher), Ella Killington, Mollie Mahony and Tara Kerin.



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# DAVID'S GOT TALENT AT KCC



Second year student David Lynch (front centre) was crowned the overall winner on the day with his amazing renditions of a couple of Ed Sheerin classics



Students who took part in KCC's Got Talent pictured with teachers Mary Fuller and Joanna Hughes.

**A**uditions for the annual 'Who's Got Talent' at Killarney Community College took place on the week of February 27th and out of 18 acts that auditioned 6 were chosen to participate in last week's highly anticipated event.

There was everything from magicians, to dancers, to singers and even an acoustic guitar using a loop pedal. Ms Mary Fuller, stage organiser, said "there were three judges with an immensely difficult job today, retired teacher Marcia Kissane, current teacher Ciarán Gallagher and student judge Jack Ryan Brain".

Music teacher Joanna Hughes was very proud of everyone who had the courage to audition and perform.

"It was fantastic for our students to get an opportunity to showcase their talents to their peers, it's such an exciting time for students. It always create a wonderful atmosphere in the college", she said.

Second year student David Lynch was crowned the overall winner on the day with his amazing renditions of a couple of Ed Sheerin classics which was a fitting end to the school day, just in time for St. Patrick's Day.



## Screening of "The Letter" at The Pastoral Centre

**A** free screening of The Letter, A Message for Our Earth will take place at The John Paul II Pastoral Centre on Rock Road, Killarney on Wednesday night next, March 29th at 7pm.

The Letter tells the story of the journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The film contains exclusive dialogue with Pope Francis, offering a revealing insight into his personal history and includes some stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome. It also highlights the climate crisis which the world is facing.

Following the screening, there will be an opportunity to discuss the film and enjoy some refreshments.

The event is free and is being organised by the JPIC committee who are a voluntary group in the Diocese of Kerry.

## KLAUDIA'S CAPTIVATING PHOTO WINS NOVICE COMPETITION

**K**illarney Camera Club's recent Street/Urban themed competition in the Novice category was won by Klaudia Tópor with her captivating photo, from her recent trip to Zanzibar, in the archipelago off the coast of Tanzania.

In other news, the recent club outing to Dingle and further west was much enjoyed by all.

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## Airbnbs - "If we are not careful, we could kill the goose that lays the golden egg"



**A** Kerry County Councillor has called on the Local Authority to be fair and balanced when dealing with Airbnbs and has warned "If we are not careful, we could kill the goose that lays the golden egg".

Tourist accommodation in Ireland is made up of a mixture of types, that suit different categories of visitors to the different areas of the country. There are Hotels, Guesthouses, Bed & Breakfasts, Houses, Apartments, Hostels, etc, and more recently, Airbnbs.

Kerry Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill believes that all of these accommodation options are essential to the success of our Tourism Industry and that there should be a level playing field for each type of business.

"These are all in the main legitimate business operations, adding value to our tourism product, different potential customers preferring a particular option for themselves, depending on their circumstances. Some may wish to avail of the many additional facilities of a hotel, some less so, without pools, bars, prepared meals etc.," stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"I don't agree that different regulations should apply to any option being made available to our visitors, as long as everybody is on the same hymn sheet, providing safe, comfortable

accommodation and are complying with the present laws. Tourism provides employment and income for our people and tax returns to the Exchequer" said Councillor Cahill.

"Here in Kerry, it is more visitor accommodation that is required, not less and we should welcome new entrants to a market which I see growing enormously with the opening of facilities, such as the South Kerry Greenway and indeed the North Kerry Greenways. In the case of the South Kerry Greenway it is a widely known fact that a substantial increase in accommodation will be required to service the anticipated hundreds of thousands of additional visitors to the region on an annual basis" said Councillor Cahill.

"There has been a growing anti Airbnb movement in Ireland for a number of years now which seems to be gaining in momentum in recent times and I believe it is time for Local Authorities and in particular Planning Departments to clarify and explain that the majority of these Airbnbs are legitimate businesses, that they are providing a valuable service that is badly needed, that many have proper Planning permission in place, that many more are exempt due to the fact that they have been operating for several years and that families are entitled to earn a small income, if they have a spare room or 2 and

that they play a critical role in accommodating tens of thousands of visitors to our county every year who may not for various reasons be accommodated elsewhere in Kerry" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Not everyone can afford to get involved in Tourist Accommodation with the traditional forms of Hotel or B&B for example, but the Airbnb model does offer an opening to people to rent one or two rooms or a renovated cottage, etc.. Airbnb for most people is just a small additional income of €5,500 to €6,000 per annum, offering flexibility to hosts and visitors" said the Fianna Fáil Councillor.

"The more varied offerings and options we here in Kerry have for our potential visitors, with different levels of holiday budgets, the more people will visit here to sample the delights of our county" said Councillor Cahill. "I believe we must be very careful here in Kerry and that we do not drive Airbnbs out of the market as there will always be a need for short-term lets" stated Councillor Cahill. "The Planning Department in Kerry County Council has some big decisions to make and must take into consideration the very obvious requirements for Airbnbs or if we are not careful, we could kill the goose that lays the golden egg" added Councillor Cahill.

## CLUNE HOLDS TALKS WITH COUNTY COUNCILLORS IN BRUSSELS



Pictured in Brussels are left to right: MEP Deirdre Clune, Cllr. Patrick Connor Scarteen, EU Commissioner Mairead McGuinness.

**I**reland South MEP Deirdre Clune has been discussing the needs of local Irish communities with County and city councillors in Brussels.

Kerry Councillor Patrick Connor-Scarteen was part of a delegation that visited the European Parliament recently as guests of MEP Clune.

Regional Development, Brexit, Renewable Energy, Digital Finance and the War in Ukraine were also among the key topics raised during productive talks. MEP Clune says, "I am delighted to have facilitated this opportunity to address the issues affecting local communities across Ireland and examine how the EU can help.

It is vital to bring citizens' concerns and ideas to the attention of different decision-makers at the EU level.

County and city councillors are often the first point of contact when it comes to people's questions about European policies.

They have the knowledge, experience and contacts that make them ideal brokers for EU-related topics in their own areas.

The big decisions made in Brussels often rely on the work of local representatives to be implemented at regional level.

I thank those who attended and EU Commissioner Mairead McGuinness for their participation in positive discussions."

## "COCAINE USE MUST BE A WAKE UP CALL" - Councillor Michael Cahill

**R**the Netherlands and Spain, for highest use of Cocaine per capita, must be a wake up call to all of us, according to a Kerry Fianna Fáil Councillor. Rossbeigh based Councillor Michael Cahill says he was shocked that Ireland figured so high up on the list.

"We all know that drugs such as Cocaine are very prevalent in modern Irish society, but it surely must be a big wake up call to us all that there is such a major market for these illegal substances in our country. The health of our people is at extreme risk due to Class A drugs, the most harmful, being widely available throughout the island of Ireland, not to mind the criminality and violence that it encourages" stated Councillor Cahill.

"Illegal, mind altering substances can have lifelong debilitating affects in those that use them, coupled with crippling financial debt, threats of violence for non payment of drug debt and coercion into dealing etc all part of the horrifying scenario surrounding illegal drugs and lives become dispensable. We must redouble our efforts to educate people on the harm these substances can do to their lives and we must stamp out the gangs and the criminality associated with the illegal drugs trade" Councillor Cahill.

"Further resources must be provided to An Garda Síochána and the Courts Service, to ensure our people are protected from this snowballing drugs crisis that exists all around us" added Councillor Cahill.



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Entries for Cáirde Rás Tailteann will remain open until this Sunday, 26 March at 12PM or until all allocated places have been filled, whichever is the earlier.

This window is only for Irish domestic club and county teams to enter. International teams will be given the opportunity to enter at a later date.

The entry process will be facilitated on the Eventmaster platform and the link for entries will be posted on the Rás Tailteann Facebook/ Twitter and also the Cycling Ireland calendar.

Entire teams must be entered at the same time. The person completing the entry must have the following details before starting:

- Team name, team manager name and contact details, emergency contact name and details
- All riders name, DOB, licence number and UCI ID (all this information can be found on the riders licence)
- Payment card

Teams are made up of five riders. The entry fee is €700 and Eventmaster apply a 6% booking charge, bringing total entry fee to €742. Amendments to teams after entering are permitted and should be sent to gearoidcampbell1@gmail.com. For any further issues or concerns, contact Race Director, Ger on 0868192205 or gercampbell1@hotmail.com (email preferred).

Cáirde Rás Tailteann looks forward to welcoming all competitors to Navan on May 17th! Just 62 days to go...



## Cáirde Rás Tailteann Open for Entries

## HELLO, HOW ARE YOU? CAMPAIGN CHAMPIONED BY BALLYSPILLANE CFRC



Derek O Leary Manager Ballyspillane CFRC, Louise Kiely Family Support Officer, Sophie Haighway front of house team, Marian McCabe Community Development Officer and Kayleigh Power Family Support Officer getting prepared for their information and coffee morning supporting the "Hello, How Are You Campaign".

March 30th will see the "Hello, how are you?" campaign reach it's pinnacle.

The campaign initiated by Mental Health Ireland identifies the need for positive engagement and connections with the people around us.

It asks us all to engage in open conversations about mental health and prompts us all to ask the question "How Are You?".

The word HELLO is a useful acronym to guide us all through such conversations, H: Hello, E: Engage positively with the person, L: Listen actively, L: Learn about the person and O: seek options to assist the person if required.

"We all need a listening & compassionate ear sometimes to get us through some challenges in our lives and I think the pandemic has opened a new way of looking at the world, where we can all recognise the challenges that people experience more readily" stated Derek O Leary, Manager of Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource Centre.

Derek went on to say that "our team here are in the business

of supporting families & individuals across the Killarney area and beyond and see the challenges that people face first hand. We also see the positive impact that a caring person can have in such circumstances and this campaign that encourages positive engagement, regarding mental health is a great reminder to us all, the role we can play is assisting others who are struggling".

In partnership with Mental Health Ireland and as a part of this national campaign, Ballyspillane CFRC will host an information / coffee morning on Thursday 30th March at 12.30pm at their centre. All are welcome to attend.

Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource Centre provide a suite of support & intervention services including family supports, social prescribing/ community connection services & physiotherapeutic services across the Killarney municipal area and beyond.

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## GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

## &gt;LOTTO

There was one winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 20/3/2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €3,200 The numbers drawn were 5, 8, 12, 15. The jackpot was won by Niamh and Leonard Moran, Knockanes. Congratulations Niamh and Leonard. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 3/4/2023. 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\\_new.asp?ll\\_id=2534#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_new.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor)

## &gt;COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 2 RD 1

Glenflesk V Listowel Emmets 26-03-2023 (Sun) @2PM in Glenflesk

## &gt;SCOR NA NOG

Best of luck to all in the County final of Scór Na nÓg on Saturday March 25th in Currow. Solo singing, (Noirin Healy). Recitation, (Abby Cronin). Ballad Group (Aoise O Donoghue, Abby Cronin, Cliona Moynihan, Muireann Healy, Patrick Mullane). and Instrumental Music (Grace Angland, Coleen

Angland, Olivia Angland, Sean Angland, Noirin Healy).

## &gt;MEMBERSHIP 2023

Closing date fast approaching for 2023 Membership now due - Can be paid online (Glenflesk GAA Clubforce Membership) or in our two local shops O'Briens Glenflesk and O'Donoghues Barraduff (Forms and Envelopes available in both). Closing date March 31st.

## &gt;FOUNDATION REFEREEING COURSE

The club is looking for people interested in taking the foundation refereeing course. Two evenings in total in Tralee. As we all know, without referees, games can not take place. Our club currently has two senior referees and four Coiste na nÓg referees but there is still low numbers of referees throughout the county. By refereeing, you help to insure all games get to be played, increase your fitness levels, get paid and of course, you'll always have the best seat in the house during each game! So, if you are over 23 and would like to give it a go or would like to find out more information contact Pádraig on 0870530384.

## BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

## &gt;SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to parents, Tom and Kathleen, brothers and sisters, Seán, Paudie, Eileen and Mary and all the extended family of the late James Kelliher who has passed away at a young age. May he rest in peace.

## &gt;FIXTURES

Development team will be away to Clounmacon, Sunday, 26th at 2pm in round 1, Development league.

U14 girls home Kerins O'Rahillys at 1pm in round 2, non-Kerry player's league

## &gt;RESULTS

Beaufort Senior mens teams had wins in round 1, County league. Final scores: Beaufort 3.09 Killarney Legion 0.11 in Div. 6.

Glenbeigh/Glencar 1.09 Beaufort 4.06 in Div. 2.

Minor Co League: Beaufort 6.09 Finuge 3.07

## &gt;CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND CAR DRAW

Tickets are still available for the car draw and other cash prizes to fund the development. 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](http://www.beaufortgaa.com). Please contact the Club at 087 9975737 for more information.

## &gt;LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort GAA Club lotto jackpot of €12,200 on Sunday, 19th March. Consolation Prizes: €80 Molly Moloney, Beaufort. €50 Falvey family, Cappaganeen, Eugie Ferris, Snr, Gap of Dunloe, John Falvey, Cappaganeen. The next draw for a jackpot of €12,400 will be on Sunday, 2nd April 2023. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 and are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at: [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com). Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.



Katie O'Donoghue pictured with her husband Gerald McEnery at the launch of her new book *The Otter that Tried* at Eason, Killarney.

Art House Killarney represented in the St Patrick's Festival Parade on the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day.  
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Mike Falvey, O'Kelly's Villas enjoying a St. Patrick's Day Pint in The Speakeasy.





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## RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

➤ **SYMPATHIES** to Nealie, Denis, John & Tim O'Mahony, Margaret Lucy, Ann Davies & families on the death of their father John C O'Mahony Tureenclassaugh, Knocknagree & brother of Sr Mary (USA). John Cs funeral took place in Knocknagree on Tuesday 14th March.

To Nora Ann, Michael, Willie & Dan on the death of their father Willie Casey, Lyre, Gneeveguilla his sister Mary O'Connor & families. Willie's funeral took place on Saturday 11th March in Gneeveguilla. May John C & Willie rest in peace.

➤ **PLEASE SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING** in Aid of the Irish Cancer Society, on Daffodil Day Friday 24th March 9-11 am, Cuain Alainn, Day Centre, Ballydesmond

➤ **SUNDAY DANCE** Hibernian Hotel, Mallow P51 HE63. Dancing from 3.00pm – 5.30pm. Sunday 26th March T.R. Dallas Band. All roads lead to Hibernian Hotel, walking distance from Mallow Railway Station. Admission €10. Free Draw with Door Ticket. Organised by John Joe Herlihy Dance

➤ **COFFEE MORNING** in aid of Palliative Care Unit UHK on Sun. 2nd April 9.30am to 1pm in The Heritage Centre, Scartaglin

➤ **KILLARNEY RAMBLING HOUSE** on Friday the 31st of March at 8p.m at the Old Killarney Inn - in Aghadoe V93 NW52 - Entry €5 - All Welcome. Come for the Tea, the Brack, and the bit of Ceoil agus Craic and to all musicians, dancers, storytellers and singers, please come join us for a great night. - Follow us on Facebook CCE Cill Airne

➤ **MAURICE O KEEFFE FESTIVAL 2023** - Thurs 23rd March @ 8pm in Kiskeam Community Centre. Special Guests Bernard Casey & Lord Mayor of Cork Danny Collins. Free event. Refreshments served.

➤ **ST FRANCIS SPECIAL SCHOOL** has teamed up with Kevin Rowe Events and is delighted to present St. Francis Special 'A Night at the OsKars' on Thursday 30th March 2023 in the INEC. This is guaranteed to be one of the biggest nights of the year! "A Night at the OsKars" sees Teachers, SNAs, Secretary, House Staff, Bus Escorts, Parents, Family and members of the Children's Therapy team appearing in 7 different movies. We will all compete on the night for a highly coveted "OsKar" in such categories as Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor etc. Our judging panel includes popular entertainers and TV personalities and those attending on the night will also get a chance to vote. All money raised is going to refurbishing our therapy rooms including Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy and Sensory Rooms.

An audience well in excess of 1,000 people is expected on the night so



Jake Curtin & Caden Cronin taking part in Gneeveguilla's St Patrick's day parade.

there will be plenty of advertising and P.R. leading up to the event for the growing list of businesses coming on board. Get your ticket from any of our school staff, our school reception or via the email below. Tickets cost 25 Euro each, the Red Carpet entrance from 7pm, show starts at 8pm. After Party with DJ Donal directly after the show.

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➤ **RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY** (Cancer Support House) have a new 6 week online Cancer Thriving and Surviving course beginning Tuesday 25th April @ 10.30am-1pm. (Intro session 18th April). Please ring reception 066 7192122 for more information. [www.recoveryhavenkerry.com](http://www.recoveryhavenkerry.com)

### ➤ **NOTES**

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

## LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

### ➤ **LISTRY GAA LOTTO**

Numbers 5, 10, 21, 22. Winner of jackpot Declan Spillane, Ballymalis. Next weeks jackpot €3,000.

### ➤ **U13**

The U13 Lee strand county football league kicks off this week with Listrys first game away to Dr Crokes on Sunday.

### ➤ **KERRY**

Best of Luck to the Kerry team this weekend in their last league game away to Galway.

### ➤ **MILLTOWN LISTRY COMHALTAS**

FLEADH CHEOIL TIME AGAIN, give it a go! Milltown Listry CCE accepting entries for Fleadh Cheoil 2023 in Ballybunion. If you're learning an instrument, get involved and give the fleadh a go. Emails to [lou.oshea@hotmail.com](mailto:lou.oshea@hotmail.com) before April 7th, registration can be arranged if you haven't joined the branch.

### ➤ **PRES MILLTOWN**

Best of luck to Listry ladies Kate Murphy, Sarah Fitzgerald, Sadhbh Curran, Ellie Mai Nugent, Aideen O'Brien, Izzy Mcgrath and Lilly Clifford who play with Pres Milltown in the All Ireland Junior final on Saturday the 25th March.



Ted and Phil Ahern pictured with their 8 children and partners and their 17 grandchildren. The family are pictured for the first time together since 2018.





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Dr Sherfi advises that *"it is important that we identify patients with liver disease as early as possible and having access to a FibroScanner allows us to do just that. I would encourage anyone who has concerns about their liver health to in the first instance, talk to their GP and if appropriate, their GP can make a referral to the Hepatology service here in the Bon Secours Hospital Tralee"*.

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## SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

## &gt;FIXTURES

Our Senior men will kick start their Credit Union Senior Football League when they will play Austin Stacks away this Saturday 25th at 4pm

## &gt;REGISTRATION

Registration is also open online at [www.spagaa.com](http://www.spagaa.com)

The deadline is March 31st. Any queries please contact club registrar Ger (087)2512266

## &gt;UNDERAGE TRAINING

ABCs, U7 and U9 training has returned. Training takes place Saturday mornings between 10:00 - 11:00am. All welcome, new players and returning players also

## &gt;ST PATRICKS DAY

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's St.Patricks Day parade with Spa. There was a sea of blue and gold amongst the crowd as we were strongly represented by members of the Club. Well done to Pdraig and the Organising Committee on organising a wonderful and fun parade

## &gt;LOTTO

Spa Lotto 20/03/2023. No Jackpot Winner. Numbers drawn 2, 6, 7, 26. Lucky dips to: Samantha Leen, Andrew Tier, Chloe Scannell, Mary Managan Next week's jackpot €5,800

## KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

## &gt;KILCUMMIN NS

Kilcummin N.S. is currently enrolling for September 2023. Please contact Kilcummin National School by email at [kill43163@gmail.com](mailto:kill43163@gmail.com) or by phone on 064 6643163. Enrolment application forms are now available. Please check out our website at [www.kilcumminns.com](http://www.kilcumminns.com) for more information.

**Open Day** will take place on Thursday 30th March from 2.15pm until 4pm. Come and see the school, meet the teacher and get all the information for a smooth start in September.

## &gt;FAMILY QUIZ

Kilcummin Parents Association are holding a Family Quiz on Thursday March 30th @ 7pm in The Klub Bar, Kilcummin; tables of 4 - Adults €10 / Children €5. Raffle on the day with great prizes. Quiz Master: Cathal Walsh. Everyone welcome.

## &gt;KILCUMMIN NATIONAL PRESCHOOL

Kilcummin National Preschool is currently enrolling for September 2023. Please contact Victoria Carroll by phone on 086 3007357.

## &gt;MAT PILATES AND BARRE

Mat Pilates & Barre classes continue in Kilcummin Recreational Hall. For details or to book your place contact Noreen on 087 3507953.

## &gt;KILCUMMIN GAA

## MINORS

First up on Saturday were our minors and they completed a 100% record by defeating Tarbert 3-10 to 2-6 and by topping their division they have an upcoming semi-final fixture against Milltown Castlemaine on April 3rd. Goals by Sean Doolan, Gavin Cronin and Sean Maher were the icing on the cake in a convincing performance. Well Done to mentors Tommy Brosnan, Dave Kearney, Paul O Donoghue and Kieran O Donoghue

## CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1.

On Sunday our Senior team were away to Dr Crokes in Rd1 of the Credit Union Co League Div 1.

We put in a very creditable performance but in the end finished on the losing side on a scoreline of Dr Crokes 1-12 Kilcummin 0-12. The pivotal moment came in the 40th minute when Dr Crokes were awarded a penalty at a time when we were leading by two points. On the day Damien O Leary, Donal Maher, Kieran Murphy and Philip O Leary stood out in what was a wholehearted team effort.

## DIV 6 OF CO LEAGUE

On Sunday also our B team travelled to Tuosist in Div 6 of Co League and came away with a resounding win on a scoreline Tuosist 2-10 Kilcummin 5-11. Both teams played with 13 players and it was Tuosist who made the stronger start and lead at half time by 1-7 to 1-5. Indeed, they could have been further ahead but for a fine save from Liam Kerrisk and Cian Lynch's first goal after 16 minutes of play. On the resumption Sean Moynihan netted and when the same player was upended in the square a minute later Richie O Connor slotted the penalty to put daylight between the teams. Further goals from Cian



Kilcummin Community Games U12 Draughts Bronze Medal Winners

Lynch and Sean Moynihan again put the result beyond doubt and Cian Lynch completed his hat trick just before the final whistle. This was an encouraging outing for this young team that defended well as a unit, had Gearoid Kerins and Colm Kelleher in control at midfield and had forwards who took their scores well. Management Tommy Brosnan, John Kerins, Paul Griffin and Dara Lehane

## &gt;MASTERGEEHA FC

## U10'S BLITZ Mastergeeha FC v Killarney Athletic A.F.C.

We welcomed our nearest neighbours to a sunny Kilbreen Park for another blitz on Saturday morning. Well done to all the kids who showcased great skills and had great fun. Thanks to Killarney Athletic FC, Joe Hurley and his coaching team for visiting. We hope to see them soon for the return leg! Well done to the Mastergeeha FCs coaching team of Ivan Fleming, Donnagh Barry and John O'Callaghan for organising another great blitz.

## LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 17th March 2023 of the Jackpot for €9,200. Numbers drawn were 2,5,11,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Noel Breen, c/o Bar, Michael O'Neil, Mastergeeha, Margaret Reidy, Coolick, JD O'Sullivan, Mileen. The next draw will be Friday 24th March for jackpot of €9,400.

## &gt;KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

## CHESS &amp; DRAUGHTS

Congratulations to our mixed teams U11's & U13's chess and our U12's draughts teams that competed in Kenmare last weekend. Our U11's girls received the silver medal and our U12's draughts received the bronze medal. This is a fantastic achievement. Also well done to our U13's chess team who narrowly missed out on qualifying from their group. Thanks to their coach George Lenihan for giving his time and preparing the teams for the competitions. Thanks to all the parents who travelled to Kenmare and supported the teams.

## U16 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Well done to our U16 girls basketball team who competed in Castleisland on Sunday. Thanks to their coach Darragh McGuire for giving his time and preparing the team for the competition.

## U16 BOYS BASKETBALL

Best wishes to our under 16's boys team who will be in action this weekend.



Kilcummin Community Games U11 Chess Silver Medal Winners



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### Today's coaching action

We may not be able to control certain events or situations in our life. However, we can choose what and where we will put our focus and attention. Today, make a conscious choice to dwell on what is good in your life. Actively look for what is working for you. Notice the people that make you smile. Choose to read something that inspires you. Focus on how blessed you are. Delight in the small sweet moments – the warming cup of tea or coffee, the dew on the morning grass, the daffodils, the birds singing, the food that you love. Reignite your joy every single day by actively creating it!

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For some people it is because they are using their smart-watch, phone, an app or some form of technology to track their workout. So do I need fancy phones, apps or smart-watches to workout and get the most from my training? Quite simply the answer is NO!

For some people they track everything and there is nothing wrong with this, especially if they are utilising the data their device is tracking to make changes and improvements to their workouts. However, if you are tracking for the sake of tracking, spending the majority of your session looking at the watch or app to see what it has to say and you are concentrating on this more than the workout itself, then a little bit of advice – get rid of it. When the technology or what it has to say becomes more "important" than the workout, or maybe phrased differently, when the device has your attention more than your workout does then it is not doing you any favours. When it has become a distraction then it's time to get rid.

Like anything, there is a time and a place. I would suggest do your workout, give your all while you are doing it, and when you are home having your post-workout meal or snack then you can review the data and see where you can make positive changes to enhance and improve the workouts themselves. And one other thing, if you do use a smart-watch try turning off notifications for messages, social media, etc while you are doing your workout – they are just another distraction which will negatively impact your workout. Remember its probably 40 to 45 minutes on average that your workout will last, why not give your all, do your catch-up after.

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## SCREEN TIME, FACTS FOR PARENTS

**Most parents worry about how much time children are spending on digital devices. Here are the facts**

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Sunlight contains red, orange, yellow, green and blue light rays. Combined, this spectrum of coloured light rays creates what we call 'white light' or sunlight.

Depending on where they fall on the spectrum, light rays have long wavelengths (with less energy) or short wavelengths (with more energy).

Blue light is a high-energy visible light and has shorter wavelengths. It is known as blue light because it is on the violet-blue band of the spectrum.

Blue light is naturally present in sunlight but is also something we can see from screens such as TVs, computers, smartphones and tablets.

### Can blue light damage my child's eyes?

There is currently no scientific evidence that blue light causes damage to the eyes. However, there is evidence to suggest that carrying out near tasks, involving looking at something close-up, such as using mobile devices, screen time and reading a book, can increase eye strain for those who do this for long periods of time.

### What is digital eye strain?

Digital eye strain happens when a lot of time is spent using near vision, for example, reading on screen or playing online games. One of the main symptoms is temporary blurred vision but other signs such as sore and tired eyes, dry eye and headaches are also associated with digital eye strain.

### Can blue light affect my child's sleep pattern?

Using screens close to bedtime

may contribute to poorer sleep, which may mean your child's concentration levels are lower during the day. This may be because blue light is linked to the suppression of the hormone melatonin which makes us feel sleepy. However, there is a range of other factors linked to disrupted sleep.

Can blue light filtered lenses help? Some people report that lens coatings that filter blue light make their eyes feel more comfortable or are helpful before bed.

### IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN SCREEN TIME AND SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS?

Short-sightedness, or myopia, is increasing throughout the world. Family history, ethnic background, environment (living indoors, in cities) and carrying out near tasks, such as screen use, have all been linked to the development of myopia. However, there is no clear evidence to suggest that screen time alone is the direct cause. But, there is good evidence to suggest that children who spend more time outdoors are at lower risk of developing short-sightedness.

### TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S EYES HEALTHY

Get them outdoors – regular play and exercise can help prevent or reduce the development of myopia (short-sightedness). Studies show two hours of outdoor activity a day is ideal!

Use night settings - using night settings, if your device has them, may help children sleep by reducing the amount of blue light given off by the screen during night-time hours

Make sure digital devices are turned off at least an hour before bedtime

**Book your child in for a sight test at least every two years, from the age of three.**



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Conor Duffin, Niamh O'Shea, Anna Duffin and Lily Duffin, Members of Muckcross Rowing Club, Killarney, helping to clear the lake shores of Lough Lein, Killarney National Park, following debris deposited after persistent flooding and rainfall. The Club will give an hour of their time each month to help restore the shoreline after rowing training. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Making a difference...Members of Muckcross Rowing Club, Killarney, lead by Lily Duffin and Daniel Murphy, helping to clear the lake shores of Lough Lein, Killarney National Park, following debris deposited after persistent flooding and rainfall. The Club will give an hour of their time each month to help restore the shoreline after rowing training. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

## MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB

### EVENTS

The St. Michael's City Head Of the River scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled due to the poor weather conditions on the River Shannon in Limerick city. Best of luck to our three crews competing in the Courtmacsherry Offshore Regatta taking place this Saturday, March 25th. The club will be represented by two Junior 18 Womens crews and one crew from our Masters Men group. The club is also hoping to have an interest in another 'offshore' event, namely the Kilmacsimon Offshore Head of the River on Saturday, April 1st. This event involves 4-6km time trial courses for different age groups along the River Bandon. The Skibbereen Regatta will be the next main flatwater event for the club and is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16 at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork.

### LAKESHORE CLEAN UP

Many thanks to all our members who took part in a litter pick and lake shore clean up on Sunday last.

### MEMBERSHIP

A final reminder to existing members that renewal of membership for 2023 is now overdue for annual or first quarter payment. All details available via Clubforce and on email.

## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

All swimmers achieved PBs at the Future Challenger Gala in Tralee on Sunday with many swimmers receiving bands for qualifying times. We had three firsts with Daniel Cremin coming first in the 50M backstroke, Evan O'Donoghue taking first place in the 50M breaststroke and Orlaith Macky coming first in the 50M Butterfly. Daniel Cremin came second in the boys 50M breaststroke and Evan O'Donoghue came second in the boys 100M backstroke.

We had plenty of thirds, with Alex Hickey coming third in the 50M backstroke, Noah Keogh taking 3rd place in the 50M breaststroke and the 50M backstroke. Orlaith Macky took home third place in the 50M backstroke with Sarah Quirke coming third in the 50 breaststroke.

Some of our younger swimmers had their first

race and everyone enjoyed a fun day out!

On Sunday, our older swimmers attended the Aspiring Gala at the University of Limerick and in total, there were 19 PBs and 13 first time races. Ella Cremin qualified for the Youth Nationals in the 100M Breaststroke.

## KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL

### JUVENILE NEWS ACADEMY

The Academy returns on this March Friday March 24th after the St Patricks holiday.

### U18 BOYS LEAGUE

#### Killarney Cougars 46 St Annes 44

The Cougars hosted St Annes at the Presentation Gym on Wednesday evening last and a very exciting game saw the Cougars secure the win in the final league game of the season. The Cougars had good performances on the night from Lucas Cronin, Finn Kennelly and Mark Daly to secure the points.

### U18 BOYS KERRY PLATE FINAL

#### St Bridgets Currow 39 Killarney Cougars 59

The Cougars secured the Kerry Plate Final at the Tralee Sports Complex on Saturday with a strong second half performance. The Currow boys had a strong start to the game to lead by 5pts at the end of the opening quarter. The Cougars had a good reponse in the second quarter to take the lead by halftime 24-17. The Cougars growing in confidence came under

pressure from Currow but still held the lead 34-28 by the end of the third quarter. The final quarter saw the Cougars take control of the game with baskets by Jack Kelliher, Ted OGorman and Nathan Cox giving Cougars a strong lead into the closing stages with strong defence on the boards by Rory Clancy and Finn Kennelly enured the Plate title for the Cougars.

### U13 LEAGUE

#### Killarney Cougars 35 St Annes 34

A very exciting game with saw the Cougars secure a narrow victory at home in the Pres Gym. The Cougars produced a strong performance in a very exciting game with the Cougars just holding with St Annes unlucky to lose out in a great game by both teams. Melissa Bowler, Milly Spillane, Rhia Kelliher and Isabelle Lyons.

## CALLINAFERCY ROWING CLUB

**THANK YOU** to all our members who took part in the Milltown St. Patrick's Day parade. The club is honoured to receive the Brenda Hayes Memorial Shield and would like to thank the Milltown St. Patrick's Day Committee for organising the parade.

### ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ

A reminder that our annual Table Quiz will take place on Friday the 24th of March @ 8pm in Maine Valley Golf Club. Tables of 4 are €40 and there will be prizes and a raffle on the night.



Killarney Cougars U18 Boys at the Kerry U18 Plate Final v St Bridgets Currow





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Killarney Rugby Club U18 girls team who played at the weekend.

## KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB

### KRFC ENJOY PARADE FUN

A huge well done to the organisers of the St. Patrick's day parade in Killarney, another wonderful parade for all involved. We had a fantastic turnout for our float and the kids thoroughly enjoyed the parade. Thanks to all who organised and all who took part.

### U18 GIRLS OUT OF MUNSTER CUP

Hard luck to our U18 girls who bowed out of the Munster Cup last Saturday in Thurles. A combined Carrick/Thurles progressed to the cup final after a cracking match up in county Tipperary. Thanks to all the girls who played their hearts out right across the season and to our coaches Diarmuid, Liam and Josh for all the hard work put in with the team. Thanks also to all who traveled to support the girls last Saturday and right across the season and or team manager Jenna for all the hard work put in too. Thanks to all at Thurles RFC for the wonderful hospitality.

### SENIOR NARROWLY MISS OUT ON BOWL WIN

Hard luck to our seniors who lost out to neighbours Castleisland in the Munster Junior Bowl last Sunday. A hard fought contest saw our lads lose out by the narrowest margin or a solitary point in the end on a score line of 11



Tara O'Sullivan and Molly Cronin both 1st year students represented St Brigid's Secondary School Killarney in the show jumping Inter Schools competition in Clonshire Equestrian, Limerick on St Patrick's Day. Both girls jumped clear in their individual class. Molly Cronin placed 3rd and Tara O'Sullivan placed 6th against the clock in the final round.

point to 10 in Tralee.

### RESULTS

U16 girls Killarney 35 - 5 Ennis

U18 girls Thurles 22 - 12 Killarney

Seniors: Castleisland 11 - 10 Killarney



### FIXTURES

U14 Girls Killarney V Ballincollig, Sat @12

U14 boys Killarney V Newcastle West, Sun @ 11am

## PRES GIRLS BRING HOME THE SILVERWARE

Under the guidance of coach Kate Donnellan and Assistant Coach Christian Lyne Robers, the Minor and Junior Basketball teams at St. Brigid's Presentation Killarney were successful in bringing back both trophies for a second year in a row after tough battles from Crescent CC and Pres Milltown in the Southwest Regional Basketball Finals. Well done to both teams after a great run of wins, seven in total. "They have shown great dedication to training since the start of the season and are now through to the All-Ireland Series", said Assistant Coach Christian Lyne Roberts.



Junior Basketball Team



Minor Basketball Team





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- 3: Seamus McCarthy 27
- 4: Mike Gorman 26

### ROSS SENIORS

On Thursday March 16th the seniors competition winners were:-

- 1st : Mike O'Leary
- 2nd: Andy Cole
- 3rd: Mike J Casey

### FIXTURE

On March 25th & 25th we will hold the fourth round of the MD O'Shea Spring League. This will be a stableford competition and will be sponsored by Quills Menswear. For Saturday players please book tee times with the Clubhouse and sign-in and enter your scores online. For Sunday players the online system opens at 7pm on Thursday.

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## KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

### KEANES GREENSOMES - TEAM OF FOUR (STABLEFORD) RESULTS FROM COMPETITION 19TH MARCH 2023

- 1st: Kathleen O'Keeffe, Brian O'Keeffe (21) Catherine Hartnett, Liam Hartnett (27) 52 Points (Back 6)
- 2nd: Rory McCan, Kate McCan (23), Luke McCan, Mary Chute (19) 52 Points



**Keane's Jewellers Team of 4 Greensomes, March 19th 2023**

Congratulations to all that played and showed up for the prize giving, wonderful support all round. Well done to all the prize winners. Photographed are Captain Colm O Shea, Captain Kathleen Brosnan, Susan O Sullivan from Keane's Jewellers along with all of Sunday's Prizewinners. Results were as follows. 1st. Kathleen O'Keeffe, Brian O' Keffe, Catherine Hartnett & Liam Hartnett (52pts- Back 6) 2nd. Rory McCan, Kate McCan, Luke McCan & Mary Chute (52pts) 3rd. Pat Nagle, Helen O' Donoghue, Patrick O'Donoghue & Margaret O'Donoghue (51pts) 4th. Joseph Hartnett, Mary Geaney, Crohan Fitzgerald, Sheila Crowley. Photo by Ian Cronin

- 3rd: Pat Nagle, Helen O'Donoghue (18), Patrick O'Donoghue, Margaret O'Donoghue (24) 51 Points
- 4th: Joseph Hartnett, Mary Geaney (15), Crohan Fitzgerald, Sheila Crowley (16) 48 Points (Back 6).

### PUTTING COMPETITION IS

- 1st: Kathleen Fitzgerald
  - 2nd: Doreen Brosnan
- Well done and thanks to the organisers Noreen O'Mahony and Margaret Hickey.

### COMPETITIONS

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

### GOLF LESSONS

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## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB NOTES

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### RESULTS - THE WINNER OF WEDNESDAY'S

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Mark Murphy CEO Killarney Kenmare Cahersiveen Credit Union (seated third from left) presenting Jerry Mullane Chairman Glenflesk GAA Club sponsorship to Glenflesk GAA Club with (left) Emma O'Donoghue Club Secretary, Karena McCarthy Marketing Manager Killarney Kenmare and Cahersiveen Credit Union (back from left) Derry Healy Vice Chairman Glenflesk GAA Club, senior players Killian O'Sullivan, Darragh Roche, Chris O'Donoghue and Cathy Somers O'Leary Club Tres. at Killarney Credit Union on Wednesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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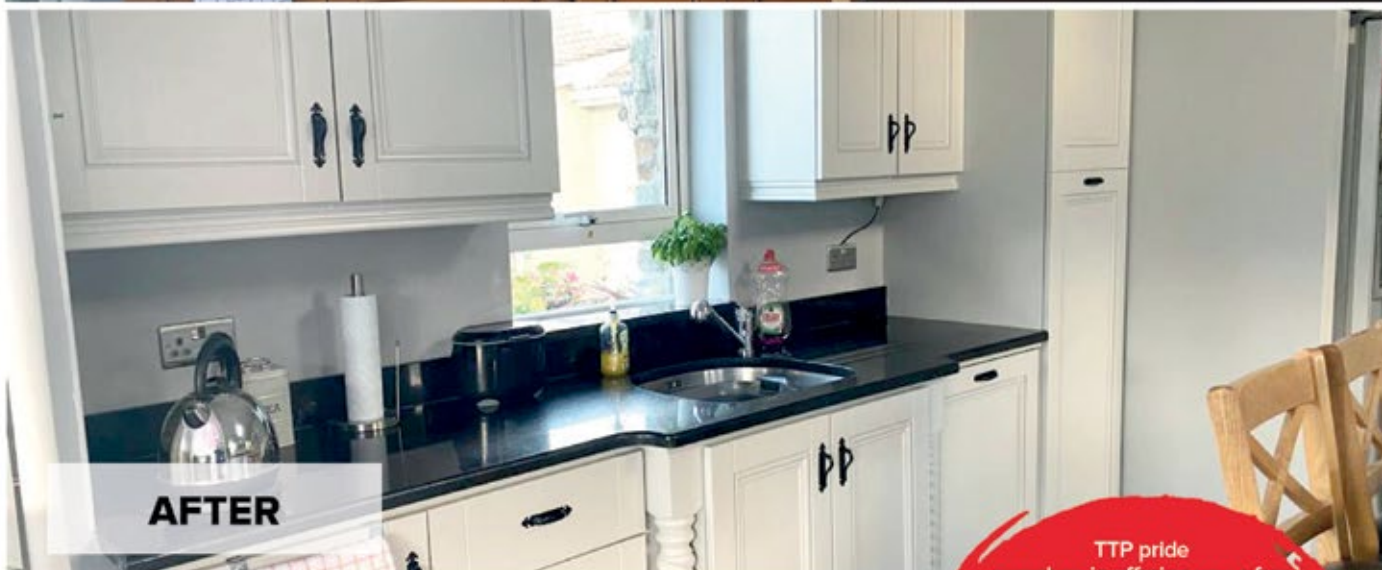
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Ballyhar Dynamos FC u9s at a blitz at Milltown on Sunday last.



## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### TEAMS

The U12 girls welcomed Mastergeha to Murt Scott Park where the game ended in a 1-1 draw with a goal by Lucy Wynne. Both teams were happy with the draw with Leanne Collins, Niamh O Sullivan, Aoibhinn Daly, Leahy Cooper, Anna Fitzgerald, Seoidin Scanlan & Keeper Emma O'Callaghan playing very well.

The clubs U13 second team bowed out of the Shield when defeated by LB Rovers on a 0-6 scoreline. Noah Browne, Luke Bartlett & Odhran Leslie were excellent for the home side.

The U15s advanced to the next round of the Shield when getting the better of Killarney Athletic B away on a 1-6 scoreline. Athletic took the lead but it was two goals each from Daniel Gleeson & Cillian Slattery, one by Tom Costelloe & and a deflected effort that saw the Ballyhar boys over the line. Davin Quilter, Ross Lally & Conor Regan played were excellent on the day. The U17s with a well taken Colm O Sullivan goal lost away to Listowel on a 4-1 scoreline. On the day Sean O Sullivan, Jack Dicker, Colm O'Riordan, Eoin Walshe, Robert Kelly, Micheal O Sullivan & Gearoid Quirke played well.

### TEAM OF THE WEEK

Daithi Allen who plays for the clubs u12 & u13s in defensive positions was named on the Kerry school boy team of the week following some great performances over the recent weeks. Well done to Daithi.

### SYMPATHY

The club offers its sympathy to Margaret Kelly & Family, Farranfore & Noreen Brosnan & Family, Furies on their recent family bereavements.

Ballyhar Dynamos FC u17s who were defeated away 4-1 by Listowel Celtic on Sunday last.



## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 6,11,16,23. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €20. Next jackpot €2,600 on Monday March 27th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegartys Park Rd, club members and online through clubforce.com

### PREMIER A

#### Killarney Celtic 1, Listowel Celtic 0

Wayne Sparling

Killarney gained 3 points in the battle of the Celts as Killarney moved up to 2nd in the table.

### U14 DIV 1

#### Killarney Celtic B 7, Killorglin AFC B 0

Tobias Iheme 4, Junior Mayunga, Andrew Sheahan, Brian White

Celtic showed their best form of the year here with an emphatic win.

### U13 CUP

#### Killarney Celtic 3, Killorglin AFC 1

Pa McCarthy 2, Kiernan Kelly

Celtic qualified for the next round of the cup after a good home win vs Killorglin. Celtic were 2up by half time and increased their lead to 3 before Killorglin grabbed a consolation. Next round is a home tie against Killarney Athletic.

### U12 PREMIER

#### Listowel Celtic 1, Killarney Celtic 1

OG

A battling performance away in Listowel almost gained a win but Listowel equalised late on.

### GIRLS

### FAI U17 CUP

#### Riverstown FC 0, Killarney Celtic 10

Aideen O'Brien 3, Katie Doe 2, Amber MacIndoe,

Ava O Malley, Elle Mai Nugent, Maeve Courtney OG.

Celtic gained a clearcut win in Cork with the girls powering into the lead early on to move easily into the next round.

### U16 PREMIER

#### Killarney Celtic 7, Listowel Celtic 0

Sarah Warren 2, Maeve Courtney, Katie Foster, Eve Culhane, Abby Cronin, Amber MacIndoe

In this top of the table clash Killarney scored an emphatic win. Killarney led 3-0 at the break and continued to put pressure on Listowel who were dangerous on the break but it was Killarney who grabbed the goals to record a clearcut win.

**CONGRATS** to Ross O'Gorman U13 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Puttanya Ryan who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

**MANY THANKS** to everyone who marched with us in the St Patrick's Day Parade.

**WELL DONE** to our players Sean Collins and Mark Looney who played on the Kerry U14 Inter League team who were narrowly defeated by Limerick Desmond in the U14 Inter League Cup Final.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### UNDER 13 SHIELD

#### Killarney Athletic B 4-0 Castleisland B

Luke Foley

The young blues started well and played with a good tempo throughout today. Luke Foley opened the scoring on 22 minutes with a good strike from the edge of the penalty area. Some neat footwork by Darragh Fitzgerald lead to a tap in by Luke Foley for the all important second

Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 girls who drew 1-1 v mastergeha at Murt Scott park on Saturday last in Division 1 of the KSGL.



Killarney Celtic U17 squad vs Riverstown in the FAI Women's U17 Cup.





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right on half time. Nathan O'Brien went on a mazy run on the edge of the box only to be taken down leading to a direct free kick. Luke Foley stepped up to place a great shot into the bottom corner. Luke Foley capped a great performance with a tidy finish late on to make it four. A special mention to the Athletic defence who were solid throughout and in particular

Lucas Coleman with a man of the match performance.

Thanks to Castleisland for a sporting fixture and best of luck for the rest of the season.

**ST BRENDAN'S PARK 0 - 5 KILLARNEY ATHLETIC**

Athletic started strongly when Luke Doolan latched on to a through ball in the first 5 minutes

to make it 1-0. Luke would complete his hat-trick and Jack Rudden adding another well deserved goal before half time. The second half would continue in the same fashion with Athletic controlling the game and adding one more goal from a classy finish from outside the box by Liam O'Brien.

## MUNSTER SOCCER FINALISTS AT CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Having qualified for the first Munster Final in a sport other than Basketball, is a cause for great celebration for our first year boys.

Maurice Casey is a tough coach to follow with his school All Ireland Basketball tally well in double figures. But Mr. Cillian O'Regan (centre back with Killarney Athletic and our Irish and P.E teacher) has taken this group to within touching distance of this competition. Soccer has become an ever-growing sport in the school for both girls and boys since the addition of the full-size AstroTurf Pitch in 2018 (a joint community venture with Castleisland AFC). A number of FAI school quarter finals have been reached in the past few years at various age levels, but hopes are high with this group of very talented players mainly from the Castleisland AFC nursery and one 'very rare' Ballyhar Dynamo!

Having beaten some historically well-established soccer schools on route to the final, the boys have accounted for St. Pats Castleisland, Desmond College Newcastlewest, Boherbue CS and The Abbey School of Tipperary Town. The boys have scored 14 goals and conceded just 2 along the way.

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*In the photo from left standing Daniel O Sullivan, Tadhg Mc Carthy, Ciarán Ryan, Jakub Surzyn, Danny Murphy, Padraig O Sullivan, Graham West And Cillian O Regan (Teacher and soccer trainer). From left kneeling James Barry, Cian Pembroke, Michael O'Brien and Cillian Moroney.*

## WANDER WILD FESTIVAL KICKS OFF TODAY

The Wander Wild Festival kicks off today and the town will be buzzing for the weekend, with over 100 events, a buzzing basecamp and visitors enjoying the best that Killarney has to offer. Lots of events are already sold out, but there are still tickets available for many events on [wanderwildfestival.com](http://wanderwildfestival.com).

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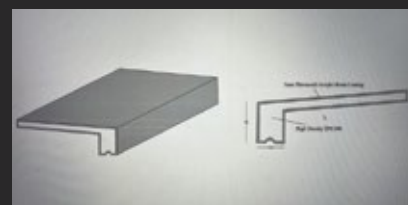
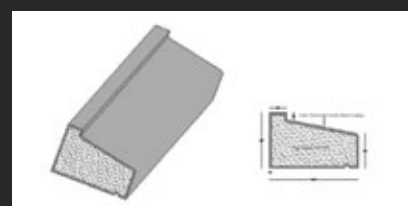
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Venue: Ardmore GAA, County Waterford

Referee: David Grogan

## Waterford B 3 – 06 -v- Kerry B 2 – 09

A day of mixed fortune for the Kerry U16 sides in Ardmore on Sunday with one draw and a win the order of the day. First up at 12 noon was the B game. Kerry started the brightest with the first score inside the first minute from Mairead Walsh. Waterford took time to settle and get into the game with their first score coming in the fourth minute from Makayla Laffan. They took the lead in the seventh minute with a free from Rachel Moore as Kerry were guilty of wasteful procession in the first half and indeed throughout the game at vital stages. Kerry were level just before ten minutes into the game but this was as good as it got for the away side as Waterford punished Kerry's poor distribution of the ball. The home side scored 2 – 02 without response to open up an eight-point lead. Goals from Emma Power and Eilidh Ní Churraoin and points from Rachel Moore & Caragh Queally saw the home side open up a commanding lead giving Kerry plenty to ponder with halftime fast approaching. The margin could have been even more only for Kerry keeper Alexa Falvey pulling off two saves. They were handed a live line approaching halftime when Alice Granville shot from a tight angle found the back of the Waterford net to go in at the break five points behind.

Kerry started the brightest in the second half and with two scores from Saoirse O'Connor McCarthy, one from a free saw the deficit down to three. The home side were awarded a penalty which Deirdre Roche duly converted to extend the lead back out to six. This seemed to knock the stuffing out of Kerry as Waterford opened up a seven-point lead mid-way through the second half. Despite the deficit and conditions worsening it spurred Kerry on a scoring run. Points from Amelia Kerins from play and a free from Saoirse O'Connor McCarthy saw the deficit down to five with eight minutes remaining. The travelling supporters and the Kerry dugout had even further reason to cheer that a comeback was on the cards when a Sarah Cooper goal saw the deficit down to two. Emma Power steadied the ship for the visitors to push the lead back

out to three. Kerry had other ideas and would close out the match with three unanswered points to take a deserved share of the spoils a result which at times looked out of reach during the second half.

Waterford: S Kiely, A Whelan, D Roche (1p – 0), A McHugh, M Laffan (0-1), R Fitzgerald, E Gillane, L Ronayne, E Ní Churraoin, S Barry, E Power (1-01 1f), N Rossa, B Doonan, R Moore (0-2 1f), E Prendergast (0-2)

Subs: C Queally for E Ní Churraoin, A Geoghegan for N Rossa, A Green for R Moore

Kerry: A Falvey, R Daly, R Cahill, S Harkin, B Walsh, S Randles, A O'Donovan, O O'Mahony, E O'Sullivan, H O'Flaherty, S O'Connor McCarthy (0-04 2f), L O'Shea (0-02), M Walsh (0-01), L Mae O'Gara, A McCarthy

Subs: A Granville (1-0) for H O'Flaherty, A Kerins (0-02) for M Walsh, A Rooney for A McCarthy, C Clancy for L O'Shea, A Hassett for A Granville, S Cooper (1-0)

## Waterford A 2 – 09 Kerry 3 – 11

The second game of the afternoon threw in at 2pm. Unlike the first game in which Kerry were guilty of wasteful possession the same could not be said of this game in the first half. Kerry scoring 1-02 without reply inside the first seven minutes to open up a five-point lead. Kerry's direct running and passing resulting in points for Lisa Slattery and a goal and a point for Hanna Nic Gearilt. Kerry's work rate all over the field was much improved from last weeks game against Cork as Waterford had limited opportunity in from of the Kerry goal. A point from Emma Fitzgerald in the tenth minute was the home side's first score of the afternoon. Kerry were in no moon to take the foot off the gas. Three points from Lisa Slattery & 1 – 01 from Sara Fitzgerald and a Keelin O'Sullivan point gave Kerry a commanding lead with over half the first half played. Treasa Ní Chrotaigh raised Waterford's spirits with a goal in the eighteen minute as both sides exchanged three points a piece for the remainder of the half to see Kerry go in at the break with an eleven-point

lead. Waterford players and management decided to stay out in the pitch during the halftime interval in an effort to galvanised the troops. It seemed to have done the trick as it was a game of two halves. Kerry dominating the first and Waterford dominating the second in terms of scoring and possession. It was Kerry who got off to the best start scoring two points from play to open up a thirteen-point lead. It would turn out to be the only two scores they would score in the second half. A combination of Waterford dominance, Kerry making a raft of substitutions and some questionable referee decisions saw Kerry hold out for a five-point win. Lucy Harrington in the Kerry goal had to be alert three times during the second half as Waterford mounted pressure on the Kerry goal. Corner forward Clodagh O'Connor goaled for the home side to reduce the deficit to seven. Shortly after Emma O'Brien was sin binned for the visitors much to the confusion of the player herself and the Kerry management. It set up a nervy finish but Kerry weathered the storm and saw out the game deserving winners. While Kerry will be disappointed with the second half performance, they will take confidence as a group in what was a much-improved performance from the week before against Cork

Waterford: G Corcoran, E Foran, R Walsh, R Power, C Walsh, R Browne, K Winkle, A Butler, A Reddy, M Kenneally, E Fitzgerald (0-05 4f), T Ní Chrotaigh (1-0), C Power (1-01), A Connolly (0-2), A Fitzpatrick

Subs: J Bagge for M Kenneally, C Whelan for T Ní Chrotaigh, C Carrigan for J Bagge, A Quinn (0-01) for A Reddy

Kerry: L Harrington, J Lee O'Connor, G Murphy, A O'Donoghue, E O'Brien, K O'Riordan, S Collieran, L O'Sullivan, A O'Sullivan, H Nic Gearilt (1-01), M K Smith (0-01), K O'Sullivan (0-1), L O'Connor, L Slattery (1-06 3f), S Fitzgerald (1-02)

Subs: A Costello for K O'Sullivan, A Collins for S Collieran, M Teehan for L O'Sullivan, B Curtin for S Fitzgerald, E Costello for L O'Connor, M Mulvihill

## Kerry captain Síofra O'Shea is The Croke Park/LGFA Player of the Month for February 2023

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### HISTORY MAKERS

#### Six Nations: Ireland 29 England 16

For me, the Six Nations is the heartbeat of international rugby. Test matches vary depend on opposition and time of the year; those are games for moulding clay, not baking it. The world cup, and of course I'd love for us to win it (let's be very careful about hatching early chickens in that regard) still has a small veneer of newness and artificiality compared to the six nations. It's deservedly garnered a lot of credibility and is a real showcase for two hemisphere rugby, but the fact is that you are realistically looking at a very small number of potential winners. The Six Nations is obviously an even smaller pool, but with the exception of Italy, every nation has seen it's fortunes rise to dizzying heights and fall to genuine nadirs among the passing generations.

Let's face it. Go back a couple of years and France looked like obvious kingpins. England and real potential and a lot of muscle – yours truly thought that they were very much a coming superpower. Wales and Ireland were much of a much, maybe we had a slight edge but it was very close. Scotland were gallant but labouring. Italy – and I'm not being mean here, just honest – have always made up the numbers.

I could have seen Ireland snatching a triple crown if things clicked. A slam? Forget it. I was actually surprised by our win in 2018, I certainly wasn't expecting one for a very long time to come. A team that included Brian O'Driscoll, Paul O'Connell, and Ronan O'Gara just barely managed one thanks to a late drop goal to bridge a gap of three score years – the camera panning to Jackie Kyle is an image that stays with me.

I thought at the time that beating a tired New Zealand in Soldier's Field was the most exaggerated triumph in Irish sporting history. I really did not think of it as any turning point in history. More a confluence of circumstances. Yes, Ireland did play very well, but that wasn't an All Black team that carried their traditional aura of invincibility. The All Blacks have looked somewhat vulnerable ever since, whereas Ireland have gone from strength to strength – players that weren't getting a look in down under have flourished in Ireland's jersey. The games last Summer and Autumn was more about shaping Ireland and settling on the team hierarchy – I honestly was more interested in performances in adversity than any results. Ireland passed every test, but again, I was disappointed with some opposition displays. I can't help suspecting that understated Andy Farrell has a knack for getting the best out of players. Moreover, even on the hard days along the way, there was a feeling of amiability and enjoyment about this Irish team. They seem to relish being in camp, whereas you get a sense



of a burden of expectation on English players in particular.

I a bit of a pessimist at the best of times. I tend to think of what can go wrong more than what's going right. For instance, I was worried about our injury list after that awesome battle with Scotland, but even I was fairly confident. England have had a nightmare Six Nations, to be blunt about it. They haven't improved as a team in a long time. Again, I'm not trying to be mean, but Eddie Jones adopted a hard line approach that didn't work out and hasn't left a good legacy. Borthwick is quieter, more humble, but I think they still don't really know their best team. That hammering by France may have been an outlier – just one of those days where everything clicks for one team and falls apart for the other – but it would have been a major shock if England beat France. We all felt that the Ireland France game would decide this year's championship; I never saw anything to change my mind on that.

England brought a battle to this one, and I'm glad of that. I'd hate to humiliate them when they are down; that's not how we or they do things. Wheels always turn.

Shaky start. Ireland, imperious through this championship, appear to be able to feel history breathing on the back of their necks. They are jittery. Trying to force things a bit. In fairness, Borthwick has his tactics right, especially in closing off the space on the wings. He wants it tight, make it a dogfight. Can't blame him; it's exactly what I'd be doing in his shoes.

Owen Farrell with a penalty. Points on the board. Ireland with a lineout, a chance to put pressure on England. Ireland penalty....Sexton taps and goes! Wasn't expecting that. England just about managed to clear it, but the fact that Sexton had the ambition and the confidence to try that it a game like this....talk about focus. On days like this Johnny Sexton is the most indomitable player in the world. He just sinks his teeth into it and just refuses to be shaken

off. He'll keep coming. Honestly, it's like the terminator in the sci-fi movies.

Owen Farrell with his second penalty. Early days, but England are a different team to the side that played France. They just keep picking at Ireland's cat-tails and we just can't seem to really establish a toehold in this game. Some of our off-loads are showing more hope than precision. The likes of Hansen and Lowe aren't able to generate any width.

England cough up a soft enough penalty. Nothing wrong with Ireland's work-rate, in fairness. Johnny Sexton slots it over and writes himself into history as the all-time record scorer in the Six Nations, having finally surpassed Ronan O'Gara's record. I have no doubt that his arch-rival of yore will have raised a glass to him. Both teams rely on the boot, but both sides are looking for unforced errors that won't come. This is rugby in the trenches, pressure on every play, and players on both sides answering that pressure. It isn't pretty, it isn't all that exciting, but it's actually good disciplined rugby. If either side had a weakness or was carrying a passenger, this is where they would get eaten alive – but neither one does.

Ireland lineup. I wasn't expecting too much, but Van Der Flier does very well and offloads to Dan Sheehan – it's just a small gap, but at this level and with a player like Sheehan....Massive roar from the crowd. That was a bit of a try out of nowhere for me, but that takes some of the pressure (I'm thinking of me more than the players in that regard; I was getting very jittery here!). It's a difficult conversion – or would be, for ordinary mortals. Johnny adds the points and Ireland are in front by 10 – 6.

Ireland are better now. England are still dangerous, still determined. Nice break by Ireland, but Hansen's offload to Keenan makes him stretch....Steward turns into the tackle. Ooh...red card? It's a tough one. Look, it is the correct call. You can't argue it in modern rugby and we all know the issues around concussion





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Action from the Kerry v Roscommon National League game in Tralee on Saturday night. Photo:Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

– that’s a conversation that isn’t going away any time soon, and I certainly don’t want it to. But that was more about Keenan’s moment than any intent by Steward, and I do genuinely feel sorry for the Englishman. Easy to say he could have corrected instead of turning his shoulder into it; I’m not sure.

England down to fourteen men at the break. Surely we can open up now.

Keenan doesn’t recover so Jimmy O’Brien will be staying on. Farrell’s greatest achievement in Ireland is getting our panel depth to where it is, and that’s a truly massive advantage nowadays. Both sides are launching high balls into the air, but not making much headway. It’s still very tense, almost suffocating. Ireland are pressing that bit more, but England just feel dangerous. Ireland cough up a penalty and Farrell once again slots over. 10-9. England are testing Ireland’s defence, but it’s seamless.

Ireland on a breakaway. Good kick by Sexton, England scramble to recover. Scrum to Ireland. Bundee Aki isn’t the force of old, but he is still Bundee Aki, and he draws two defenders before timing the lay-off to Robbie Henshaw perfectly and Ireland are in for a textbook try. That’s a real heart-breaker for England. They did very little wrong but Ireland were just that fraction more ruthless in the execution. That’s a game-breaking score, and Johnny adds the two points to make it 17-9.

England are caught in that awful no man’s land of having to chase a lead while trying to keep the channels closed against a team that are finally settling into their groove. Ireland are doing the simple things right now and the Lions are beginning to show the cracks. Hansen finally gets a bit of space and gives it to Sheehan, who surges forward. He’s stopped but only temporarily, gathering from Jack Conan and powering over. It’s easy to forget how powerful he actually is. Sexton again with the conversion, and you can tell on his face that this game is over.

Good maul from England. This Six Nations has been an absolute nightmare for them, but they’ll leave no pride behind. A great drive and Jamie George goes over. It’s only a consolation score – it doesn’t even interrupt the singing. Jack Willis, who I thought had a fantastic game for England, picks up a yellow card. England down to thirteen men, but it doesn’t really matter now anyway. Sometimes there’s a momentum in games and you just know that

they aren’t going to turn; This one is essentially all over even before Rob Herring waits until England are sucked into the maul before going to the corner for try number four.

Grand Slam. Our first ever in Dublin. It hasn’t quite sunk in yet, but they will talk about this one in a hundred years time.

## VITAL WIN FOR KERRY

National League:

Kerry 1-12 Roscommon 0-12

Kerry made a late start to the year and coughed up a few points that were there for the taking – that Donegal defeat still stings a bit, to be truthful – but are starting to take shape. They have yet to convince over a full seventy minutes, though, and that was the case again after labouring to see off a fairly limited Roscommon. Jack O’Connor has more players back – Gavin White settled seamlessly back into the action, with his trademark runs showing game intelligence as well as pace. Paul Geaney and Diarmuid O’Connor made their returns to action as well. Kerry are developing options that will likely be needed over the summer – I actually think that the players having lay-offs early in the league because of niggling injuries might actually stand to us later on. The GAA schedule these days is as much about timing and stamina as individual excellence.

Kerry opened absolutely brilliantly, helped by Roscommon’s negative approach. They didn’t just fail to contest any of our kick-outs; they coughed up a huge amount of their own, and they left Kerry players find space inside their massed defence. I was surprised that Roscommon didn’t come at us more – they made plenty hay in running at us later on, but the damage had already been done by then. Lessons to take on board for both teams, and it’s getting close to the business end of things. There’s no real time left for experimentation.

Roscommon keeper Conor Gammell handled a ball on the ground to give David Clifford the first chance of a score. It tailed wide, but it showed that Kerry were on the front foot. Kerry grabbed the kick-out and Dara Moynihan fisted over from a tight angle. Moynihan was again his tigerish self and has been one of Kerry’s best players in this campaign. Star of the show here early on, though, was unquestionably Tony Brosnan. He was once again deployed as a playmaker rather than a conventional corner forward, and his vision and passing skill was

sublime. He threaded a kick pass through the eye of a needle to leave David Clifford inside on the keeper – David doesn’t RSVP on invitations like that. 1-1 to 0-0. Tom O’Sullivan, again revelling in the space to drive forward, lofted a beautiful ball into Donal Down and Kerry were five points clear – the Kilgarvan man rightly took the simple point rather than try to round the keeper.

Conor Cox slotted a free to open Roscommon’s account. A Gavin White burst saw him offload to Donal Down, who fed Tony Brosnan for a well-worked Kerry point. This was good, direct football. Diarmuid Murtagh slotted another Roscommon free but Seán O’Shea replied in kind. Roscommon were at sixes and sevens, but Ciarán Murtagh did well to kick their first point from play and his brother Diarmuid added another free. They were struggling against Kerry’s directness – too direct at times, with a crowded David Clifford the recipient of some long ball that was hit more in hope than real intent – but were grinding away. Roscommon are a resilient side, but struggled for reliable marksmen. Conor Cox fills that role to perfection for them and turns their hard work into scoreboard currency. I don’t think he was ever a really viable option for the Kerry seniors, despite his accuracy, but Roscommon needed a player like him and he showed why with an excellent mark that he coolly put over. 1-6 to 0-5. To be honest, Kerry should really have been out of sight by now, but Roscommon were starting to choke out our attacks and leave us have outside possession. Barry Dan O’Sullivan was working hard at midfield, but we weren’t really stamping our authority there. David Clifford closed out the first half scoring with a free.

## Half-time Kerry 1-7 Roscommon 0-5

I expected Kerry to come flying out of the blocks in the second half, but it was Roscommon who showed the heart and hunger at the start of the second half. It looked to me as if they had decided that they didn’t need to fear Kerry. Daire Cregg got the ball rolling with a super point. Conor Cox picked off another free and then added a point from play. Kerry’s defence was reactive rather than proactive at this stage. Seán O’Shea was wide with a free – not a sentence I’ve said often. I was getting a bit nervous here, having been very confident earlier on. Tony Brosnan showed a lovely bit of skill to tap the ball down to himself and turn

Katie Quirke of Cork in action against Emma Costello of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 match between Cork and Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in Cork. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile





the defender, but rushed the shot and it hit the side netting. A real let-off for Roscommon; that could have been curtains for them. Paudie Clifford relieved the pressure with a stunning score after another good Gavin White burst, but Conor Cox slotted another free to keep the gap to just two points, 1-8 to 0-9.

Kerry lost Graham O'Sullivan to a black card at this stage, a fairly clear-cut decision. Teams are learning that Kerry struggle to break down a massed defence and are vulnerable to direct runners, especially when Tadhg Morley is forced to man-mark instead of playing a covering role. Paddy Tally will be looking at that for the summer.

Kerry actually do better while down a man. Paudie Clifford scores a stunning point. Conor Cox responds with a free but Tom O'Sullivan picks off a nice score and Gavin White wins a free for Seán O'Shea. David Clifford curls in a beauty and Kerry are ahead by 1-11 to 0-9. Time to put this to bed.

Except we don't. Donie Smith slots a free. Killian Spillane kicks a good score but Roscommon, with nothing left to lose, are attacking Kerry and we aren't quick enough at dousing all the fires. Roscommon are suddenly in control of midfield. Paudie Clifford makes a brilliant interception in the Kerry square - and had to. Daire Cregg has a goal effort. Conor Cox lofts over a beauty. Donie Smith with another free.

Just a goal in it. Roscommon with one more attack, player up-ended in the box. Is it a penalty? Frankly, no, not a chance. The player drove forward, the defender did not do anything to him, but you are always nervous when the referee has a decision to make.

More pertinently, how did a game we were in complete control of us slip away from us to get so tight at the finish? Look, a win is a win and Kerry can breathe an awful lot easier now, but questions still aren't going away. At this stage, I want to see Kerry look a lot more settled against Galway. We aren't peaking and I wouldn't want us to yet, but let's eradicate a few doubts and lay down a marker.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Graham O'Sullivan, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan (0-1), Paul Murphy, Tadhg Morley, Gavin White, Jack Barry, Barry Dan O'Sullivan, Dara Moynihan (0-1), Seán O'Shea, Paudie Clifford (0-1), Tony Brosnan (0-2), David Clifford (1-2, 1f), Dónal O'Sullivan (0-2). Subs: Diarmuid O'Connor (for Barry Dan O'Sullivan, 51 mins), Killian Spillane 0-1 (for Donal Down O'Sullivan, 55 mins), Pa Warren (for Gavin White, 64 mins), Ruairi Murphy (for Dara Moynihan, 64 mins), Paul Geaney (for Tony Brosnan, 68 mins). Roscommon: Conor Carroll, Conor Hussey, Brian Stack, David Murray, Niall Daly, Eoin McCormack, Robbie Dolan, Tadhg O'Rourke, Dylan Ruane, Ciarán Murtagh (0-1), Ciarán Lennon, Enda Smith, Daire Cregg (0-1), Diarmuid Murtagh (0-2, 2f), Conor Cox (0-6, 4f, 1m). Subs: Keith Doyle (for Robbie Dolan, 25 mins), Richard Hughes (for Ciarán Lennon, 48 mins), Ben O'Carroll (for Diarmuid Murtagh, 48 mins), Donie Smith 0-2, 1f (for Ciarán Murtagh, 60 mins), Cian McKeon (for Dylan Ruane, 64 mins).

Referee: Derek O'Mahoney (Tipperary).

## KERRY LADIES FALL TO CORK

### National League: Cork 1-17 Kerry 2-6

Look, with five wins from five games, this one was pretty much a free pass for Kerry, having already qualified for the League Final. With that obviously in mind, Kerry rested a lot of big guns and tried out a few things. They didn't work out; Cork will never give a Kerry team much room for experiment, but I don't think Kerry will take this one too much to heart. Add in the likes of Louise Ni Muirheartaigh, Lorraine Scanlon, Siofra O'Shea, and you are looking at a very different Kerry side.

Orlaith Cahalane and Eimear Kiely (f) had Cork off the mark before Hannah O'Donoghue opened Kerry's account. Kiely was the official player of the game, but I thought Katie Quirke was Cork's main dynamo and she made it 0-3 to 0-1. Ominously, Cork were already taking firm control of the middle third. Rachel Dwyer won and converted a free after good work by Anna Galvin, but Cork reeled off points from Kiely (f), Ciara O'Sullivan, and Sarah Leahy, the latter a goal chance. Cork were lording it on our kick-outs and the inevitable goal duly arrived after a great burst by Hannah Looney. 1-6 to 0-2. Only one team in it, to be honest, and it wasn't us. Rachel Dwyer (f) and Hannah O'Donoghue pulled scores back but Cahalane and Kiely 92, 1f) had Cork in front by 1-9 to 0-4 ahead at half-time, and it was a margin that didn't flatter them.

Abigail Ring was only denied a second Cork goal by a fantastic save by Ciara Butler and she was needed to stop another from Dara Kiniry. Cork were running riot at this stage, despite the best efforts of Emma Costello, Kayleigh Cronin, Niamh Carmody, and Anna Galvin. Eimear Kiely snapped over two more frees and Abigail Ring made it 1-12 to 0-4 before Kiely pointed from play.

Kerry were starting to run their bench by now, and captain fantastic Siofra O'Shea, who has been in terrific form ever since she put on the armband, immediately made Kerry a different proposition. She banged home a goal straight after her introduction. Amy Harrington was fouled as she raced into the danger area, with Siofra slotting the free. She added another goal and a point to make the scoreboard a lot more respectable, but Shauna Kelly kicked a tremendous score for Cork and the lively Kiniry fisted over to seal a convincing Cork victory and consign Kerry to their first defeat of the year.

Kerry: Ciara Butler, Ciara O'Brien, Eilís Lynch, Aoife Dillane, Cáit Lynch, Emma Costello, Ciara Murphy, Kayleigh Cronin, Mary O'Connell, Niamh Carmody, Anna Galvin, Amy Harrington, Fiadhna Tangney, Rachel Dwyer (0-2, 2f), Hannah O'Donoghue (0-2). Subs: Niamh Ni Chonchúir (for Mary O'Connell, half-time), Siofra O'Shea 2-2, 1f (for Fiadhna Tangney, half-time), Erica McGlynn (for Rachel Dwyer, half-time), Lorraine Scanlon (for Niamh Carmody 47 mins), Aishling O'Connell (for Ciara O'Brien, 47 mins), Niamh Broderick (for Aoife Dillane, 47 mins), Katie Brosnan (for Hannah O'Donoghue, 49 mins), Keri Ann Hanrahan (for Amy Harrington, 57 mins).



*Ruairi Murphy of Listry and Kerry who has been selected at centre forward on the Higher education Football Team of the Year.*

Cork: Meabh O'Sullivan, Melissa Duggan, Eimear Meaney, Roisín Phelan, Shauna Kelly, Máire O'Callaghan, Rachel Leahy, Hannah Looney (1-1), Sarah Leahy, Libby Coppinger (0-1), Katie Quirke (0-1), Emma Cleary, Orlaith Cahalane (0-2), Eimear Kiely (0-8, 7f), Ciara O'Sullivan (0-1). Subs: Dara Kiniry 0-1 (for Máire O'Callaghan, 23 mins), Abbie O'Mahony (for Sarah Leahy, half-time), Abigail Ring 0-1 (for Orlaith Cahalane, half-time), Anna Ryan (for Melisa Duggan, 42 mins), Ellie Jack (for Libby Coppinger, 49 mins), Shauna McGoldrick (for Emma Cleary, 50 mins), Bríd O'Sullivan (for Hannah Looney, 52 mins), Lydia McDonagh (for Eimear Kiely, 57 mins), Amy McDonagh (for Rachel Leahy, 57 mins).

Referee: Kevin Phelan (Laois).

## MURPHY MAKES HIGHER EDUCATION TEAM OF THE YEAR

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## BRILLIANT FINISH FOR KERRY HURLERS

### National Hurling League: Kerry 1-20 Down 1-19

The Kerry hurlers took a huge confidence boost with a hard-fought win over relegation-threatened Down. The Ulster side came hard and fast at Kerry, but Stephen Molomphy's team look a much more burnished side than in earlier rounds. A greater willingness to commit bodies to attack was a refreshing sight and one that deserved its reward, while the subs bench had a powerful impact and proved vital in the finish.

Shane Conway, who looked a bit bereft hovering around midfield in the Munster Senior League, looks a transformed figure now that he is back in the danger zone and he quickly popped over two points for Kerry. Fionán Mackessy



hit a trademark long range score. Down were finding their range, though, and quickly drew level through the outstanding Daithí Sands (his duel with Eric Leen all through was a highlight), Chris Egan, and Paul Sheehan (f). A second Sands point nudged them in front while Kerry lost the influential Fionán Mackessy to injury. Jason Diggins, who has been in peak form lately, picked off a Kerry point. Stuart Martin and Chris Egan pointed for Down and Pearse Óg McCrickard and Tom McGrattan stretched out their lead. Pádraig Boyle, relatively subdued overall by his own high standards, pulled one back for Kerry and Jason Diggins and Daniel Collins added two more but Tim Prenter and Pearse Óg McCrickard made it 0-11 to 0-7. We were in a bit of trouble here. Kerry brought on Jordan Conway, who was to give an exhibition of attacking play, while Shane Conway neatly picked off another point. Down marksman Paul Sheehan closed out the first half scoring with a free to leave his side in front by 0-12 to 0-9.

Pádraig Boyle saw a good effort come back off the post. Paudie O'Connor was quick onto the rebound, forcing a great save from Down keeper Stephen Keith. Jordan Conway opened the second half scoring, while Dan Goggin replaced the hardworking Gavin Dooley and was to have a big impact in his own right. Daithí Sands and Shane Conway (f) exchanged scores. Two Dan Goggin scores, the second a brilliant piece of skill, brought us level, but Paul Sheehan with a free nudged Down back in front. The game was in the melting pot at this stage but you felt that the likes of Mikey Boyle, Jason Diggins, and Shane and Jordan Conway would get us over the line. Shane Conway and Paul Sheehan exchanged frees. Disaster struck for Kerry when Tom McGrattan got a free and slotted past John Brendan O'Halloran. Finn Turpin added a point to put Down four points clear, but Shane Conway cancelled that out. Tom McGrattan and Paul Sheehan split the posts again – Down were sensing the chance of an upset here.

Back came Kerry. Shane Conway pointed another free before Jordan Conway cut inside and scored a brilliant individual goal after a clever pass by Michael Leane foxed the defence. Jordan slotted a point a minute later and the sides were level. Paul Sheehan made Kerry sweat by notching another free, but Dan Goggin and Philip Lucid had enough in the tank to see Kerry win it out by the slimmest of margins. Kerry will be pleased overall, having reached a League semi-final after a fairly topsy turvy league campaign, while Down will be relieved at securing their Division two berth thanks to Carlow's victory over Derry and won't fear this Kerry side when they face them at home in the McDonagh Cup.

Shane Conway deservedly makes the GAA Team of the Week, another positive sign going forward.

Kerry: John Brendan O'Halloran, Jason Diggins (0-2), Eric Leen, Eoin Ross, Evan Murphy, Mikey Boyle, Paudie O'Connor, Daniel Collins (0-1), Gavin Dooley, Kyle O'Connor, Fionán Mackessy (0-1), Michael Leane, Shane Conway (0-9, 6f, 1 '65), Daithí Griffin, Pádraig Boyle (0-1). Subs: Cillian Trant (for Fionán Mackessy, 15 mins),

Jordan Conway 1-2 (for Daithí Griffin, 30 mins), Dan Goggin 0-3 (for Gavin Dooley, half-time), Philip Lucid 0-1 (for Pádraig Boyle, 51 mins), Conor O'Hare (for Eric Leen, 60 mins)

Down: Stephen Keith, John McManus, Tim Prenter (0-1), Tom Murray, Niall McFarland, Caolan Teggart, Mark Fisher, Matt Conlon, Liam Savage, Daithí Sands (0-3), Paul Sheehan (0-6, 5f), Stuart Martin, Pearse Óg McCrickard (0-3), Chris Egan (0-2), Tom McGrattan (1-3).

Subs: Barry Trainor (for Tom Murray, 29 mins), Finn Turpin 0-1 (for Chris Egan, 46 mins), Ryan McCusker (for Stuart Martin, 62 mins), Jordan Doran (for Tim Prenter, 67 mins)

Referee: Patrick Murphy (Carlow)

## LATE GAXHA STRIKE NOT ENOUGH FOR KERRY

League of Ireland:

Wexford 2 Kerry FC 1

Kerry FC had to face another long Friday journey up to Ferrycarrig Park, and they really needed to lay down some sort of a marker after that crushing defeat away to Galway last weekend. They didn't come home with any share of the spoils, paying the price for a poor start, but at least this was a much improved display. Kerry were dismissed a little too easily and too tamely by high-flying Galway – to be fair, Galway are an outstanding team and the pacesetters in Division One, but Kerry's resistance crumbled very early on.

That wasn't the case in Wexford. Kerry were facing a repeat after Mark Hanratty slotted a goal after just three minutes. Ethan Boyle headed a ball across the box – we have to face the fact that we struggle to deal with aerial crosses into our danger area – and Mark Hanratty gave Wayne Githrie no chance from close range. Wexford looked the livelier sides, and Guthrie had to be on song to turn away a dangerous effort by Aaron Dobbs after 17 minutes, but Kerry were handling the pressure well and had good attempts of their own from Leo Gaxha and Nathan Gleeson. Kerry, with Matt Keane and Seán Kennedy really competitive, were well able to take on Wexford. They did have narrow enough escapes, though, with Hugh Douglas heading narrowly wide and James Crawford rattling the Kerry crossbar, while Hanratty had a dangerous effort blocked. In the circumstances Kerry would be pleased enough to get to half-time trailing by just that early goal, even though they lost a hardworking Andy Quaid to a nasty looking injury just before half-time.

Kerry came out flying in the second half with



Action from the League of Ireland Kerry v Wexford. Photo Credit: Adam Kowalczyk

Seán Kennedy drawing a fantastic save out of Noel Heffernan and forcing two corners, both well defended by a nervy looking Wexford. Kerry also had a very strong penalty claim – the referee deemed it accidental, but it had to be a very close call. We had another penalty shout in the 70th minute, less clear-cut. Kerry were the better side now, but the rain wasn't doing either sides any favours.

Wexford's second goal was somewhat against the run of play, a loose ball on the edge of the box falling to Brandon McCann, but to be fair it was a clinical strike. Credit where it's due. That seemed to lift Wexford and they went close again with seven minutes left, Guthrie once again making a great save to deny Adeyemo.

Kerry weren't giving up, and a brilliant cross by Ryan Kelliher saw Leo Gaxha dart in between two defenders and neatly head beyond Heffernan's reach. It was unquestionably poor defending, but the quality of the cross and Gaxha's poaching instincts were precise. We did manage to force a couple more chances, with a free kick the wrong side of the post and Gaxha unable to keep a last strike under the bar. Defeat again, but this one won't sting half as much. Kerry deserved something here – hard not to look back on that first penalty call. Athlone at home is up next, and Kerry will definitely be looking to take something from that one.

Kerry FC: Wayne Guthrie, Kevin Williams, Samuel Aladesanusi, Shane Guthrie, Graham O'Reilly, Jonathan Hannafin, Andy Quaid, Matt Keane, Seán Kennedy, Leo Gaxha, Nathan Gleeson. Subs Rob Vasu (for Andy Quaid, 43 mins), Seán McGrath (for Shane Guthrie, 70 mins), Ronan Teahan (for Matt Keane, 70 mins), Cian Brosnan (for Seán Kennedy, 76 mins), Ryan Kelliher (for Nathan Gleeson, 76 mins)

Wexford: Noel Heffernan, Darragh Levingston, Hugh Douglas, Ethan Boyle, Brandon McCann, Aaron Dobbs, Mark Hanratty, James Crawford, Reece Webb, Jordan Tallon, Aaron Doran. Subs Jordan Adeyemo (for Jordan Tallon, 60 mins), Karl Chambers (for Aaron Doran, 67 mins), Corban Piper (for Darragh Levingston, 67 mins), Danny Furlong (for Aaron Dobbs, 73 mins)



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## EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

by Michael Healy.

### MONTHLY MEETING

#### Positions filled at recent meeting of East Kerry GAA Board

Acting Chairman: Garry O'Halloran

Nominated: Ellen O'Keeffe, Gneeveguilla: Children's Officer

Johnny Brosnan, Currow as Heath and Wellbeing Officer

Michael O'Mahony, Rathmore: Assistant PRO

Competitions Control Committee: Mike Piggott, Kilcummin Chairman

Noel Kennedy: Listry Secretary

Dermot O'Connor, Furies: A Secretary

Kieran O'Keeffe, Rathmore. Mike Clifford, Fossa.

John Somers, Currow. Jo Ann Murphy, Kilgarvan.

Donie O'Leary, Dr Crokes

#### Coist na nOg Committee

Sean O'Keeffe, Gneeveguilla. Denis McCrohan, Rathmore. Sean O'Sullivan, Killarney Legion.

#### PR Communications Committee

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Secretary: Michael O'Mahony, Rathmore

Seamus Healy, Glenflesk. Anne Holland, Spa

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Gneeveguilla. Maire O'Sullivan, Killarney Legion.

Tim O'Leary, Rathmore. Matt O'Neill, Dr.Crokes.

Karen McGlynn, Fossa.

#### ELECTRIC IRELAND MINOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP RD 2 RESULT

Down 0-04 Vs Kerry 2-09. Another great win for the Kerry Camogie team.

#### ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE DIVISION 2A RESULT

Kerry 1-20 vs Down 1-19

Congratulations to Kerry on a great victory.

**BEST OF LUCK** to Kerry this weekend against Galway in final round of League

#### CONDOLENCES

Maureen McKenna, Fossa RIP. Liam Kearns, Tralee RIP. May both rest in peace

#### SCÓR NA NÓG

The County Final of this year's Scór na nÓg will be held in Currow Hall on Saturday 25th March at 6.00pm We wish the very best of luck to all East Kerry representatives.

7pm this Thursday Scor na nog Quiz in Currow.

## KILLARNEY LEGION

### SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Our two Senior teams were in action this past week. The Senior B team were defeated by Beaufort on Thursday night in Direen on a 3-9 to 0-11 scoreline but what was fantastic to see was the large turnout of players. The team management of Donal O'Donoghue, Mike Piggott, Conor McNiece, Mark O'Leary, Michael Bernard O'Donoghue and player Sean McCarthy must be complimented for the work and effort they put in assembling the panel who have been busy training away in the last six weeks.

The Division 1 team were in Ballymac for the opening round. Seven different players scored in the first half as the lads led 1-11 to 0-1 having played with the aid of a stiff breeze. The home side played much better in the second period

but the gap could not be bridged. Final score Killarney Legion 1-14 Ballymac 1-5.

Round 2 for both teams is on the weekend of April 1st / 2nd where Austin Stacks( Division 1) and Tuosist( Div 6) will be the visitors. Keep an eye on social media for confirmed fixture details.

### ST PATRICKS DAY

The social committee of David Randles, Sharon O'Grady, Orla Culloty, Timmy O'Donoghue, Martina O'Sullivan, Patricia Boland and Claire Duke were hard at work with the last number of weeks in preparation for our annual St Patricks day parade. In the parade we highlighted the activities that Killarney has to offer to people. Martina put her creative twist on decorating the pick up that was so kindly given and driven on the day by Timmy O'Donoghue. We had a boat that was on the back of the pick up that was full of u10 girls the boat was guided by our boatman Gerry Adams on the day. Our parade was led by our St. Patrick on the day (Ted Healy) while Claire put her craft to work to dress him for the day. Maria O'Sullivan was there on the day to capture some brilliant photos. Well done to all the girls, boys and their families who participated on the day to show off our club colours

### U17 COUNTY LEAGUE

Our U17 Boys concluded the Division 1 County League with a keenly contested game with Kenmare Shamrocks. Legion found themselves with a depleted squad due to injuries and commitments to other sports.

A number of under 15 stepped in and acquitted themselves very well against an impressive Kenmare side. The first half was point for point and the score stood at 06-04 to Kenmare approaching half time. However a late burst from Kenmare saw them finish the half 2-6 to 0-5 in front. The Legion lads upped their game in the second and were forced to carry the ball into the strong wind. A feature of the second half was the powerful running by the legion defense where Luke Courtney, David O'Brien, John O'Grady, Bryan Walsh and Cillian Murphy excelled. Legion closed the gap to 3 points with 10 mins remaining. However Kenmare found the necessary scores to close the game out on a final score of Kenmare Shamrocks 2-13 Killarney Legion 0-11. A feature of the game was an outstanding second half performance from Oisín Fleming.

### LADIES UPDATE

The u14 girls had their first outing of the year as they kicked off their county league campaign today. Beaufort were the visitors to Direen where the rain thankfully held off for the game. Both teams took some time to adapt to the heavy underfoot conditions and the hosts were the first to raise a white flag. Beaufort opened their account shortly after. Two well matched teams were competing at both ends of the field. The Legion girls were first to register a goal and this 3 pointer was the difference between the sides at the break. The second half saw both sides exchange scores and display some excellent defensive skills in the difficult conditions. As the game entered the final quarter, the home side found their purple patch. A series of goals in quick succession was enough to close out the game for the girls in green and white. Well done to all the girls who served up an entertaining

contest on a heavy sod, never an easy task. Thanks to Beaufort for a sporting game and the referee for officiating. Final score: Killarney Legion 'Green' 4-06 Beaufort 0-04

### LOTTO

Monday March 13th. Numbers 12, 14, 15 & 21. Bonus No 1. Match 3s/Lucky Dips: 1.Timmy O'Donoghue(online) 2.Annette McNiece(online) 3. Sheila Moynihan Minish 4. Debbie Doolan Woodlawn Park 5. Kitty Moynihan Allmans Tce

## KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

### UNDER 6 & UNDER 8

Training continues every Friday and Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. Hurleys & helmets can be provided on a rental basis for the season. Bring football boots, shin guards & water.....All girls with birthdays from 2015 to 2018 are eligible for this age group.... With over 30 girls attending training in this age category, we are looking for more parents to help out. Please contact Children's Officer Caroline on 086-8452197 if you can help in any way.

### UNDER 10

Training continues every Friday and Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. Hurleys & helmets can be provided on a rental basis for the season. Bring football boots, shin guards & water.....All girls with birthdays in 2013 & 2014 are eligible for this age group. New players welcome.

### UNDER 12

Training continues every Friday and Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. Hurleys & helmets can be provided on a rental basis for the season. Bring football boots, shin guards & water.....All girls with birthdays in 2011 & 2012 are eligible for this age group. New players welcome.

### UNDER 14

Training continues every Friday and Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. All girls with birthdays in 2009 & 2010 are eligible for this age group. New players welcome.

### UNDER 16

Training continues every Friday and Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. All girls with birthdays in 2007 & 2008 are eligible for this age group. New players welcome.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is now open on [www.foireann.ie](http://www.foireann.ie) for all age groups & mentors. For any details on registration, please contact Treasurer/Registrar Louise Moynihan or Secretary Sarah Breen. All details on how to register can also be found on our Facebook page.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

We had a great turnout for the St Patrick's Day Parade. It was wonderful to see so many players dressed up in their Killarney gear. Some of our older players were on hand to lead us all in plenty of singing throughout. Thanks to all who joined us. Pictures are all available on our Facebook page.

### KERRY MINOR CAMOGIE

The Kerry minor camogie team had a great win over Down at the weekend. The final score was 2-09 to 0-04). Killarney were very well represented with 7 players on the panel – Yen Leniston, Kathryn Ryan, Áine Devlin, Chloe McCarthy, Hannah Ryan, Anne Hickey & Yasmin



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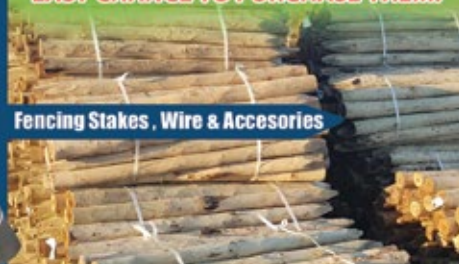
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**UNDER 14 & UNDER 16 COUNTY TRIALS**

We would like to wish our players attending county trials the very best of luck!

**KEEL GAA CLUB****CLUB LOTTO**

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 13th of March. Numbers drawn: 6, 17, 23, 25. There was no winner of our jackpot of €3,250. Lucky dip winner of €50 were Darren Foran & Eoin O' Neill. The jackpot will be €3,300 for the draw on Monday the 20th of March. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce or through the local outlets. Thank you for your continued support of our club lotto.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is now due for 2023. The deadline for membership is Monday the 27th of March. Log in/Register a new account on [www.foireann.ie](http://www.foireann.ie) to register for the season ahead.

**SENIORS**

Our seniors kicked off their Division 4 Credit Union County Senior Football League campaign on Sunday. They travelled to Ballyduff for round 1. The final score was Keel 1-07, Ballyduff 0-10. Well done to all the players and management on their first outing.

**DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**

Our B team host Listry B this Sunday at 2pm in round 1 of the Development League. Best of luck to the players and management.

**U17**

Our Keel/Listry minors were at home to Laune Rangers on Saturday in Keel. They narrowly missed out on the victory. They also play An Ghaeltacht in a back on Monday the 27th at 6:30pm in Gallurus. Best of luck to the players and the management.

**U11**

Training continues in Keel on Monday at 6:30pm.

**U9S**

Training takes place on MONDAY from 7pm-8pm in Nagle Rice Astro MILLTOWN. Please bring water, gumshields & €3 for the pitch.

**U5'S AND 7'S**

Training continues next SUNDAY in KEEL Community Centre. U5's 10:15-11:15. U7's 11:15-12:15. Please bring €2 for the hall, gumshields and water.

**CASTLEDROM NS:** Congratulations to the Castledrum boys mini 7s team who won the Mid Kerry Mimi 7's during the week. The girls were also competing and narrowly missed out to Cromane in the semi-final. Well done to all involved and their coach PJ Ryan.

**KERRY SENIOR LADIES**

Commiserations to Ciara Murphy and the Kerry Ladies team on their loss to Cork at the weekend. They play Galway next Sunday in the final round of the league. They travel to Tuam for a 2pm throw in. The ladies have already booked their place in the Division 1 League Final.

**STRICTLY COME DANCING**

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Killarney Camogie Club pictured at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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**ST. PATRICKS DAY**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Castlemaine for Keel GAA. We hope you all enjoyed the day.

**CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to all the girls and boys in the parish who received their Confirmation last weekend.

**REFEREE COURSE**

Kerry GAA will be running our face-to-face Modules in Austin Stack Park, Tralee on the following nights Friday 24th March 19:30pm and Friday 31st March 19:30pm. Both nights must be attended. Before you attend these nights, you must have registered and completed the first Modules online. Anyone interested is asked to contact Aisling on 086 3259750.

**DR. CROKES****CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE**

**Dr. Crokes 1-12 Kilcummin 0-12.** On Sunday we played Kilcummin, one week on from beating them in the EK Superleague Final. This was another highly entertaining game. Kilcummin took control for much of the first half leading 0-04 to 0-06 at half time. Mikey Casey was very unlucky not to hit the back of the Kilcummin net after hitting the crossbar halfway through the first half. The second half went more in our favour with Brian Fitzgerald and Evan Looney playing well in attack and Brian Looney, Michael Burns and Mikey Casey excelling up front. In the 10th minute Brian Fitzgerald was taken down inside the square and Michael Burns slotted the ball into the back of the net. The goal was the changing of the game. This was a good team performance. Final score 1-12 to 0-12.

**DIV. 4 SFL Dr. Crokes 1-15 Cordal 3-13.**

On St. Patricks Day we welcomed Cordal to Lewis Road for round 1 of the County League. This was a very competitive game with both teams playing to the best of their abilities right until the end. We were faced with an unlucky blow early in the first half when Cordal struck the ball passed Shay O'Meara in the Dr. Crokes goals. Infairness to our boys they refused to lie down and kept Cordal scoreless for long periods of the first half. Going in at half time we

led by one point with Bryan O'Shea putting on a fine display. Half time Dr. Crokes 1-08 Cordal 1-07. The second half was as entertaining at the first. We started the stronger, scoring 4 points without reply. Cordal added to their goal tally after 10 minutes. The game was almost too close to call right up to the final whistle. Cordal finished deserving winners on the day.

**DIV. 6 SFL Dr. Crokes 3-12 Kerins O'Rahilly's 1-09.****ACADEMY**

The academy continues every Saturday. We have had a great response in the past two weeks since we came back. We cater for boys and girls aged 4 to 11 from the Killarney area. Hurling from 10 until 11 and Football from 11 15 until 12 15. All welcome bring a friend. Qualified coaches with an emphasis on fun and making friends. We hope to see everyone there!

**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](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=11762#Anchor)

**LOTTO** took place on March 20th Numbers drawn were 4, 5, 22, 27 Jackpot of €5,900 was not won. 1 patron matched 3 and receive €400. Jackpot for draw on March 27th will be €6,200. 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](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

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death of their baby Jamie. Condolences also to family and friends of Breda Walsh, Bridgefield. 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](mailto:pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie).

## MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

### LOTTO

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The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, March 20th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 13, 16, 28 and the bonus ball was 8.

Lucky Dip winners were as follows: €50 - Derry and Susan O'Sullivan, Milltown. €50 - Eileen and Nicole Twiss, Callinafercy. €25 - Shane Dinham, Milltown. €25 - Jimmy Boyle, Castlemaine. €25 - William Burke, Castlemaine. €25 - Donal Murphy. Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 3rd 2023 at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets.

### CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 1 RESULT

#### Milltown/Castlemaine 0-11 Dingle 1-08

Our first time back in the top division of the Credit Union County Senior Football League in seven years sees us take a share of the points away from Dingle after a very workmanlike performance in challenging conditions.

Well done to the players and management team on a very positive start to the County League. They will take on Castleisland Desmonds in Round 2 at home in two weeks time. Fixture details to be confirmed.

A special mention also to Senior Player Pa Wren who we are reliably informed celebrated his 30th birthday at the weekend. Pa put in a sterling performance on Friday afternoon in defence as he always does. Happy Birthday from all at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA and we hope you enjoyed the weekend.

### CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 6, ROUND 1 RESULT

#### Milltown/Castlemaine 'B' 1-06 Furies 'B' 1-11

Hard luck to our Senior 'B' side who fell to a five point defeat against a strong Furies 'B' team on Sunday morning at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown.

### KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: GROUP STAGE DRAW

Milltown/Castlemaine will take on Beaufort, Glenbeigh/Glencar and Gneeveguilla in Group 1 of the 2023 Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Club Football Championship. The draw took place in recent weeks.

Milltown/Castlemaine will face Gneeveguilla in a neutral venue in Round 1 with fixture details to be confirmed in due course.

### KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 2B, ROUND 5 RESULT



Furies u12 team from blitz with Kilgarven and Kenmare

### Milltown/Castlemaine 4-15 (27)

#### Kerins O'Rahillys/St. Pats Blennerville 1-05 (8)

Well done to our Minor players and management who made it four wins from five games on Saturday afternoon with a commanding nineteen point victory at home against Kerins O'Rahillys/St. Pats Blennerville.

They will now advance to the semi-final next week where they will take on Kilcummin on Monday, March 27th in Kilcummin with time to be confirmed.

### KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 2B, SEMI-FINAL FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine have concluded their group stage in Division 2B and have finished in 2nd place with four wins from five games. They have secured a place in the semi-final on Monday, March 27th where they will travel to take on Kilcummin away with the time yet to be confirmed.

### CLUB CONDOLENCES

All at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club would like to pass on our deepest sympathies to club member and underage coach Haulie Clifford and his entire family on the passing of his mother Mary Clifford (née Lyne) of Riverview Terrace, Cahersiveen in recent days.

Haulie is a very active and dedicated coach with our U11 Boys, U12 Girls and U13 Boys club teams so all the thoughts and prayers of our club community is with the entire family at this most difficult time. Haulie's four children have also represented Milltown/Castlemaine GAA and we think of them too as they mourn the passing of their late grandmother, Mary. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADES: MILLTOWN AND CASTLEMAINE

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA had a fabulous morning last Friday taking part in the Milltown & Castlemaine St. Patrick's Day Parades. We would like to say a sincere thank you to all the participants from our club community and to the organising committees for both parades which were very well ran, had plenty of colour on display and seen terrific attendances. We are looking forward to next year already!

### MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA: WALKATHON FUNDRAISER

Walkathon 2023 - Milltown/Castlemaine

Walking Together. The iDonate website for the 2023 Walkathon is now live. You can support the various club teams or the individual senior players via the following link: <https://www.idonate.ie/event/walkathon2023>. The walkathon, like our walkway, is open to everyone in the wider Milltown/Castlemaine community, so please come & join us on the day

Your support for this wonderful event would be greatly appreciated as we are constantly striving to improve our facilities to ensure they are both safe and of the highest standard for the enjoyment of all our Players, Members and Guests. IT'S OUR CLUB!! Let's make it the best it can be.....so join us, as we walk away the afternoon, in aid of Milltown/Castlemaine Gaa Club

Bígí linn le haghaidh spraoi agus airgead a bhailiú don chlub ar an 8ú Aibreán.

Note: We hope that our Special Guest at the event, will be SAM MAGUIRE, who will have a front row seat in the Fr. Joe McCloskey stand. This represents a wonderful opportunity for individuals, teams & families in our community, to get a much-treasured photo, with the most iconic trophy in Irish sports, from the presentation area of our wonderful new stand.

### GAA 4 ALL GROUP: COACHES NEEDED!

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### MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE - GAELIC 4 MOTHER'S AND OTHERS

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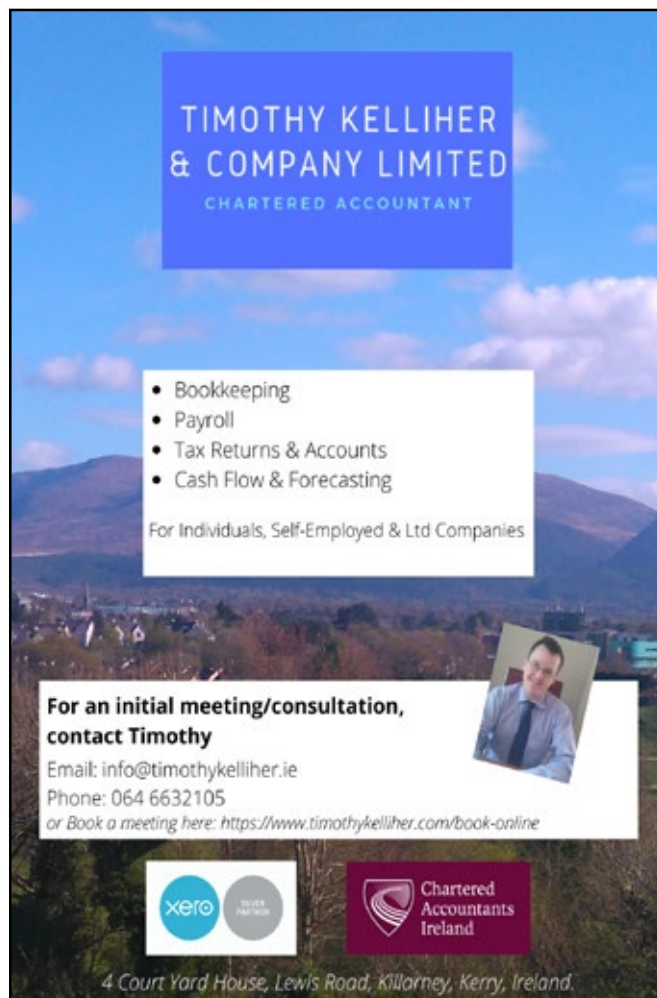
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### MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA SCÓR NA BPÁISTI TRÁTH NA GCEIST 2023 (QUIZ):

A Chairde, Scór na bPáisti is back! The club will hold this years Tráth na gCeist/Quiz in the Clubhouse on Sunday, 26th March at 6:00pm. We welcome entries from primary school students of all ages who are club members. If you have any queries or would like to register your child's interest please contact Catherine Dennehy on 085-1584456.

### FLEADH CHEOIL TIME AGAIN, GIVE IT A GO!

Milltown Listry CCE are accepting entries for Fleadh Cheoil 2023 in Ballybunion. If you're learning an instrument, get involved and give the fleadh a go. Emails to lou.oshea@hotmail.com before April 7th, registration can be arranged if you haven't joined the branch. Also, Fleadh Cheoil 2023 Church Gate collection will take place this weekend, March 25th and 26th. All support would be much appreciated.

### MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA: 2023 CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023 IS NOW OPEN

Club membership is open to Adult Players, Adult Non-Players, Juvenile Players and Families and New Members are always welcome.

Membership fees for the 2023 season are now due and can be paid online by clicking the registration link below:

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### KERRY LGFA: LIDL LADIES NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1: ROUND 7 FIXTURE

Kerry are away to Galway in the 2023 Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1, Round 7 contest on Sunday, 26th March at 2:00pm in Tuam Stadium, Galway. Ticket details have not yet been confirmed but will be available to book online over the coming days on <https://www.universe.com/users/Igfa-FBRMKH>

### KERRY MASTERS FOOTBALL

Are you turning 40 this year and not quite ready to hang up those boots? Then Kerry Masters Football are looking for players like you to come and join them for the season ahead. If you would like to get involved or should further information be required please contact Denis Kennelly on 087-6549406 or John O'Connor on 086-8500319.

### ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

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

## FOSSA GAA CLUB

**THE SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE** kicked with an away trip to Dromin Pearses. Our lads got off to a good start against a young Dromid side and soon had two points on the score board before Emmett O'Shea got a fantastic defence splitting ball in from brother Tadgh and finished to the net with a sublime chip. Dromid pulled two back before Emmett found the net again. Emmett, Tadgh O'Shea and Harry Buckley added points



Fossa GAA Celebrate their All Ireland Success at the Killarney St. Patrick's Day Parade. Photo: Des O'Connor.

before Emmett put a ball across the square for Eoin Talbot to finish to the net. Half time it was 3-07 to 0-02 points. The second half was quite enough in the soft constant rain, Fossa added a couple of points and Matt Rennie did add a goal, game finished 4-09 to 0-06, solid performances throughout the pitch, well done to Mossie Prendiville – a late call up and had a great game in goals. Thanks to Dromid for the welcome and the hospitality after the game. Next weekend there is a development league round of games, we are at home to Austin Stacks C.

**THE MINOR BOYS** played Annascaul/Lispole Saturday in Fossa. The visitors got the upper hand for the first half and had most of the scoring in the half. It was 3-08 to 1-05 at half time. Not the first time these lads have found themselves behind and so the fight back began, Ronan Bennett with a goal but with 5 minutes to go the lads were still 5 points down. Fossa were awarded a penalty and Ted dispatched coolly to the net before adding two excellent points in the dying minutes. A drawn game looked on the cards but a sucker blow to the lads on the final attack Annascaul/Lispole stole in for a goal, the game ended 3-13 to 4-13. It was a pity as the lads had showed great character AGAIN to come back. No fixture yet for next weekend.

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn were 3, 8, 11 & 25. There was no jackpot winner. 5 consolations of €40 went to James Houlihan, Curragh. Stephen O'Grady, O'Grady's Bar Killorglin. Mike Pigott & Maria O'Sullivan, Killarney. Christy & Chris O'Brien, 2 Pinewood, Park Road. Angela Daly, Parkavonear.

This week's jackpot is €12,600.

**SYMPATHIES** are extended to Tim, Breda, Dan, John and Mary and the extended McKenna family of Pallas on the passing Maureen. May she rest in Peace.

## FIRIES GAA

### SENIOR CLUB RESULTS

Credit union county league Div 2 - Currow 0-05 v Furies 0-13.

Credit union county league Div6 - Milltown\ Castlemaine B 1-06 v Furies B 1-11

### MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Beale 1-05 v Furies 1-08

### COISTE NA NOG

U15 Hurling Furies 3 16 V Causeway 0 14

Our U12 hurlers played a blitz on Saturday 18th with kilgarven and kenmare in Furies.

### FIXTURES

U15 Hurling 26/03 at 12 noon V St Brendans in Ardferit

U13 Football Spa B V Furies B 24/03 at 5.45pm

U13 Football Spa A V Furies A 24/03 at 7.00pm

Both games in Spa

### BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA LOTTO 20/03/2023

Numbers drawn were: 7,10,13,19. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Ann O'Connor, Spar. Greg & Bridie, Keelties. Florance O'Sullivan, Kilfaheny, Currans. Denise O'Donoghue, Gortavillan. Thomas O'Leary, Ballyhar. Next week's jackpot €5800





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There is also a wide range of flowering plants for shade. A good example is an Astilbe, an Astilbe has a good range of flower colours and foliage to choose from. An Astilbe has a good range of flower colours and foliage to choose from. Sometimes when an area is shaded, the ground can be quite dry – even in the winter time. A good plant for this would be a plant called Vinca Minor which is an evergreen flowering ground cover plant. But remember to water until established.



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**STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM TRICEL BURSARY**

In 2022, Tricel launched its first annual bursary award programme. This award is designed to identify talented students and provide support and motivation to reach their full academic and professional abilities. In its inaugural year, as a pilot scheme the award focussed on employee's children across the Irish sites. In 2023, it is envisaged that access to the bursary awards will extend to all employee's children across the group.

In January 2023, Mike Stack, Tricel Group CEO, was delighted to award both Colin O'Sullivan and Caoilinn O'Donoghue with a €1,000 bursary each and an opportunity to gain valuable, hands-on work experience in Tricel. Colin is a 2nd year student at MTU, Kerry. He is currently studying a Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Accounting. Colin has been working as a general operative with Tricel during school breaks and weekends. Caoilinn O'Donoghue is currently in her 2nd year of Design and Manufacturing Engineering in University of Limerick. Tricel would like to congratulate such worthy recipients and wish them every success in their future academic endeavours.

*Mike Stack, Tricel Group CEO, presents both Colin O'Sullivan and Caoilinn O'Donoghue with a €1,000 bursary each.*







## A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student "When I said, 'my foot is slipping!' Your unfailing Love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, Your comfort brought me joy and renewed Hope....the Lord has become my Fortress and the Rock in Whom I hide and take refuge" (Psalm 94:18, 19 & 22). Anxiety is everywhere. All anxiety boils down to fear. So many people are feeling overwhelmed with fear and don't know what to do. "My people are being destroyed (for lack of knowledge) because they don't know Me" (Hosea 4:6). Knowing God and walking with Him in faith is very different from fulfilling religious rituals. A husband and wife can have sex, but if they don't love each other or take the time to know each other's needs and nature, it's just an empty ritual - going through the motions. God isn't interested in rites or token works - He wants real relationship (Matthew 9:12-13). It's why He sent His Son Jesus to die on the Cross for you and me - to be the Way for us to be redeemed and restored back into God's family - washed from our sin, and delivered from Satan's powers of darkness (John 14:6; Colossians 1:13-14).

It is natural to feel fear in certain situations - for instance when close to the edge of a cliff - instinct kicks in that it's dangerous, so step back from it. But there is a fear that is employed by the devil as a weapon to paralyse, taking victims captive - this is a demonic spirit. The Lord Jesus taught that the devil is a liar and a murderer and his way of lying to and deceiving people is worked by ignorance of Who God is, and lack of knowledge of His Word (John 8:44). The fears people struggle with may be carried deep inside, and fear can cause sickness and mental health issues. Fear of future disaster; fear of dying; fear of past traumas happening again; fear of getting sick, or fears about not being able to carry on life as normal if something bad happens - whatever the scenario - big or small, the result is the always the same. Fear brings one into bondage causing loss of hope, separating the person from the Truth of what God has declared over their lives. The Lord identifies fear as a spirit which the enemy uses to torment people and tie them up in bondage - creating strongholds that imprisons them (Psalms 142:6-7; Zechariah 9:11-12). But, Hallelujah! Jesus came to set the captives free! (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18-19). "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of Power, and of Love, and of a sound mind and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7). Elisha the prophet was helping the King of Israel giving him words of knowledge and wisdom which protected Israel from their much stronger enemy (2 Kings 6:8-17). So the enemy King turned on Elisha, surrounding his house one night waiting to kill him. When Elisha's assistant went outside next morning he was terrified at what he saw. But Elisha prayed 'Lord open his eyes' and God opened his spiritual eyes and he saw the real story. Yes, they were surrounded by the enemy - but, they were more closely surrounded by God's Angel Armies - a much mightier army! O Lord God, forgive us for fearing. Please open our spiritual eyes to see You, and to know Your Love and Power, in Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

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**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** meets every Thursday at 10 am in St Bridget's Chapel, Church of The Resurrection Killarney. All Welcome Further information contact Mary 086 0529008

**YOUTH 2000 RETREAT IN KILLARNEY:** The Munster Youth 2000 retreat takes place in St. Brendan's College, Killarney from the 24th - 26th March. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is most welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) for more info.

**THE LETTER; AN INVITATION TO THE JOHN PAUL II PASTORAL CENTRE** on Wed 29th of March at 7.00pm for A Screening of "The Letter" a film which tells the story of 4 people from very different backgrounds. The Highlight of the film is the rich dialogue of these individuals in conversation with Pope Francis.

**SEASON OF LENT DESERT DAY, TIME APART WITH GOD:** AT THE FRANCISCAN FRIARY KILLARNEY Friday 24th March 10am - 5pm. Beginning with mass at 10am. Facilitated by Phyllis Moynihan RSM and Br Pat Lynch OFM Donation of €20.00. Book directly through Friary office on 064 6631334.

**NATIONAL PIONEER BALL 2023 GALWAY;** commences with the Celebration of Mass at 6.30pm Sat 22nd of April in the Church of the Resurrection Ballinfoyle, Headford Road, Galway. Dinner Served at 8pm in the Menlo Park Hotel, Terryland, Headford Road, Galway and Music by Tommy Flaherty & Francis Fahy, tickets €40. Email; francescegan@yahoo.com - 086 3121695

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RETREAT** will take place on the 27th of April 2023 at The Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Presented by Fr. Jim Lenihan. See poster for details. Your support will be very much appreciated: To book contact : Maureen at 087 9514352 Margaret at 0872976304.

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** this year takes place on the week 22nd and 23rd of April 2023. All details displayed on the Notice Board.

**THE ANNUAL CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED LADY** will be held on Sunday 26th March at 3 p.m. in the Church of the Prince of Peace, Fossa. Welcome is extended to everyone to come and place your trust in the Mother of God for ourselves, our families and our country. The consecration is organised by the Legion of Mary and concludes with Benediction

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, SCARTAGLEN.** On this Sunday March 19th starting at 2.30 PM. Lay Evangelist, and Validated by the Church, Brendan Welsh through personal testimony and healing service, in union with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Deacon Thady O'Connor. This service will be accompanied by some powerful music ministry of inspired healing hymns.

## NOVENA TO ST. CLARE

### IN THANKSGIVING

Novena to St. Clare. Ask for three favours, one business, two impossible. Say nine Hail Mary's for nine nights with lighted candles. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful novena.

Say may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored glorified and loved today and everyday throughout the whole world now and forever. Amen

Your request will be granted no matter how impossible it may seem.

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## 2ND ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY THERESA MC CARTHY



GNEEVEGUILLA  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
23RD OF MARCH 2021

*May the winds of Heaven blow  
softly and whisper in your ear,  
How much we love and miss you  
and wish that you were here.*

Fond memories from your loving sisters  
Geraldine, Kathleen, Joanie,  
Patsy, Ann, Martina  
and families

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### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY THERESA MC CARTHY



GNEEVEGUILLA  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
23RD OF MARCH 2021

*Mother, you left us beautiful  
memories.  
Your love is still our guide.  
Although we cannot see you.  
You are always at our side.*

From your loving children  
Cáit, Máire, Liam and families

*Anniversary Mass for our mother  
will be celebrated on Sunday the  
26th March at 9.30am in the  
Church of the Holy Rosary, Gneeveguilla.*

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## 2ND ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY HUSBAND TIMMY HICKEY



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

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

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

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF TIMMY HICKEY



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

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

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

## PRAYER TO MOUNT CARMEL

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,  
fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother  
of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in  
my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show  
me herein you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and  
Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of  
my heart to succor me in my necessity.

There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my mother.

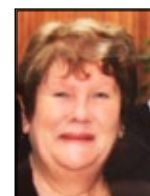
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who  
have recourse to thee (three times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands  
(three times).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then  
you must publish it and it will be granted to you.

## 1ST ANNIVERSARY

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF KATHLEEN O'SULLIVAN



DUNLOE UPPER, BEAUFORT.  
WHO DIED ON THE  
22ND MARCH 2022

*A loving thought, A silent tear  
A constant wish that you were here  
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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved  
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O Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us.

Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day the prayer will be  
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