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A Note from the EDITOR



The countdown is on to the local and European elections with just two weeks left until polling day. In this week's Killarney Outlook, our sitting councillors give their views on the affordable housing crisis in the county.

Final preparations are being put in place for the Killarney Club 7's at Spa GAA Club, there is a new millionaire in Killarney and Mass was celebrated in Pike Wood.

There were graduations in St. Brendan's College and St. Brigid's Presentation secondary school in Killarney this week as the class of 2024 prepare for their Leaving Certificate exams, Elf the Musical is coming to the INEC and 3 days of racing are planned for Listowel.

It's time to get your dancing shoes to raise funds for Tiernabou National School, the Blessing of the Boats took place at Fossa Rowing Club and Kerry has the most Blue Flag Beaches in Ireland.

James Fleming been named as the Basketball Ireland Division One Coach of the Year, there were plenty of golf presentations at Killarney Golf Club and Jimmy takes a look at all things sport including both Kerry ladies and mens teams winning games at the weekend.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook.

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Seventh Heaven....

Three In A Row for Killarney Club 7's

With a €10,000 prize pot to share, the Heineken Killarney Club 7s is back for the third year in a row and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before. 36 teams taking part in a bid to win a share of the €10,000 prize and there is no doubting that there will be plenty of action in Spa GAA Club on the June Bank Holiday Weekend. This year's competition will see teams from all over the country descending on Spa on Sat 1st and Sun 2nd June but will also boast an international element with teams travelling from Chicago, Berlin and London to take part in what is sure to be a fabulous occasion.

While the matches are being played out, there will be plenty more to keep you occupied with live music in the Heineken Tent from 12pm – 10pm daily. Indeed, the entertainment on offer is top class with acts such as Ruaile Buaille, Sparkle, Simple Things, Riff Shop and The Rising among others taking to the stage. Saturday night will be headlined by the electric Chasing Abbey and Super Céilí will close proceedings on Sunday night once again this year.

The weekend will be a great family occasion as well with a dedicated Kids Corner sure to keep the little and not so little ones entertained, open from 11am-6pm daily. Should those tummies start to rumble, there will be a wide range to choose from in the Food Court.

A free shuttle bus will also be available, picking up at the Friary on the hour every hour and returning you to town again when leaving the venue.

Tickets are selling fast and can be bought on the website: www.killarneyclub7s.ie

Day Pass: €25, Weekend Pass: €40. U18s are free but must be accompanied by an adult.

Launching the Killarney Club 7s at Spa are Meghann Cronin, Dara Moynihan, Liz Stack and Michael Foley.



Great entertainment promised at the Killarney Club 7s



Action from last year's Killarney Club 7s



Chamber's tribute to former President

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has paid tribute to the late Patrick Walsh, a prominent Killarney businessman and one of the county's most respected and

successful building contractors who has passed away.

Patrick was President of the Chamber in 1984-85 and during his term in office a number of important projects were implemented, including initiatives to considerably enhance the visual image of the town centre.

Chamber said Patrick was very generous with the time he devoted to the organisation and he was a very steady hand as the executive committee at the time worked on several ideas to help to create a better Killarney.

Given that he was originally from Farranfore, it was no surprise that Patrick became a keen aviation enthusiast and he qualified to hold his

own pilot's licence.

He was hugely involved in the development of Farranfore Airport and his vision, drive and know-how helped, in no small way, to write several chapters in the success story that is the Kerry Airport of today.

Chamber said while the airport was built initially to boost tourism and the manufacturing industry in Kerry, which it continues to do, thanks to the pioneering spirit of Patrick Walsh and others of vision, the people of the Kerry are now among its principal users.

A building contractor of national renown, Patrick Walsh was responsible for many landmark developments in Killarney and throughout Kerry but a real monument to his craftsmanship is the striking Prince of Peace Church in Fossa.

Close on half a century after its construction, it is still considered one of the most spectacular places of worship in the country and, given its setting overlooking the lakes and mountains from its feature altar viewing point, it is no surprise that it is one of the most in demand churches for wedding ceremonies.

With Patrick and his team working closely with then Parish Priest Fr James Galvin, the foundation stone for the church was laid in the summer of 1976 and the Prince of Peace Church was consecrated by Bishop Kevin McNamara on 5th June 1977.

Chamber noted that, over the years, Patrick was also involved in the vast majority of the maintenance projects in the churches and buildings under the ownership of the Killarney Parish and that involvement is continued today by his son, Martin, who is keeping the Walsh family name to the fore in the construction industry.

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has extended sincere sympathy to Patrick's family, Fr Pdraig, Martin, Elma and Canice, daughter-in-law Pamela, sons-in-law Declan and Micheál, his grandchildren Amy, Adam, Gavin, Stephen, Ian, Patrick and Ella, brother Tom, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Patrick was predeceased by his wife, Helen, and his brothers Sean, Tadhg, Seamus and Mick.



Independent Candidate

Diarmuid McGuckin

ON JUNE 7TH - HAVE YOUR SAY & VOTE

TO PUT YOUNG IRISH FAMILIES FIRST WE NEED STRONG REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL! Workers - Families - Small Businesses!

Killarney, has changed over the last number of years, our schools now cater for students from over 40 different nationalities speaking some 27 different languages, this situation has put pressure on services and has seen higher rents for accommodation, while our children struggle with out of control house prices and a Cost of Living Crisis. We Trust the FF FG G Government to provide for our young Irish peoples housing needs!

Or Maybe Not!!

**The Fact is, They Don't Care!
The Government are Not Listening!
Has the Government lost Control?
Of Housing - Of Cost of Living - Of Local Issues!!!**

While rent for a 3-bedroom council house has reached €3,000 in rent pressure zones such as Dublin and Cork, the rich are now living in housing built for the poor.

**We as a Community need Change!!
Out with the Same Old - Same Old!!!**

While most politicians are multi-house landlords, who will never have the will to solve the housing crisis, in fact the people making the laws are the people benefiting from the Crisis.

**As a Councillor, I will work for the Family
Putting the young Irish Families First!!**

"I Strongly Believe that Killarney will Benefit from a Fresh Approach and New Thinking to solve our Housing Crisis. As an Independent Candidate, I can offer a New Perspective putting Irish Families First."

Have your say...

HOUSING:

We need social and affordable housing. Putting young Irish families first! Putting planning Legislation in place to allow this to happen is my First Priority. *With New Initiatives for First Time Buyers!*

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YOUTH WORK:

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IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY IN KERRY

LAUNCH OF MULTI-AGENCY PLAN TO REDUCE ROAD DEATHS AND PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

In a collaborative effort to promote and enhance road safety and address the rise in road accidents and fatalities in the county, the Kerry Road Safety Working Together Group has launched a new Road Safety Action Plan for Kerry. Aligned with the Government's Road Safety Strategy, this strategic initiative is the result of extensive consultation and involves a wide-ranging group of stakeholders dedicated to promoting a safer road environment. The Road Safety Action Plan 2024 outlines commitments to safeguarding lives on our roads and promoting a culture of responsible road use. The plan outlines strategic actions and targeted measures to reduce collisions and fatalities on Kerry's roads. "The strategy is led by a Safe System approach, which is viewed as best practice globally in the delivery of road safety strategies. The successful implementation of the plan is dependent, not



Launching the new Kerry Road Safety Plan at County Buildings this week, l-r: Cllr Mike Kennelly (Transport Strategic Policy Committee), Frank Hartnett (Director of Services), Insp. Garry Carroll (Roads Policing Unit), Moira Murrell (Chief Executive of Kerry County Council), Cllr Jim Finucane, (Cathaoirleach), Supt. David Callaghan, TJ O'Connor (Road Safety Authority), Lucy Curtis (Regional Road Safety Engineer, TII) Image: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

comprises representatives from the Road Safety Authority (RSA), An Garda Síochána, Kerry County Council, the National Ambulance Service, and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Through working together, sharing knowledge, expertise, and experience, the group aims to develop a safer environment for all road users.

"This collaborative effort reflects the shared commitment of these key stakeholders to create lasting positive change," said Cllr Finucane. The plan is now accessible to the public on Kerry County Council's website.

NATIONAL HONOUR FOR JAMES



James Fleming has been named as the Basketball Ireland Division One Ladies Coach of the Year at an Awards function in Dublin on Saturday. James led Utility Trust St Pauls to the Southern Conference Title, the MissQuote.ie Womens Basketball League title, which came with promotion to the Superleague and also to the final of the League Trophy Final. They defeated Swords Thunder in that promotion decider in Tallaght with a superb display of basketball, winning on a 71-48 scoreline. A drill down into the details shows you an unbeaten home League record, the best offence and defence in the league and just one loss in the whole Division One season. Having won multiple Coach of the Month awards, the ultimate accolade was only a matter of form. James is currently plotting ahead of the Superleague campaign, which will see St Pauls compete against the country biggest clubs.

Kingdom of Cash!

Lidl Killarney sells the winning €1m ticket

Cash was King in Killarney this week as the local Lidl store was revealed as the selling location for Sunday's (19th May) Daily Million top prize win worth a whopping €1 Million. Store Manager Stephen O'Connell said the call couldn't have come at a better time "I tell ya, I was suffering from the Monday blues and then I got the call with the great news that we'd sold a winning ticket worth a million euro and I just couldn't believe it! It made my day. I've been working in shops

since the age of sixteen and this is the biggest win I've ever seen one of the customers get! We're a very busy store here and at this time of year our customer base is very mixed with tourists and locals. It's a life-changing amount for sure and I hope it brings joy and happiness to the winner." The National Lottery has confirmed that the Kerry winner has already made contact and arrangements are being made for them to claim their prize.



Pictured at the Lidl Store in Killarney on Tuesday are Lidl Store Manager Stephen O'Connell, staff members Mairead McKenna, Beata Bak and Jason Maye celebrating with Sarah Ruane (centre) from The National Lottery after selling the winning ticket. Photo: Don MacMonagle - Mac Innes Photography

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pilgrimage to this Mass Rock and Mass, as gaeilge, was said. We learned of a local saint, Saint Carthage (Mocuda), whose Feastday it was. This man appears to have had the following of thirty female admirers, for whom Carthage established convent. The Mass, attended by locals and people from further afield – Australia and Poland – also heard a recitation of the Fr. Seán Quinlan poem, "The Mass Rock Priest 1706" along with some traditional music and song. I watched and could not but think of those brave souls of a previous time, who stood where I now stood. The consequences of being found there by the forces of the Crown must have weighed heavily. I thought of those, who were on watch, who were perched up in trees or on ledges, looking out for any sign of the red-coats. Ordinary people standing by an ordinary rock, doing what should have been an ordinary thing. At the end of Mass, many of us took our turn to etch a cross into this ordinary rock. My feeble efforts made little impact against the hard surface of this ordinary rock. But countless feeble efforts had made an indelible groove, in the shape of the cross. Who was the first to scrape a cross on this rock? How many more had followed?

Get Ready to Dance with Tiernaboul National School!

Time to get your dancing shoes on to support Tiernaboul National School who are holding a fundraising dance on 15th June 2024, at The Heights Hotel in Killarney. The event aims to raise vital funds for the ongoing development of the school, benefiting its students and the wider community. Attendees will enjoy an evening of entertainment featuring live music by the talented Blackwater Sound band. The event promises to be a lively and enjoyable occasion for all while supporting a worthy cause. Tickets for the fundraising dance go on sale this week and are priced at only €10 each, offering fantastic value for a fun filled evening out. In addition to the music and dancing, an exciting raffle with fantastic prizes up for grabs will also be held on the night. Tiernaboul National School is a cornerstone of the local community in the area, providing quality education to children in Tiernaboul and surrounding areas. The school is committed to fostering a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally and to this end the Board of the school wish to upgrade the facilities available in the school building and its grounds. Chairperson of the Board of Management at Tiernaboul National School, Mr. Donal Hickey encourages everyone to show their support by purchasing tickets, available directly from the school and families of

those attending the school. By joining this event, attendees will not only enjoy a great night out with dancing, music and craic but also contribute to the continued growth and improvement of the school.

You can win tickets to the dance on Killarney Outlook's Facebook Page.



Student from Tiernaboul National School promoting their upcoming fundraising dance.

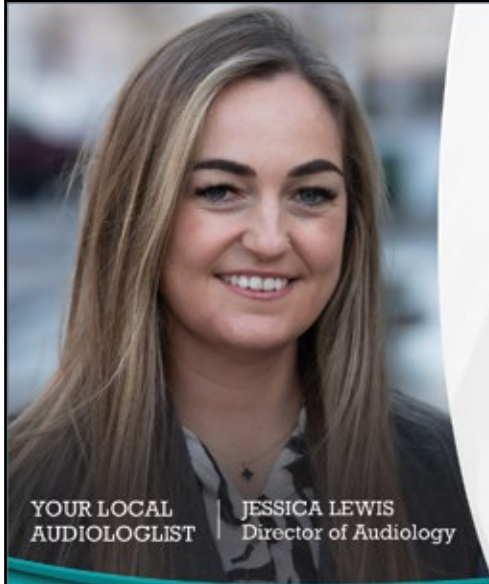
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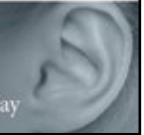
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Alan C Murphy, Mark Sheehan, Paddy Foley, Tom Benson, Brian O'Connor, James Kellieher, Finn Kennelly at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Teacher Mish O'Donoghue with Ann O'Shea at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Alex Hennigan with his parents Elaine and Billy, brothers Eanna and Liam at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Cathal Coffey with his parents Sean, Denise, sisters Aisling, Aoife, grandparents Peg and Maurice Coffey and Pat and Breeda Casey at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Mish O'Donoghue and Niamh O'Connell Directors of Music in St Brendan's with students Stephen Wickham, Oisín Dineen, Cillian O'Connor, Noah Sexton, Jason O'Reilly, Oisín Lynch (third row from left) Connir Councilhan, Gearoid Healy, Gavin M Cronin, Liam O'Leary (back from left) Luke Costelloe, Jack McCrohan, Sam Dennehy and Con Stack at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Cian Tucker, Filip Jakubowski, Bryan Valdut-Iacov, Filip Masciol at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Cathan Harrington, Daniel Daly, Joshue Griffin, Luke Costello, Ryan McGirl and Mark McCarthy at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Kacper Slowakiewicz with his parents Renata and Maciej and brother Jakub at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.



Mikolaj Kumor with his parents Robert and Agata and sister Olga at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass in St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday.

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With Anne Lucey

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

How long is a piece of string?



Brendan Griffin

Kerry's and other counties' small roads are not maintained through straightforward programmes. Why is beyond me. And why we have to have so many different bodies looking after a road is surely yet another example of too many State cooks.

The Department of Rural and Community Development are in charge of giving money to councils to do up roads serving multiple homes, farmland and amenities such as lakes, rivers or beaches under the Local Improvement Scheme.

Dwellers must contribute - as if paying car tax were not enough.

In order to draw down allocated funding, each local authority is required to submit documentation including a list of completed works.

The Department "closely examines the documentation submitted" and will only approve payment once all required documentation has been checked and is deemed to be in order. Any queries are returned to each local authority for clarification, Minister Heather Humphreys told Brendan Griffin in the Dail on April 24th after he sought detailed information regarding an apparent discrepancy between LIS road costs in Kerry and Mayo.

And that is where information has stopped: at the crossroads between council and department. Brendan asked for price comparisons with private contractors, the length of the roads completed and for a table comparing what people contribute towards

their roads.

All he got was the LIS payments per county and another on the number of roads completed..

From the information Brendan did manage to get, his assistant Tommy Griffin who is again seeking election in Corca Dhuibhne was able to deduce how Mayo County Council spent €4.3 million over the past four years on upgrading 242 roads with an average costs per road was €17,656.

73 roads were completed in Kerry for €4.9 million, and the average cost per road being €67,256.

The council says the comparison is not reasonable or fair.

"Every road is a different length, therefore it is not reasonable to draw conclusions from comparing the number of roads repaired with the funding allocated to each local authority. The square meterage cost would be a more accurate comparison."

That's fine. But everyone is talking in the round. No-one, not the council, and not the department is coming out and revealing what that sq metre cost is.

Brendan has received no follow up since his question of three weeks ago; I have been onto the council a number of times. We got an "assurance" from outgoing ceo Moira Murrell to councillors on Monday in Tralee.

Moira who is on the move to Cork said she was not going to comment on Mayo and other counties. "The measure is the number of kilometers" and "the average cost per kilometer is very favourable", she said.

So, why not publish "the measure" and end the speculation?

Speaking of Fadó, Fadó

Last week we mentioned Killarney 200 years ago in newspaper reports and how little has changed in some respects. Killarney had

its issues, much as today. But it was also a vibrant place in the 1840s. Certainly there were tough years during the Famine and there were 13 funerals on a February Sunday in Killarney in 1847.

A steamer arrived in Killorglin in June 1846 with 40 tonnes of Indian meal for the Killarney Relief Committee to distribute in the town.

There were other tragedies in the 1840s. In New Street the Kerry Examiner of February 15 1848 reports how at the premises of a pawnbroker a fire broke out and the respectable Farrell family died. There were bars on the windows downstairs and they couldn't get out when the fire broke out. Four children died. Only a baby survived as the mother threw it to bystanders below - she jumped herself but died of her injuries.

Overall though, Killarney was an energetic and forward looking place. In the early 1840s tourism was flying. There was even advice for tourists taking heading to Mangerton in August 1849 "the grand gathering place for the most dangerous of beggars"!

Temperance meetings were held at Cronin's Hotel. The 1840s were bustling with campaigns. One was to get a connection with the rail line at Mallow; another committee was in place for collections for the building of Pugin's Cathedral; there was concern about proper accounting in a bank; the Fever Hospital was enlarged in 1845 and the stone masons of Killarney were organising.

There was huge excitement at the revival of the races in Killarney in 1843 and "the fairy scene of the race course".

By 1853 the railway had arrived bringing a special train from Dublin for the Killarney Cattle Show. A much shorter journey than with the campaign for Arás Phadraig or for a better traffic system in the 21st century! Looking at the energy of the past, I get the impression we have actually slipped back in Killarney in recent years.

Siamsa Tire the national folk theatre restructuring: A sign of the times.

Fifty years on, the Siamsa folk performances will be moving to Finuge and the purpose built Siamsa Tralee is going mainstream, in line with the change in taste.

The demand for many years is for a new regional theatre in Kerry. It seems that at last we are getting there. Alas, Killarney has missed the boat - it has taken far too long to revamp Aras Phádraig.

The phrase being used for Siamsa is "refocusing". This is because of a plunge in audience numbers for summer shows like Fadó Fadó. Where once there were audiences of 300, last summer saw just 30.

The acting ceo Nicola Hopcroft said Siamsa's strategic partners,

Kerry County Council and the Arts Council, helped them out of the legacy of debt. We do not yet know how much the council and the Arts Council contributed.

Yet another example of how unforthcoming publicly funded bodies are with regard to information, particularly financial information, that should be readily available to the public and to journalists who act on behalf of the public.



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15 Blue Flags have been awarded for County Kerry beaches in 2024. The high standard of the coastal environment in Kerry has been acknowledged with the awarding of 15 Blue Flags for Kerry beaches and coastal amenities for 2024, the highest number in the country. Kerry has retained its current 15 Blue Flags, including 13 at beaches and one each at the Portmagee Pontoons and Fenit Marina.

The decision of the International Blue Flag jury was announced on Monday, 20 May and sees the following beaches and marinas awarded Blue Flags for 2024: Rossbeigh, Ballybunion South, Ballybunion North, Ballyheigue, Fenit, Maherbeg, Kells, Doire Fhionáin (Derrynane), White Strand, Baile an Sceilg (Ballinskelligs), Banna, Fionntrá (Ventry), Inch, Fenit Marina and Portmagee Pontoons.

Five Green Coast Awards have been presented for Waterville, Ballinskelligs, Béal Bán, Castlegregory and Littor beaches.



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Pictured are Internet comedy sensation Tadhg and his dad Derry Fleming pictured taking a leap to top-up their TFI Leap Card at Killarney Post Office with Acting Branch Manager Mary O'Shea this week. With nearly 1 in 4 preferring to pay by cash, commuters now have the option to purchase and top-up their TFI Leap Cards in any of the over 2,300 Post Offices and PostPoints nationwide, allowing users to avail of savings of up to 30% when travelling on national and regional public transport services.

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Elf the Musical HEADING FOR THE INEC

After previous UK sell-out arena tours and a record breaking two West End seasons at The Dominion, London, the musical theatre version of the hilarious hit movie ELF will be visiting Gleneagle, INEC Arena, Killarney as part of an international tour, that will also visit, Abu Dhabi, Monaco, Glasgow, and Birmingham.

The stage show 'Elf The Musical', features Santa's magical flying sleigh and an audience snowball fight, amongst many spectacular scenes all set against amazing video-film backdrops on a large screen and delightful stage sets from Santa's North Pole workshop to New York's Central Park.

The cast of eighteen experienced West End performers is headed by Jordan Conway, who is stepping into the big floppy shoes of Will Ferrell. Jordan is one of the UK's most exciting rising talents, fresh from playing Charlie Chaplin in London and Los Angeles in the acclaimed comedy play 'Laurel and Chaplin-The Feud' and last panto season flying high as Peter Pan opposite Boy George in a spectacular arena tour.

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COMEDIAN JOHN BISHOP Announced as Grand Marshal of Ireland BikeFest Parade

Comedy superstar John Bishop will lead hundreds of motorbikes through the streets of Killarney in Ireland BikeFest's annual Sunday morning parade this June Bank Holiday weekend.

Bishop is currently touring the Wild Atlantic Way by motorcycle and performing shows along the route. He is due to arrive in Killarney to join in with the weekend festivities ahead of his June Bank Holiday Monday gig in The Gleneagle INEC Arena.

The Sunday morning parade is one of the highlights of Ireland BikeFest, and thousands of onlookers are expected to line the streets of Killarney to view the spectacle. The parade, led by Bishop, will depart the custom-

built BikeFest Village, on the grounds of The Gleneagle Hotel at 11 am on Sunday. It will travel along Muckcross Rd, Woodlawn Rd, Cork Rd, Park Rd, Fairhill, College St, Plunkett St, Main St, High St, New Rd, Port Rd, New St, Beech Rd, Mission Rd, Muckross Rd and returning to the village for an afternoon of live entertainment. The hugely popular Custom Bike Show is also due to take place on Sunday afternoon. Don't miss a thrilling weekend of motorcycles, music, and merriment, capped off by John Bishop's participation in the parade and his highly anticipated performance at The Gleneagle INEC Arena.

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SPECTACULAR CONCERT PLANNED FOR ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

50 talented young singers from El Segundo in California, USA will be performing in St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 18th June at 5pm as part of their "Dublin Choral Festival" tour. The El Segundo Choirs will be singing a range of classical, sacred and traditional music alongside the wonderful students from Killarney Music School StageWorks Group who will be playing a range of traditional Irish music.

Please do come and enjoy their breathtaking performances in the delightful setting of Killarney Cathedral. Entrance to the concert is free.



EMBRACING TRAVELLER IDENTITY.....

EXHIBITION LAUNCHED AT KERRY COUNTY MUSEUM

An exhibition entitled "Embracing Our Heritage: A celebration of Irish Traveller Identity" will be launched in Kerry County Museum in Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee at 11am on Thursday 30th May. A partnership between Kerry Travellers Health and Community Development Project and Kerry County Museum, the exhibition and will provide an opportunity for families, both Traveller and Settled, to learn more about the traditions, values and culture of the Traveller community in Kerry. It aims to foster mutual understanding and appreciation of Traveller culture and heritage. There will also be unveiling a new permanent model





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The students who raised funds for the Irish Cancer Society



Generous Students Donate Funds to The Irish Cancer Society

St. Brigid's Secondary School recently held their annual fundraiser on Daffodil Day in aid of The Irish Cancer Society and it was a resounding success with the funds raised surpassing all expectations.

The school went yellow for the day, and students and staff wore various shades of yellow to highlight the charity's work. Pupils were imaginative and creative in their outfits and prizes were given for the best dressed students.

Additionally, a bake sale was held for the whole school and the array of home-baking was a sell-out.

Many thanks to the students and their families who provided the baking and those who gave of their time to make the event so successful. Special thanks to the 2 Blue class for organizing and who were central in the event's preparation along with the additional support of the Student Council.

A raffle was also held to raise more funds, and this would not have been possible without the generous support of local businesses.

We would like to thank the following businesses who kindly supported the raffle with well-received prizes:

Style Factory, The Ross Hotel, The International Hotel, MacBees, Golden Chopsticks restaurant /Xin Garden, Treyaud's, Scarlett, Eason's, Zenenergy, Who's 4 Shoes, Killarney Tyre Centre, Cronin's Butchers, Adams Jeweller, Furze Green, Uptown Restaurant, Kingdom Clinic, BWell Gym, Flower Yard, The Black Sheep

The school raised 2,400 euro on the day and the proceeds of the event were presented to the Killarney branch of The Irish Cancer Society and this money will go towards supporting cancer patients and their families.



The photo shows members of The Irish Cancer Society accepting the cheque from some of the students who were involved.

Back L-R: Eleanor O' Doherty, Lily Anderson, Derbhile Purcell, Grace Smith, Grace Mannix, Anisa Khan, Aoife O' Shea, Kate O' Shea, Greta Karmikovaik and Ms. Aisling Doyle.

Front: L-R: Alia Mc Laughlin, Eugene O'Sullivan, Sadhbh O'Brien, Niamh Brosnan and Ms. Vivienne Buckley.



KMS Directors Jerome Kennedy and Jim O'Brien pictured with new KMS General Manager Oliver McCarthy. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

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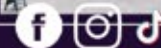
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Listowel Race Company are hosting a free concert during racing on a dedicated stage on the opening day of the festival Saturday 1st of June. Featuring top ABBA tribute band Waterloo, prepare to be a Dancing Queen and embrace the Listowel Races Summer festive vibe as Waterloo play all the hits from the Swedish Supergroup that are as popular today as their heyday in the early 80's. ABBA Waterloo are on at 4.30pm and afterwards, top DJ Ray Stack will keep the party in full swing playing all



At a photo call to announce details of the forthcoming 3-day Listowel Races Whit Bank Holiday Meeting from Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd of June were top radio and tv presenter Elaine Kinsella (Ladies Day judge); Brenda Daly (Secretary/Manager, Listowel Race Company) and David Fitzmaurice (Chairman, Listowel Race Company) and model and ABBA fan Nicola O'Sullivan. Photo: John Kelliher.

with an all-cash prize fund for the Best Dressed Lady judged by the always glamorous top TV and Radio Presenter Elaine Kinsella. The winning lady will receive €500 cash and the first two runners-up each receive €250. So start planning your outfit now! Judging will commence on course at 2.00pm, finalists will be interviewed on the main stage and the overall winners will be announced in the parade ring after the 5th race.

The festival features two days of National Hunt action on Saturday and Monday and one day of Flat on Sunday. Racing highlights include The Anglo Printers Remembering John H. Kierans Mares Hurdle of €18,000 on Saturday 1st; the

The Listowel Races Summer Meeting is the first of two meetings at the scenic Listowel Race Course, with the second 7-day Harvest Racing Festival meeting from Sunday 22nd to Saturday 28th of September 2024.

Admission is only €15 each day/OAP/Students: €12 and children under 12 have free admission to the race course when accompanied by an adult. Generous group discounts are also available. For more information on tickets, and events visit www.listowelraces.ie or call (068) 21144. To book corporate hospitality sales@excellentchoice.ie and 021 4319398.

AWARDS ON THE MENU AS TAMARA IS CROWNED MUNSTER YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR

A CHEF AT THE LAKE HOTEL IN KILLARNEY HAS BEEN AWARDED MUNSTER'S YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR

The Lake Hotel are celebrating the success of their colleague this week. Tamara Jelača has been awarded Munster's Young Chef of the Year at the YesChef awards. The prestigious YesChef awards celebrate the commitment and dedication of the hospitality industry in Ireland to providing simply outstanding culinary experiences. The awards ceremony took place in the Fairways Hotel in Dundalk on 14th May, following a rigorous inspection earlier in the year.

A native of Serbia, Tamara learned her craft in her home country and then gained a wealth of experience in Montenegro and Dubrovnik before moving to Ireland and joining the team at The Lake Hotel. Now in her second season at The Lake Hotel, Tamara works in the hotel's Castlelough Restaurant kitchen as Chef de Partie under the expert guidance of multi-award-winning Executive Chef Noel Enright.

On the night of inspection, Tamara impressed the judges with a Goats Cheese Amuse Bouche, a Shellfish Starter Plate, succulent Duck for Mains, and a delectable Chocolate Souffle for Dessert. Showcasing her diverse skillset across all courses, Tamara also paired wines beautifully with each course and met with the judges to elaborate on her inspiration and technique for each dish.

Chef Noel Enright commented, "We are delighted to see Tamara awarded this highly coveted accolade. She is exceptionally talented and has a very bright future ahead of her, we're so fortunate to have her on our team, her skills certainly amplify the overall dining experience for our guests."



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CEO crafted a new way forward for Kerry

Kerry's loss is most certainly Cork's gain following the appointment of Moira Murrell as Chief Executive Officer of Cork County Council, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has said.

In her 10 years at the helm in the Kingdom, she was the guiding hand in the push for many noteworthy and positive developments, from a community, commercial and tourism perspective, and she left a very favourable impression during her term as Kerry County Council CEO, Chamber Co-Presidents, Johnny McGuire and Pádraig Treacy, said in a statement. They noted that following the abolition of town councils in 2014, Mr Murrell had an enormous task in implementing the new model of local government but she did so with authority and she hit the ground running when bringing her own management style to the job.

"She set about crafting the way forward for Kerry and the launch last year of the new, unified promotional brand for the county – Discover Kerry – was the impressive culmination of that goal," they said.

The Chamber said when Moira Murrell first took up office in Kerry, she met with Tidy Towns representatives from Killarney who expressed

concerns about the under-resourcing of local projects and she was good to her word when promising that the matter would be rectified.

"She helped to harness the goodwill of the people and ensured that all the volunteers were supported and adequately resourced in their work," Chamber said.

The Killarney business representative organisation acknowledged that Ms Murrell's great legacy in Kerry will be the fantastic progress that has been made with the provision of greenways which will attract significantly more visitors and create wonderful additional amenities for locals.

Chamber noted that the support provided to secure the Astellas plant in Tralee and the RDI Hub in Killorglin can be included on her list of great achievements.

"As a Killarney woman, she can be very proud of the progress made with several local projects, including the enhancement of Muckcross Road, the finalising of plans for the development of Áras Phadraig, securing URDL funding for key infrastructure developments, the advancement of plans for the Dinis-Torc walkway and cycle path and the planned college development at the former Pretty Polly site," Chamber noted.



The co-presidents also acknowledged that Moira Murrell was at the helm during the outbreak of Covid-19, leading the county and its people through very difficult times and she held the line so effectively and steadied the ship to ensure a safe berthing.

"Killarney is very grateful to Moira Murrell for all she has done for her home town and for the county and we wish her every success in her new role. Cork, going forward, is certainly in a very safe pair of hands," Johnny McGuire and Pádraig Treacy said.

YSI National Gold for Castleisland Community College

Castleisland Community College were the overall National Gold Winners of the Young Social Innovators Awards. The competition empowers young people to use the talents, insights passion and creativity to come up with innovative solutions challenges. Hundreds of project teams enter the YSI Awards each year and shortlisted teams are invited to the National Finals.

The Sun Smarties project consisting of Transition year and fifth year students (and mentored by Elaine Murphy) is based on the school becoming Ireland's first ever sun smart school and to run an awareness campaign about the prevention of skin cancer. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Ireland, with over 13,000 new cases diagnosed every year. This number is expected to double by 2040. Schools in the UK and Australia can register to become sun smart schools where the health authorities support schools in creating sun safe environments and promote sun protection behaviours. The Sun Smarties in Castleisland Community College hope to introduce this into Irish schools. The team designed a four step programme for schools to follow to become a sun safe school and are working with the HSE to become Ireland's pilot school for their Sun Safe Programme.

Step 4- Liaise with the wider community.

Principal Teresa Lonergan commented 'The school has won 3 category awards in previous years in the Young Social Innovators Awards

which are fantastic achievements but to win overall is just outstanding. Well done to their mentor Elaine Murphy and the Sun Smarties group.'



Pictured are back from left, standing: Abigail Horan, Jason Brosnan, Felix Dancs, Fabia Walz, Teresa Lonergan (Principal)

Middle row from left: Elaine Murphy (Geography & History teacher YSI mentor), Séan O Connor, Siobhán Mahony, Candela De Pablo, Ben McCarthy, Amy McCarthy

Sitting from left: Katie Kerins, Eimear Tangney, Sharon Fitzmaurice, Malin Meyer-Jark, Rachel Horgan.

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Step 2- Run an awareness campaign e.g. lessons and sun screen dispensers,

Step 3- Consult with Parents



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ST BRIGID'S PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL AWARDS DAY 2024

Wednesday, May 22nd marked one of the highlights of the school calendar in St. Brigid's with their annual awards day. This special occasion gives the entire school community an opportunity to come together to reward those students who have gone above and beyond in their contribution to school life.

Mr. Steven Colgan was MC for the ceremony and did a fantastic job at overseeing the various awards. Amongst the different accolades given to students were awards for outstanding contribution to school spirit, contribution to the Catholic ethos of the school, excellence in various sports including camogie, badminton, basketball, volleyball and football, participation in the various 'flag' groups such as the Amber Flag, Yellow Flag and Gaelbhratach, debating, enterprise, music and choir to name but a few. The ceremony began with a breathtaking musical number by Alice Boyle O'Sullivan, whose vocal range brought the captivated audience to their feet for a standing ovation.

Guest speaker was Olivia Hope, past pupil of the school, who has had a varied career in the fields of arts, sports and literature. Olivia delivered an inspiring speech to our students on the importance of curiosity, intertwining

each life lesson with a beautiful illustration from one of her books.

A special presentation was made to the school on behalf of the Leaving Cert students of a tree, which, like them, will be rooted in the soil at St. Brigid's and will grow greater and stronger with each passing year.

Management also made a presentation to the Leaving Cert yearhead, Ms Miriam Malone, who is retiring at the end of this school year, and whose quiet work-ethic, caring nature, and attention to detail mark her out as a remarkable influence on students and staff alike.

Whilst all of the awards are special, two students from our school are marked out each year for an exceptional commendation. The first of these is the CEIST Award, which is presented to a 6th year student who best reflects the core values of CEIST, namely promoting spiritual and human development, achieving quality in learning, showing respect for everyone, creating community and being just and responsible. This year's recipient of this award was Jessica Fuller, who was highly praised by her peers for her academic excellence, good nature and willingness to help others. Another exceptional commendation was

given to LCA student Andrea Murphy, who was presented with the Orla Benson award. This award is given annually in remembrance of Orla Benson, a past pupil who passed away at a young age. The criteria that staff consider when they are voting for the Orla Benson recipient is how the student participated in the life of the school, their co-operation with peers and staff, how they used their leisure time in a creative way, their leadership qualities, their sense of humour, and their dedication to those in need. Andrea is a very deserving recipient of this award, and was highly praised by her teachers for her wonderful outlook and sparkling personality across the years she spent in St. Brigid's.

"The day was brought to a close with the Leaving Cert Going Forth Mass, which marks our sixth years' final big occasion in the school. We wish them all the very best in their future studies", Jer Lyons a teacher at the school told Killarney Outlook.

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to this fantastic occasion, and well done to those who received awards.



Winner of the Orla Benson Award 2024, Andrea Murphy with her parents Dawn and Enda.



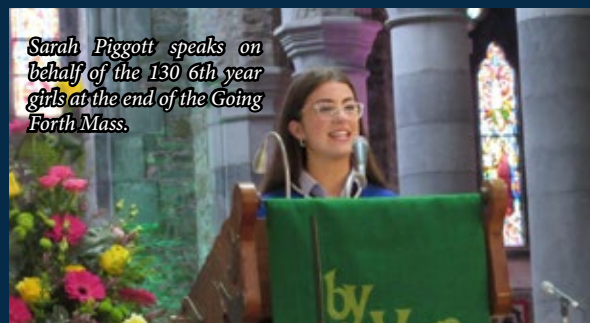
Winner of the Ceist Award, Jessica Fuller with her parents Cara and Declan



Class of 2024 Keira Geaney, Juliette Cooper, Ava O'Mahony, Abbie O'Sullivan, Sarah Piggott and Alice Boyle O'Sullivan



6th Year Head, Miriam Malone who announced her retirement at the awards is pictured with Linda and Keira Geaney. Ms. Malone taught both Linda and Keira at St. Brigid's.



Sarah Piggott speaks on behalf of the 130 6th year girls at the end of the Going Forth Mass.



Olivia Gaffey, Alice Boyle O'Sullivan and Molly O'Donoghue singing at the Going Forth Mass.



Laura O'Shea pictured with her family on the occasion of her graduation.



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KCC STUDENTS ARE BUSY BEES

To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day which was celebrated and recognised in the Killarney Community College this week.

A honeybee themed welcome flag was raised in the school to mark World Bee Day.

Mr D. O Sullivan, an avid beekeeper noted “the youth of today can play an incredibly significant role in addressing challenges bees and other pollinators are facing, World Bee Day 2024 focuses on the theme “Bee engaged with Youth.” This theme highlights the importance of involving young people in beekeeping and pollinator conservation efforts, recognising them as the future stewards of our environment”



A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION at Pres Castleisland Annual Awards

On Thursday 16th May, Presentation Castleisland held its 8th Annual Awards Night in their school sports hall.

Over forty students received awards on the night in areas such as: sport, music, science and enterprise to name just a few.



(L to R) Deirdre Moynihan, Lucy McKenna, Lauren Coffey and Chemistry Teacher, Ms. Dooley with their Maths in Science SciFest Award

Keynote speaker on the night was sporting legend Mary Geaney. Mary is a native of Castleisland, an Irish International, a Hall of Famer and an all-round sports superstar across multiple codes including Camogie, Football, Hockey, Badminton, Golf and Squash. She has captained her native Kerry to All-Ireland football glory before going on to lead Cork's camogie team to All-Ireland success, becoming the first player to achieve such this feat. Mary was rewarded for her sporting commitment and success across multiple codes in 2019, receiving the Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award.

Mary spoke of the importance and rewarding nature sport can bring to your life and the importance of kindness as we move through life.

One of the main awards on the night was the CEIST Award. The CEIST award is for the student who shows respect to all. Demonstrates care, kindness and inclusivity. This student showcases fairness and is responsible in all that she does. This student models the CEIST values on a day-to-day basis and always has a smile on her face. The winner of the 2024 CEIST Award was, Blainna Casey.

Mr. Pierce Dargan, Principal thanked all those in attendance and the fabulous performance by the school choir, led by their director, Ms. O'Connor. A fantastic evening of celebration and music was had by all.

Finding That Special Someone!

With the days growing longer, it's wonderful to see people enjoying the extended daylight, whether they're out for a run, walking the dog, cycling, or gardening. The longer evenings seem to lift everyone's spirits, especially those who have been cooped up indoors at work and are eager to make the most of the daylight before calling it a night.

If you're not currently in a fulfilling relationship, you might be thinking about finding someone special to enhance your life. Watching couples stroll together on warm summer evenings might remind you of your single status and make you long to be part of a loving couple. Perhaps you've grown weary of internet dating sites or tired of the social scene. So, what else can you try?

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 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
 10:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
 12:00 DJ
OUTDOOR STAGE
 14:00 Guided Ride Out 1 approx 2.5 hrs (Caragh Lake & Kerry Mountains)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 18:00 Niall Torner & Band
OUTDOOR STAGE
 20:00 The Afters
OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:00 Alternative Route
BIKERS LOUNGE
 21:30 Two Time Polka
HARLEY® BAR
 22:00 DJ
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 23:30 JOANovArc
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 Followed by DJ
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

10:00 - 22:30 Bike Village Open
 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
 10:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
 10:00 Guided Ride Out 2 approx 6 hours (Ring of Kerry & Skellig Ring)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 11:00 Guided Ride Out 3 approx 5.5 hours (Dingle Peninsula & Slea Head)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 12:00 DJ
OUTDOOR STAGE
 13:00 - 13:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 15:00 - 15:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 15:30 The HusH
OUTDOOR STAGE
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 18:00 Rob Strong & Band
OUTDOOR STAGE
 18:00 - 18:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 19:00 Alternative Route
BIKERS LOUNGE
 20:00 Chapter 3
OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:30 The Rising
HARLEY® BAR
 21:30 The Small Hours
BIKERS LOUNGE
 22:00 The Strobes
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 23:30 Guns Reloaded
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 Followed by DJ
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

09:00 Parade Line Up
 10:00 - 22:30 Bike Village Open
 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
 11:00 Parade Departs Bike Village
 12:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 12:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
 12:00 DJ OUTDOOR STAGE
 12:30 - 15:30 Custom Bike Show Registration
THE BREHON LAWN
 13:00 - 13:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 14:00 Amazing Apples OUTDOOR STAGE
 15:00 - 15:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 15:30 Custom Bike Show Judging
THE BREHON LAWN
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 16:00 Whitewater OUTDOOR STAGE
 17:00 Custom Bike Show Prize Giving
THE BREHON LAWN
 17:30 Win A Harley Draw
(Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind)
OUTDOOR STAGE
 18:00 The Harleys OUTDOOR STAGE
 18:00 - 18:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 19:00 Alternative Route BIKERS LOUNGE
 20:00 Slippery When Wet BON JOVI TRIBUTE
OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:30 Mega Trad HARLEY® BAR
 21:30 The Tom Cats BIKERS LOUNGE
 22:00 The Unusual Suspects
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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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



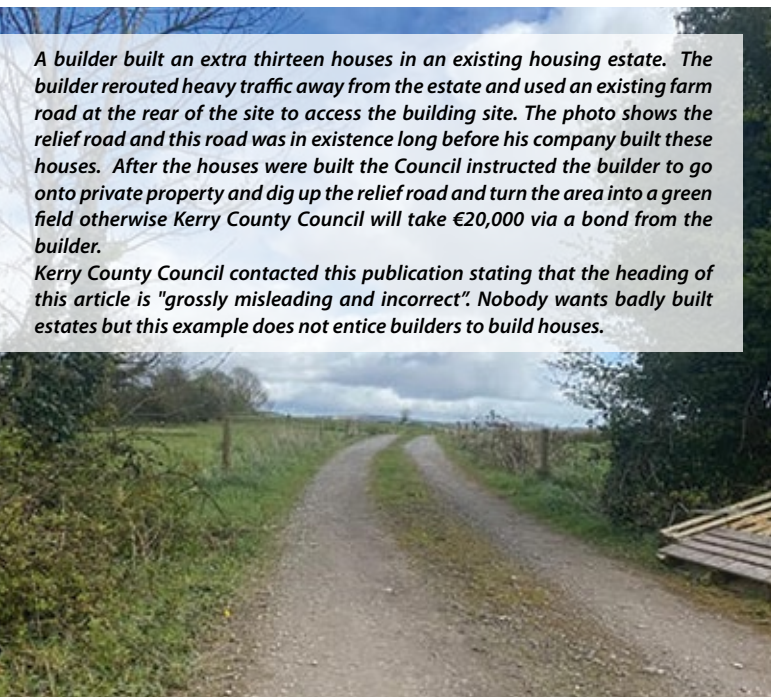
This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from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

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

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

A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder.

Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.

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A Chara,

Through your auspices, I'd be grateful to let readers of the Killarney Outlook know of a rare opportunity for people to quiz eye experts and to hear about the latest advances in treatments and cures for sight loss.

Hosted by Fighting Blindness, and sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine, the Retina International World Congress, will be one of the biggest global gatherings of its kind this year.

Taking place in the Dublin Royal Convention Centre from June 5 to 8, a public engagement day will take place on Saturday June 8, featuring speakers at the vanguard of eye research, treatment and care.

There will be talks on the research underway to identify genes associated with sight loss, the importance of knowing one's sight loss gene, and the development of gene therapies to arrest, delay and reverse vision impairment. In addition, there will be updates on cutting-edge treatments in the pipeline, the latest on assistive technologies to enhance daily living, the role of artificial intelligence in diagnosing different types of retinal disease, and how best to maintain optimum eye health.

One of the highlights of the day will be a performance by the Visionaries Choir, Ireland's only choir for people with a vision impairment.

It is rare to have such a gathering of eye research leaders committed to treatments and cures on our own doorstep.

Spaces are limited and so I would encourage anyone interested to book their place today at www.fightingblindness.ie

Yours sincerely,

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KERRY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (KIFF) ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR FOR KIFF 2024

Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF) is thrilled to announce that Amy-Louise O'Callaghan has been appointed Programming Director for KIFF 2024. She will curate a special programme to celebrate 25 years of the festival, which takes place from 17 – 20 October 2024, across a variety of venues in Killarney. As part of its commitment to reach as many people as possible, KIFF also hosts county-wide film events throughout the year. In this capacity, Amy-Louise was thrilled to present a selection of award-winning KIFF films to a full house in Dingle as part of the brilliant Feile Na Bealtaine festival. Another outreach event sees Amy-Louise host a KIFF/ Cruinniú na nÓg collaboration in Killarney on June 15th. This event offers a free programme of short animations from Ireland and beyond, followed by an interactive stop-motion workshop.

Amy Louise is a film programmer and illustrator who has spent the last few years working in the Irish Film Institute on its annual schools programme, delivering an extensive selection of Irish and international films to young people throughout Ireland.



Pictured at Kells Bay, Cahersiveen, Kerry on Thursday at the launch of the HSE/ Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Swim distance marker buoys were Sharon O'Sullivan, Health & Wellbeing Manager, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and Gearoid O'Doherty, Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership checking out the on shore information panel on the pier. Also included are, Cllr. Norma Moriarty, swimmers Ben Hill, Denise Collins, Peter Sullivan, Mark Golden, Sheelagh Broderick, Majella County, Ita Ryan Michelle Foley, HSE, Kathleen Golden, Mary Kelly, Sean Keating, Denise Collins, Mary Lynch, Ann Tiernan, Deirdre Booth, Eddie Booth, Tennant McConnell, Pat Cavanagh and Kathleen Keating. Photo: Don MacMonagle

New Swim Distance Markers Placed in Kells Bay

Swim Distance Markers have been installed at Kells Neach by the HSE/ Cork Kerry Community Healthcare this week.

The new swim distance markers have been placed at 100 metre intervals to create a 600 metre sea swimming circuit at the popular Kells Bay Beach. Information signage has also been erected by Kerry County Council to identify and explain how to use the swim distance buoys.

The installation of the swim distance markers in Kells Bay Beach provides increased opportunities for safe and enjoyable physical activities, adding healthy habits in our daily and weekly routines. The swim distance marker buoys will encourage safer swimming among novice and experienced open water swimmers making the healthy choice the easy choice.

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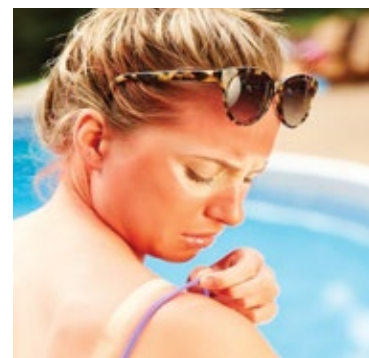
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WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

A Gratitude Journal is a great way to help you to focus your mind on what is positive, supportive, helpful or uplifting in your life. Imagine starting every day with a positive and self-supportive attitude. Writing a gratitude journal helps you to cultivate a way of looking for the good in every situation. Whilst unrelenting positivity isn't always helpful or indeed possible, the gratitude journal is a tool for building more resilience and optimism in your daily life.


Spend a few minutes daily thinking and writing down what you are grateful for. Here a few examples below. To get you started.

- I am grateful to open my eyes today.
- I am grateful for any discomfort or pain that has come my way because I know that it will help me to grow, change and become more of the person I truly am.
- I am grateful for the people in my life. Those who are supportive and those I've learned from. I know that everyone I meet is a teacher in my life as I am for others.
- I am grateful for the basics – to breathe, to eat, to sleep and to move. I remind myself that not everyone has these basics. I remind myself that I am privileged to have these.



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- Limit sedentary behavior, if sitting try move every 30 minutes or so.
- Complete 2 strength training sessions weekly with resistance to maintain healthy muscles and bones, and overall mobility.
- Try get a high impact activity such as hiking or jump work once a week.
- People with disabilities should aim to get at least 30 minutes a day of physical activity as their disability allows.
- Children and young people (2-18) should aim for around 60 minutes a day of exercise across a wide range of activities working on muscle strength, bone strength, flexibility and fundamental movements.
- Elderly (65+) should aim for the 30-minute guideline 5 days a week, with an added focus on aerobic activity, strengthening and balance work.
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HAVE REGULAR SIGHT TESTS
As well as an eye health check, a sight test might help detect signs of underlying general health conditions, such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Everyone should have a sight test every two years.

EAT HEALTHILY
Eating a healthy, balanced diet reduces your risk of eye disease. Include lots of omega-3 fats, found in oily fish, and lutein, found in dark-green, leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale. #



STOP SMOKING
Many people are unaware of the link between smoking and eye disease. If you smoke, stop. Smoking significantly increases the risk of developing eye diseases, such as cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

WEAR PRESCRIBED GLASSES
Many eye and vision problems develop or increase as we get older. Contrary to the myth, wearing will not make your eyesight worse – they help your eyes work more efficiently.

TAKE REGULAR BREAKS
When you work on something close up, such as a computer, tablet or smartphone, your eye muscles are active. This may cause tiredness and headaches, even in those with normal sight. Follow the 20/20/20 rule – every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away, for 20 seconds.

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John O'Mahony Captain presenting the Arbutus Cup to winner John O'Callaghan at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club recently. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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Written by: Sean Daly

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Congratulations to Rose Griffin, Fossa on winning the jackpot of €8,800. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 27th of May 2024. Jackpot €3,000. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

➤LGFA SENIOR LADIES have made it to the semi final of the Donal Curtin Cup after winning away against John Mitchels on a scoreline of 2-08 to 0-08.

➤CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Glenflesk 2-14 Kilcummin 0-11

It was Kilcummin who started the livelier, taking the lead inside the first 30 seconds. With Paul O'Shea accurate from frees, they would lead by 5 points to 4 after 15 minutes. The returning Darragh Roche got 3 early frees for Glenflesk, but they were struggling to make an impact in open play. Kevin Bowler's point, after a patient build up, was a rare moment of good link up play. A well struck 45 from goalie Keith O Leary, left Kilcummin with a deserved 2 point lead at the break. Glenflesk came out strong to start the second half. Jamie Moynihan leading the charge, with a powerful surge forward, timing his pass perfectly to Callum Cronin, who judged his lobbed shot over O Leary perfectly, just dropping under the bar and in the net. Two O'Shea frees brought the side's level again, before Roche got a burst of score's that set Glenflesk on the way to victory. Firing over 4 of Glenflesk's next 5 point's, Roche's accuracy put Glenflesk 5 point's up. Kilcummin's only reply was a free from Gary O'Leary. A Kilcummin goal though would have made the last few minutes interesting. Instead it was Glenflesk who got the goal. Joe Rudden's superb interception started the move. Kevin Bowler then broke free of the Kilcummin defence. Again he made the right choice, timing his pass to Cronin perfectly. After a quick dummy to evade O'Leary, he fired to the net with his right foot. Moynihan added another point before the end, and Glenflesk had done more than enough to ensure victory. Thank you to Michael Healy for the match report.

➤CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 5B Rathmore 2-13 Glenflesk 2-10

➤UNDER 13s

Had a great win over Castleisland Desmonds in the County League. Glenflesk 5-15 Castleisland Desmonds 2-04.

➤UNDER 10 GIRLS took on Kilcummin in Go Games. Fantastic football on display by both teams.

➤LGFA MINORS

Well done to our Minor ladies who reached the Division 2 County League Final against a very tough MKL Gaels side. They put in a great performance but lost out narrowly on a score of MKL Gaels 1-13 Glenflesk 2-07.

➤KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to Pierce Moynihan and the Kerry Minors on being crowned Munster Champions after their victory over Cork.

➤KERRY UNDER 20s

Hard luck to the Kerry Under 20's who came up against a very strong Tyrone side in the All Ireland Final.

➤KERRY SENIORS

Congratulations to Emma Dineen and the Kerry Ladies on their Munster Final victory over Cork. Well done to Darragh Roche and the Kerry team on their convincing win over Monaghan.

➤GAELIC FOR MOTHERS&OTHERS

Continues every Monday evening on the small pitch at 7:30pm. For more information please contact Maria on 086 1018631 or Glenflesk LGFA Facebook or Instagram. New members welcome!

➤ACADEMY

Every Tuesday evening 6:15 to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field.

➤OWNEYCREE ANGLING CLUB

Are starting their Primary School training on Sunday 26th of May at 2pm in Barraduff Community Field. Children must be over 8 years old and accompanied by an adult. Registration €5 for children or €30 for family.

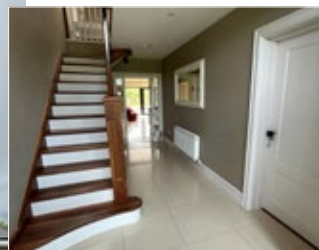
➤NOTES

We welcome items of local interest. If you would like anything added in the notes please contact Sean on 086 6052054 or email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie

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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>KILCUMMIN CCE

Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 2024: Kilcummin CCÉ wish all of our competitors in this year's Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí the very best of luck. Fleadh takes place again in Ballybunion this year with dancing competitions on the weekend of 8th/9th June and music, singing, storytelling and comhrá competitions on the weekend of 15th /16th June. For timetables and a full programme of events, to include street entertainment, see www.kerrycomhaltas.ie

>TRIP TO KNOCK

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 15th June, leaving Kilcummin village @7am. Food/refreshments in Gort (optional). For booking please contact Kilcummin post office.

>LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 20th May 2024 of the Jackpot for €11,250. Numbers drawn were 06,17,20,29. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Dominic Doyle, Kelly Brotherton (online), Phil Aherne, and J. Herlihy. The next draw will be on Monday 203rd June for Jackpot of €11,500.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

ALL IRELAND U-20: Hard luck to Dara O' Callaghan and his Kerry teammates who lost out to Tyrone in the All- Ireland U 20 final on Sunday.

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 6A: Our B team finished the first phase of the Co League strongly with their third successive victory. Goals from Sean Doolan and Gavin Cronin saw us beat Legion B, 2-11 to 0-13 in Direen on Friday last. This was a good team performance and great credit is due to the players and management for their efforts.

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1: Our senior team lost their second game of the season to an impressive Glenflesk on score line 2-14 to 0-11. They are now away again next week to Rathmore.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO: There was no winner on Friday 17th May 2024 of the Jackpot for €11,200. Numbers drawn were 05,06,11,20. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Brendan Fleming, Milleen; Connie O'Shea, Killarney; Lyno c/o Jimmy's; Eileen & Samantha, Glounonea. The next draw will be on Friday 24th May for Jackpot of €11,400.

>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

U11 PROJECT: Congratulations to Colm Fleming and Ronan O'Leary, who came first in the U11 project. They presented a wonderful project on the history and culture of their home, Kilcummin. The boys presented a lovely project on their parish speaking of their schools, religion, the Kilcummin bog walk, tourism, their love of sports, Dara O'Callaghan, history, music, dancing and Sliabh Luachra. The boys have now qualified for the Community Games All-Ireland Final in Carlow.

U13 PROJECT: Congratulations to Aodhan O'Halloran, Ella Lawlor and Ella Kate Pigott who came 3rd in the U13 category. Their project was based on neighbourhood and community.

ART: Congratulations to Chloe O'Riordan, placed 2nd in the U8 Art County Final and Fionn O'Donoghue, placed 4th in the U10 Art County Final.

HANDWRITING: Congratulations to Dara Counihan placed 2nd, in the U12 Handwriting County Final. 1st & 2nd place qualify for the Community Games National Finals in Carlow. Best of luck to Chloe and Dara in the National finals in Carlow.

TRACK AND FIELD: Kilcummin Community Games Track & Field Events (U8-U16) and fun race for tiny tots will take place on Tuesday 4th June at Killarney Valley AC. Registration from 6.30pm, first race begins @ 7pm. Entry fee €2 per athlete, and athletes must reside in Kilcummin Parish to participate. For more information on events please see our Facebook page.



Community Games U11 Project 1st place



U13 Project 3rd place

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

>FIXTURES

Senior men will be away to Fossa in Division 2 Senior Co League next weekend.

>RESULTS

Glenbeigh/Glencar 0.09 Beaufort 1.09 in Div. 2, Co Senior league. Beaufort 0.14 Kenmare Shamrocks 1.13 in Senior Co League, Div. 6

>BEAUFORT GAA CLUB SUMMER CAMP

Will be held on the week of 8th to 12th July in Beaufort GAA Club complex. For more information, please contact Mary 086 0640065 or Tara 087 6032774

>LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €3,800 will be on Sunday, 26th May in Galvin's Bar. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto and our lotto sellers.

>MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311. LGFA membership is also necessary for playing Ladies and Girls football. For more information, please contact Sue 086 2632219.

>GAELIC4MOTHERS&OTHERS

Beaufort has joined the Gaelic4Mothers&Others initiative which see Ladies playing Ladies Gaelic Football in a fun, non-competitive and social environment. It is confined to Ladies who do not play senior LGFA Club football and who are over 25 years of age. For more information, please contact Gillian on 087 9903552.

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Munster Minor Champions Joey McCarthy and Niall O'Mahony after Kerry defeated Cork in last week's Final.



Spa Senior Ladies who defeated ISG in Rd7 of the Donal Curtin Cup Co League Div 3

>SPA U9S WELCOME BALLYDESMOND GAA BOYS AND GIRLS

A few games this weekend for the under 9s with a very strong showing from Spa and some great games against Ballydesmond boys and girls. Great fun was had by everyone and there was great support for both teams!

>U13B BOYS TRAVEL TO BALLYDONOGHUE

Our Spa U13B team were away to Northern Gaels on Sunday morning in Ballydonoghue. Great effort by our team. Northern Gaels were the winners on the day, but our lads battled throughout the game and are showing massive improvement.

>U15 CO LEAGUE FINAL SPA V MOYVANE/TARBERT

Hard luck to our 15s last week in a brilliant game of football in the Co League U15 Division 5 Final against Moyvane / Tarbert. Played at Furies GAA Club, it was a brilliant game of football by both sides. These were two evenly matched teams with the narrowest of margins throughout this intense game. Unfortunately, we just lost out to the North Kerry side on a final score of Spa 1-9 Tarbert/Moyvane 1-11.

>DONAL CURTIN CUP SENIOR LADIES CO LEAGUE

The Spa senior ladies travelled to Templenoe on Sunday to play ISG in Round 7 of the Division 3 Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup. It was very warm conditions but that didn't stop both teams starting at a lightning pace. Ciara Moynihan getting injured was a big blow for Spa but they dug deep and did just enough to hold off a very impressive ISG comeback. The final score was 3:09 to 3:06 to Spa.

Well done to all the girls for a superb performance in that heat and well done to management, Tomás Daly, Craig Power and Ivor Flynn and Mags Cronin for all your help.

>CO LEAGUE DIVISION 6B RD 7 SPA 3-7 JOHN MITCHELS 1-12

Well done to our Senior B team & management who travelled to Tralee for Rd7 of the Co League on Sunday morning - Final Score Spa 3-7 John Mitchels 1-12. This concludes the Div 6B Co League games with next fixtures to be confirmed.

>CO LEAGUE RD 7 SPA 1-15 KILLARNEY LEGION 0-15

Spa welcomed neighbours Legion on Friday evening for Rd7 of the Co League, and after an entertaining and competitive derby, it's Spa that

come away with the valuable two county league points.

Well done to our team and management. Next game is away to Milltown/Castlemaine on the weekend of May 24th / 25th (fixture details TBC)

>KERRY ARE MUNSTER MINOR CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Kerry team and management on their 2-18 to 1-6 Munster Final victory over Cork last week, with special mention to our Spa representatives with the squad Joey McCarthy and Niall O'Mahony.

>KERRY TEAMS

Congratulations to Dara Moynihan and the Kerry team & management on their win over Monaghan in Rd 1 of the Championship Group Stages. Congrats also to the Kerry Ladies who are the new Munster champions after defeating Cork on Saturday, and commiserations to the Kerry U20s on their loss to Tyrone in the All Ireland U20 Final on Sunday.

>SPA U8 GIRLS TAKE TO THE FIELD AT HALF TIME IN MUNSTER LGFA FINAL

There was huge excitement for the Spa U8 girls who played during the half time interval at the Ladies TG4 Munster Football Final in Mallow last Saturday. The U8 girls and their supporters were there to cheer on Kerry Ladies as they defeated Cork in the Munster LFGA Final. These players proudly represented Spa as they showcase their skills in a half time contest against Cork's Passage West. Well done girls.

>SPA GAA CLUB LOTTO

Lotto Numbers 13/05/2024: 3, 4, 21, 25. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Paudie & Anne Horgan, Donie Cremin, Paddy & Mary O'Keefe and Sean Kissane. Next Monday's lottos jackpot is €5,400 and play on spagaa.com or in usual outlets.

>KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

The Heineken Killarney Club7s takes place on June bank holiday weekend Saturday June 1st and Sunday June 2nd. Tickets can be purchased online at www.killarneyclub7s.ie. Guaranteed entertainment with Gaelic Football 7s and 20+ hours of live music across the weekend.

>ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the Spa notes over the next few weeks please contact Deirdre (0851216359) or email pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie before 8pm on Sundays



Spa U13B side who travelled to Ballydonoghue at the weekend to play Northern Gaels



Tim, Jerome and Andy Regan at the Spa v Legion Co League game in Spa on Saturday evening (Photo: Anne Holland)



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MONEY MATTERS.....

By Dermot Cronin,
Financial Advisor



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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

>SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €203 and the winner was Paul Moynihan. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly appreciated and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses who continue to support our project.

>CONGRATULATIONS to Rathmore & Kerry Ladies player Danielle O'Leary, winner of Player of the Match award after scoring 10 points in the Munster Ladies Football Final on Saturday evening last. Also congratulations to all players & management on winning the Munster Championship.

>TURRENCAHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

Join us for three wonderful events from Friday, June 14th to Sunday, June 16th to mark the 10th anniversary of Tureencahill Community Centre.

Friday, June 14th: Barna Bog Project Launch. Join "Storied Kerry Tureencahill" as we present the history and impact of Bord na Móna's establishment of the turf cutting industry at Barna bog in the late 1940s. The evening will feature a book launch, video interviews with locals associated with Barna, musical performances, and refreshments. Admission is free, and we encourage all who have connections to Barna to attend! Booking is essential please contact 087 913 8807 / 085 174 1551

Saturday, June 15th: Family Bingo Night! With up to €1,000 in prizes, this is a fun event for all ages. Try your luck and maybe you'll win big.

Sunday, June 16th: Enjoy a delicious two-course lunch served by Denis Doody Kingdom Catering, followed by music from The Kelts to dance the evening away. Please note that booking is essential for lunch. Contact us at 087 9924821 or 085 8771949 to reserve your spot.

We hope to see you at this special event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our beloved community centre!

>KNOCKNAGREE - KENYA

A clothes collection in aid of Fr Sean Cremins Missionary work will take place on Tuesday 4th / Wednesday 5th June from 7pm to 9pm. Drop off point Rathmore Community Centre. Contact Breeda 087 297443. Nuala: 086 3906443 Mary: 086 0556069. No Duvets or Pillows accepted. Wishing

Fr Sean A speedy recovery.

>ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION of the Friends of Millstreet Community Hospital will be held on Saturday 25th May in Knocknagree your support appreciated

>SYMPATHIES to Máiréad, AJ, Frankie and Tadhgie Pa, and families on the death of their father Tadhg Jackie O'Leary, Quarry Lodge, Tureenamult, Gneeveguilla, his sisters Peggy and Sheila and brother Aenie & extended family. Tadhgie's funeral took place on Wednesday 8th May in Gneeveguilla. To Hannah Marie, Breeda (O' Leary), Eileen (Murphy) and Catherine (O' Donoghue) & families on the death of their father Dan Moynihan, The Bower, Rathmore. Dans funeral took place in Rathmore on Tuesday 7th May To Jean McDonald on the death of her husband Donald Mac Donald, 4 Clarin Wood, Shinnagh, Rathmore, his sister Barbara & extend families. Donalds funeral took place on the 13th May in Gneeveguilla. May Tadhg, Dan & Donald rest in peace.

>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 27th: 8p.m Mass in Beheenach Cemetery. Specially remembering Pa Joe O Sullivan

May 28th: 8p.m Mass in Kilquane Cemetery. Please note changed from 29th

May 29th: 8p.m Mass in Knocknagree Cemetery

May 30th: 8p.m Mass in Nohoval Cemetery

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>THE ROSARY will be recited at Tureencahill Grotto nightly at 8pm for the month of May. All welcome

>TUBRID WELL MASS Millstreet on Friday May 31st at 7-30p.m. with Millstreet pipe Band Everybody welcome

>RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCRAP COLLECTION

Metal SCRAP COLLECTION 31st May @ Rathmore Creamery yard. wYoga

>ROSARY

The Holy Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto Gneeveguilla Village from Thursday to Sunday @ 8pm during the month of May. Tuesday & Wednesday will be in the Church. Wednesdays Rosary will be live streamed.

>NOTES

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

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4,18, 24, 26. €100 Clifford Family, Faha West. €50 Francis & Josephine Jennings. €50 Lyno. €25 Ursula Flynn. €25 Rhona O'Regan, Milltown. Jackpot next week: €3,900. Next Draw: May 26th

>U13

U13 teams play Firies Sunday 26th at 5.30 and 7pm in Allman park in round 3

>SENIORS

Our seniors play Cordal away next Sunday May 26th at 2pm in Cordal.



Thomas Sheehan from Loughquittane National School who had his communion on Saturday. Photo: Dylan Clifford

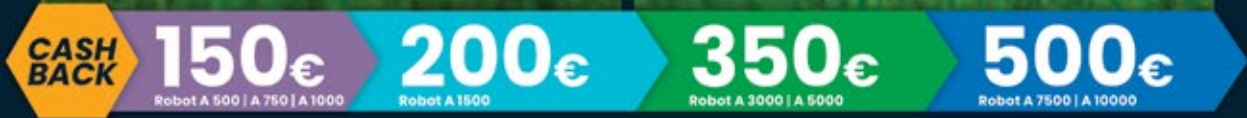


Shane Coffey from St.Olivers National School who had his communion on Saturday. Photo: Dylan Clifford

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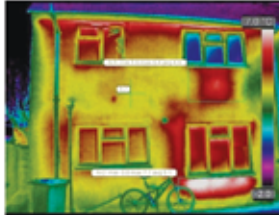
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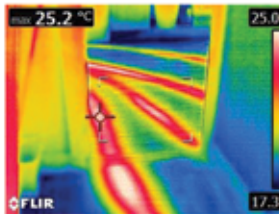
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KILLARNEY CELTIC NOTES

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2, 3, 7, 22. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €75. Next jackpot €8,400 on Monday May 27th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

GREYHOUND BAR CUP FINAL

Killarney Celtic 2-0 Tralee Dynamos

Lee Downing 2

Killarney Celtic lifted the Greyhound Bar Cup for the 6th year in a row and the 7th time in 8 seasons after a victory over Tralee Dynamos last Sunday in Mounthawk Park. Lee Downing struck twice in the 1st half to give Celtic the lead and despite the best efforts of both sides no further goals were forthcoming. Well done to the management and players on this fine achievement. Attention now turns to the Premier A final this weekend.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE YOUTHS PREMIER SHIELD FINAL

Killarney Celtic 2-3 Killarney Athletic

Rafael Viegas, Cillian Coffey.

GIRLS

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE WOMEN'S U17 LEAGUE FINAL

Killarney Celtic 4-0 LB Rovers

Ali Bowler, Abbie Finnan, Clodagh Moriarty, Sadbh O'Halloran

Killarney Celtic completed the U17 League and Cup last weekend after defeating LB Rovers in the League final played at Mounthawk Park. Celtic took the lead when Casey Mulry found Ali Bowler who finished to the net. Celtic increased their lead when Abbie Finnan headed home a Clodagh Moriarty corner. Celtic led 2-0 at half time. Celtic made it 3 after Clodagh Moriarty hit a fabulous shot to the net. Celtic completed the scoring when Sadbh O'Halloran hit home a rebound after Ali Bowler had her shot saved. Well done to the management and players on a fine season that culminated in a League and Cup double.

U16 PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0-3 Killarney Celtic

Sadbh O'Halloran 2, Sarah Warren

Needing a win to take the League title, Killarney produced a fine performance in Listowel to cap a memorable few days for the club. Sadbh O'Halloran followed up her goal in the U17 decider with 2 more goals here and Sarah Warren netted to bring the U16 Premier title back to Killarney again. Well done to the players and management.

MARY LYNE PERPETUAL CUP

Last Sunday the Mary Lyne Perpetual Cup was presented for the 1st time to the winners of the KSBGL Girls U15 Cup Final with Listowel Celtic becoming the 1st side to win the new cup. A great honour for Mary and the club to have the girl's U15 Cup and Shield competitions named in her honour.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC NOTES

U13 PREMIER RESULT

St Brendan's Park 1 - 0 Killarney Athletic



Killarney Celtic winners of the 2023/24 Greyhound Bar Cup Final.

Our young blues travelled to Tralee yesterday to play our last league game of the campaign. In a very tough game, we started well and nearly went ahead through Robert Murphy only for a Park defender to head the ball off the goal line and out for a corner. We defended well for the rest of the half and went in all square at the break. Park started the second half strong and scored a goal within ten mins of the restart. Our Goal keeper Leni pulled off some fantastic saves to keep us in the game but it was not to be our night. Well done to our boys who battled right to the final whistle. Thanks to the Park for a good game, and thanks to the parents who always support the boys.

We will meet the Park again the weekend after next in the Cup Final.

UNDER 14 TOM HAYES CUP FINAL

Killarney Athletic 3- St. Brendan's Park 2

On one of the nicest days of the year our Athletic boys gave one of their best performances. Athletic starting well playing some nice football and playing with huge intensity raced into a two goal lead through Eric Corcoran and James O Callaghan. The team were on the front foot for most of the first half with the opposition looking for long balls over the top to their dangerous pacey number 9. Athletic started the second half much how they finished the first with dominating the center of the park they got more primary possession for long periods with Hurley Lyne and Max Moynihan playing some lovely football while also winning the physical battle. Athletic put together a beautiful move down the right with Conor Moynihan and Jamie Fleming playing a few one twos for the latter to cross where James was on hand to finish to get his second of the game. As much as we were comfortable Park threw the kitchen sink at us and were rewarded with a great piece of skill and finishing from their number 9. Athletic sat onto their lead and were comfortable for the most part with Park direct style of play as Nash and Moynihan and Bennett dealt with it for most of the game. Park were rewarded a peno with a few mins to go but Athletic held on to a deserving victory. These lads have played an almighty amount of sport in the last two weeks and they have shown huge mental toughness

and great quality over these wks and season . Scorers Eric Corcoran X1, James o Callaghan X2

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

MIXED WEEKEND FOR KERRY SIDES IN NATIONAL FINALS

It was a mixed weekend for the Kerry ETP sides who headed for Evergreen Park in Kilkenny to compete in National Bowl Finals, the Kerry U12 Girls took on Mayo on Saturday in the 12's Bowl Final, the 13's Girls and U15 Boys would feature in National Bowl Finals on Sunday.

Of the three Kerry teams who headed to Kilkenny, just one would return home with silverware as the 13's defeated Cavan-Monaghan in the final. Alanna Crossan, Nessa Kirby and Eilidh Cregan all found the net as the Kerry U13's won 3-2 over Cavan-Monaghan.

The U12 Girls suffered an extra time defeat on Saturday as they lost 3-2 to Mayo. Amy Rose Shanahan scored for Kerry in normal time as the tie finished 1-1. With extra-time being played between the two sides Mayo grabbed two crucial goals to win the tie, Amy Rose Shanahan netted her second in that extra period.

It was also a defeat for the U15 Boys in the National Bowl Final, as they suffered a 2-0 defeat to Limerick Desmond.

KILLARNEY CELTIC CROWNED U12 GIRLS DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Killarney Celtic U12 Girls came out on the right side of a tight contest in Celtic Park last Monday evening as they defeated St Brendans Park 1-0.

A very early Leah Mannix goal after an excellent cross from Mia Cox gave Celtic the lead and despite a number of good goal attempts by Mia Cox, Niamh O Leary and Leah Mannix the score remained at 1-0.

Celtic had the majority of possession in the second half, but a long ball over the top by St Brendan's Park in the last minute of the game gave them a perfect chance to equalise only for the heroics of Olga Kumor in goal for Killarney stopped the game going to extra time.

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- LADIES

THE GLENEAGLE HOTEL MIXED FOURSOME - KILLARNEY CUPS, 16TH MAY 2024 ON MAHONY'S POINT

Overall, Winner: Kay O'Connor & Donal G O'Sullivan, (12) 38pts

2nd: Nicola O'Mahony & Finbarr O'Mahony (14) 38pts

3rd: Kathleen Brosnan & Brendan Brosnan (21) 37pts

FIXTURES

Next Fixture will be 25th May 2024 Aherns.ie Australian Spoons Qualifier on Mahony's Point. Calor Gas Cork Golf Club Exchange 26th May 2024 team of Two.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

COMPETITION RESULTS

18H Stableford

1. Nuala Ward

2. Helen Healy

9H Stableford

1. Catherine Woods

2. Margaret Crowley

No mixed scramble or social golf this week due to course maintenance.

SPRING LEAGUE

All first round matches to be completed by June 1st.

GET INTO GOLF

The Get Into Golf 8 week programme will begin on Monday 27th May from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Cost is €70. Contact Kieran 087 2748777.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

EXCHANGE DAY with Castlerosse on Saturday 25th May. 9 hole Scramble. Meet for 10.00am tee off at 10.30am.

RESULTS 9 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD SATURDAY 18TH MAY

Winner was Maureen Beecher Crowley. 2nd Jennifer Nash. Well done and thanks to all who took part.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.30am tee off 11.00am. All members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

2ND ROUND GOLFER OF THE YEAR was held on the 18th and 19th May kindly and generously sponsored by Great Southern Hotel. Congratulations to the prizewinners.

1st: Hannah Moynihan (30) 72nett

2nd: Eimear McShortall (43) 77nett

3rd: Marian Kerrisk (26) 77nett

BEST WISHES to the Beaufort Ladies who are taking part in the Revive Active Munster Fourball against Killarney Golf Club on Saturday 25th May in the evening time. 3 matches in Killarney and 2 matches in Beaufort starting from 4pm onwards. All support would be



The two St Brendans College Killarney teams who were prizewinners this year in both the Munster and National Secondary Schools events and received their prizes last Friday after the National event in Hillview, Clonmel, Co Tipperary. L to R: Ben Kelliher (Capt), Brian McCarthy and Nathan Cronin (Munster and National Winners), Ronan Bennett, Fintan Martin and Robbie Harnett (Munster runners-up and National third place finishers).

greatly appreciated.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (MENS)

RESULTS FROM BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB FOR 18TH & 19TH MAY

Yellow Tees

1st: Michael Gerard O'Sullivan (17) - 36pts

2nd: Paudie O'Shea (14) - 35pts

White Tees

1st: Dan O'Connor (16) - 39pts

2nd: Niall Thompson (18) - 36pts

3rd: Alan Smith (16) - 34pts

UPCOMING FIXTURE

26th May - Exchange Day with Dooks GC. (Note the early opening and closing of the timesheet for the exchange day)

ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

RESULTS

May 18th & 19th, the Sahara Cup Stableford competition

The winners were :-

1st: Tadgh Gallivan (16) 38

2nd: Tony Lenihan (16) 37

Division 1

1st: Simon Gallivan (0) 35

2nd: Renaldas Bendikas (7) 34

Division 2

1st: Cian O Mahony (17) 35

2nd: Cormac O Donoghue (13) 2

Division 3

1st: Neilie Carroll (31) 32

2nd: Alius Brazeitis (31) 25

On May 9th our Seniors Weekly 9 hole competition winners were:-

1st: Pat Mitchell

2nd: Sean Hickey

3rd: Andy Cole

On May 16th our Seniors Weekly 9 hole competition winners were:-

1st: Mike Gorman

2nd: Maurice Coffey

3rd: John Ivory

FIXTURES

On May 25th & 26th we will hold a stableford competition kindly sponsored by CK Decorators.

CLUB MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The draw for the Killarney Medal & Trophy Centre club match play championship has been

made. The draw and rules, etc are available on the noticeboard in the Gents Locker Room. All first round matches must be played by June 16th.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Vice Captain Peter Wickham on his recent brilliant hole in one on the 12th hole in O'Mahony's Point. Well done.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mike Casey, Jonathan (Past Captain), Leo and the Casey Family on the recent passing of his wife and their mother, Charlotte Casey. R.I.P.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to Cormac and Timmy O'Donoghue and the O'Donoghue Family on the recent passing of their brother, Caoimhin O'Donoghue R.I.P.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

CLUB STROKEPLAY

Sponsored by Charlie Foleys Bar we thank everyone who took part in this year's event. Congratulations to Niall O'Loughlin on being this year's Ian O'Leary Memorial Shield Winner. Results: Overall Nett: Niall O'Loughlin 86, Overall Gross: John McGrath 94, Second Nett: Bobby Kelly 88 (B18), Ladies Nett: Eileen McCarthy 90, +3-7.4 Nett: Kieran Fitzpatrick 88 and 7.5-16 Nett: Mark O'Shea 91. Presentation of these prizes will take place in early July at our Chairman's Prize event.

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS EVENT

Our Congratulations to St Brendans College on making it three-in-a-row in the National Secondary Schools Finals in Hillview last Friday. It was a new winning team this year in the form of Ben Kelliher (Capt), Brian McCarthy and Nathan Cronin as they made it a Munster and National double following their Munster win in Fermoy two weeks earlier. There was consolation for the winners of the last two years in Robbie Harnett and Fintan Martin in finishing third last Friday alongside Ronan Bennett after being second in the Munsters themselves. The three other Sem teams involved on the finished between 12th and 14th place respectively. Our thanks once more to St Brendans for continuing to facilitate club members playing in these events. The fruits of a lot of labour are starting to be seen in the performances.

WEDNESDAY COMPETITIONS

We started these on May 8th last and have

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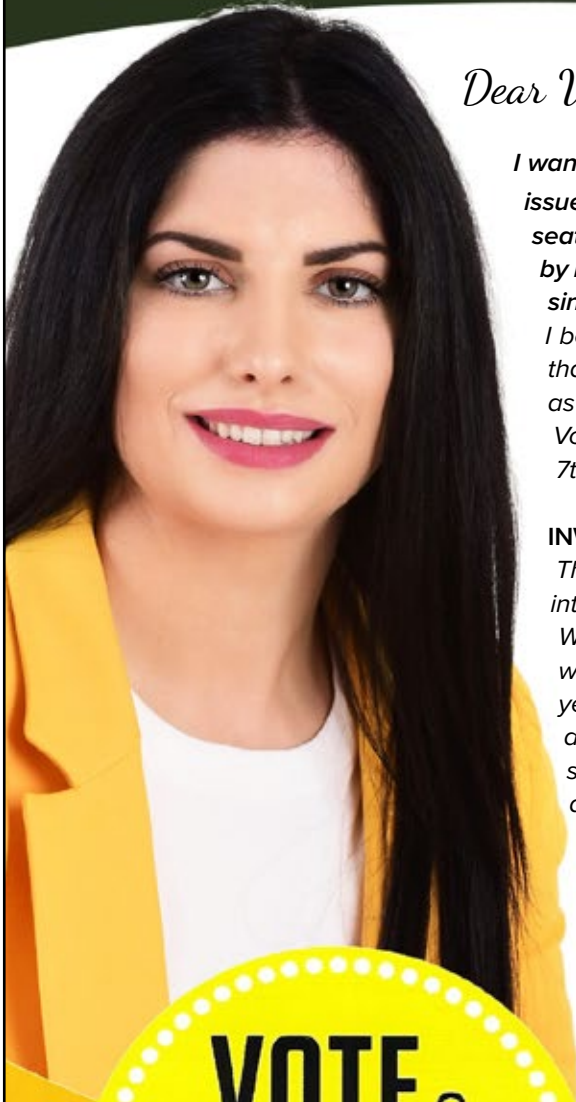
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I believe I have the experience to deal with the many challenging issues that face this area. Please don't be led to believe that I have a safe seat as no seat is safe until you are sitting on it in Kerry Co Council and the only Vote that counts is the Vote that you put into the ballot box on Friday the 7th of June.

INWARD MIGRATION CONTROL

The massive influx of inward migration of refugees and asylum seekers into our towns has resulted in lack of Medical, Educational and Social Welfare Services, impacted on availability of Housing for people who are waiting on a housing list for many years, in fact some are waiting up to 15 years in Killarney. It is more attractive for landlords to rent to Ukrainians as they get €800 a month tax free, I believe the same concessions should be given to all who want to rent a home, we don't even have a homeless centre now in Killarney to accommodate people who cannot get a house. In a recent notice of motion I have called on the Government to discontinue the policy of using tourist accommodation to house refugees and asylum seekers as this policy has resulted in less footfall in our towns and villages and in turn less revenue for businesses, 37% of hospitality beds are being taken out of availability, many restaurants, cafes and pubs have already closed



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had the following results- May 8th- Two Ball Scramble- Nett: Bobby Kelly & Jason O'Connor 33 and Gross: Connie O'Sullivan Jnr & Luke Doolan 45. May 15th- Fourball Betterball- Nett: Margaret C Looney and Niall O'Loughlin 40½. We will continue these at 7pm for the month of May. Open to club members aged 14 or over. Entry €4 per player with an optional €1 fee for a Hole-In-One.

MUNSTER STROKEPLAY (ADULT)

Entries for these events must be received and paid for (€15) by next Monday May 27th in the clubhouse at 7.30pm to meet Pitch & Putt Ireland Office deadline.



Photograph of the winning teams and category winners in the M D O'Shea Spring League at the Ross GC are :-

Front (l to r): Alan Flynn, John Cuskelly, Johnny Brosnan Captain, Damian Greer, Winning team captain, Mike O'Shea, Sponsor, Oliver McCarthy, Seamus McCarthy.

Back (l to r): Cian O'Mahony, MJ Casey, Lucas Cronin, Darren Gaffey, Tony Lenihan, Dan Cronin, Thomas Horan, Anthony O'Mahony



Helen Prendergast Club President (left) and Kate O'Leary Lady Captain presenting the first prize in the Dan Horan sponsored Mixed Fourball to winners Maureen Creedon and Joe Geaney (back from left) Tommy Galvin and Mary O'Rourke 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Kate O'Leary Lady Captain presenting the first prize in the Single Stableford Ladies competition sponsored by Killarney Park to Nancy Creedon who accepted the winners prize for her Mother Joanne with (from left) Helen Prendergast Club President, Maureen Creedon 3rd, Sinead O'Shea 2nd and Josephine O'Sullivan 5th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John O'Mahony Captain presenting the prizes in the Aghadoo Heights Hotel Single Matchplay qualifier to winners Luke McCan, Sean Daly and Brian Horgan with Helen Prendergast Club President at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club recently. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Kate O'Leary Lady Captain presenting the first prize in the Single Stableford Ladies competition sponsored by Tim Jones Butchers to winner Carmel O'Brien with Helen Prendergast Club President (back from left) Lorna O'Leary 2nd, Sharon Ormonde 3rd and Susan Graham 3rd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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Timmy O'Donoghue Killarney Brewery and Distilling Company presenting the winning prizes of the Killarney Brewery and Distilling Company Men's Competition to winner's Sean Daly and David Harnett with Helen Prendergast Club President and John O'Mahony Captain at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John O'Mahony Captain presenting the first prize in the O'Donoghue Ring Men's competition to (left) Michael Quirke (Overall winner Blue Tees) and Maurice O'Meara (winner White Tees) with Helen Prendergast Club President (back left) Brian Regan (overall 2nd Blue Tee's and Ryan Kelliher (Overall 3rd Blue Tees) at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Mark Heinemann Killarney Golf Club Golf Professional presenting first prize in the Professional's Single Stableford Ladies competition to winner Bernie Galvin with Helen Prendergast Club President, Kate O'Leary Lady Capatin (back from left) Mary Cronin 3rd, Sinead Galvin 2nd, Ann Moynihan Best Gross, Sharon Ormonde 4th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Mark Heinemann Killarney Golf Club Golf Professional presenting the prizes in the Professional's Men's competition to winners John English, Paul O'Donoghue and Peter Walsh with Helen Prendergast Club President and John O'Mahony Captain at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Helen Prendergast Club President (left) and Kate O'Leary Lady Captain presenting the winners of the Gleneagle Mixed Foursomes Donal G O'Sullivan and Kay O'Connor with the Killarney Cups (back from left) Nicola O'Mahony 2nd, Brendan and Kathleen Brosnan 3rd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



John O'Mahony Captain presenting the prizes in the Educate.ie Men's competition to winners Maurice McCarthy, Brian Horgan (back left) Gerard Horgan and Pat Kelleher with Helen Prendergast Club President at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club recently. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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CLLR. MAURA HEALY RAE raised the following by way of a notice of motion at the meeting on Monday 20th May asking that Kerry Co Council write to the TII, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Local Government requesting that the current blanket policy be lifted where all planning applications along national primary and national secondary roadways exiting from existing entrances are not being considered, this is a long running saga emanating from Fine Gael introduced policy

over 10 years ago. It has directly resulted in numerous planning applications being refused and even considered at pre planning stage. It is particularly acute in the Killarney MD given the amount of national roadway surrounding the area with the N22, N71 and N72. It is non-sensical that where an individual is living at home and using an existing entrance, can't be considered to build their own house and use existing entrance they are already using.

How the TII can quantify this as additional traffic is preposterous. Given we are in a housing crisis, given all the challenges surrounding planning, given exorbitant house prices and the lack of affordable housing- it is ludicrous that this is a reason people are being refused planning Cllr Maura Healy Rae states, I have raised this issues several times as has Deputy Danny Healy-Rae in Dáil Éireann. The government have failed to act in a positive way in this regard.

Cllr. Martin Grady

That we Killarney MD would write to the National Parks and Wildlife Services requesting that signs be erected within Killarney National Park asking cyclists and pedestrians to keep left on the roads and pathways, as there have been a number of near misses.

Reply: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

This Motion was past at a recent Killarney Municipal District Meeting by Independent Cllr. Martin Grady. As summer session is approaching the activity in the National Park and its trails will increase, its great to see people enjoying to outdoors and what Killarney has to offer, but with the volume of bikes and e scooters in the Park and the speed in which



they travel, it can be dangerous, a motion was past to erect signs within the National Park asking pedestrians and cyclists to keep left when using the trails and pathways, hopefully this will give direction and safety to those enjoying the outdoors.





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 "This increase will see 8 buses a day leaving Waterville with 4 going as

far as Killorglin and 4 continuing up to Killarney. This is fantastic news on a route that is showing much increased usage. In fact, I have been informed by constituents of occasions when it was not possible to avail of the service due to increased numbers and all seats been taken up. I am aware of a number of occasions when members of the public were left stranded. This should solve that and ensure that there will be no more disappointed day trippers" said Councillor Cahill.
 "My idea of a Hop On Hop Off bus service for the N70 Ring of Kerry route is taking shape and it will be a fabulous facility for visitors and locals alike" added Councillor Cahill.

Soaring rents in Kerry shows government housing plan is failing

Senator Paul Gavan



Sinn Féin candidate for Ireland South for the European elections Senator Paul Gavan has said soaring rents in Kerry shows local communities have been failed by the government's disastrous housing policy. Senator Gavan said it's time for a change of government to get to grips with the housing crisis. The latest Daft.ie rent report shows rents in Kerry rising by 4.1% in the last year to an average of €1,304 per month. Senator Gavan said:
 "The latest Daft.ie rent report shows rents continuing to spiral upwards. Average new rents in Kerry are now €1,304 per month. This is an increase of 4.1% in the last year. These are totally unaffordable prices. People are pushed to the pin of their collar and simply cannot afford these eye watering increases.
 "What all of this shows is that the government's housing plan is not working and people in Kerry are paying the price.
 "Every day that Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael remain in office, the worse things are getting. Yet to listen to European election candidates for the government, you wouldn't even

know there was a housing crisis causing misery across Kerry.
 "Seán Kelly and other government MEPS and European Election candidates need to be clear with people- how can they defend their party's role in overseeing the housing crisis? How can they justify the total disaster that is government housing policy?
 "Sinn Féin has a plan to get to grips with the housing crisis. Our plan would ensure workers and families on ordinary incomes can rent or buy genuinely affordable homes.
 "Our plan would put in place a ban on rent increases for all tenants, put a full month's rent back into every private renter's pocket, and deliver a dramatic increase and acceleration in the delivery of social, affordable rental and affordable purchase homes.
 "Voting for Sinn Féin on 7th June is the first step in getting this disastrous government out of office. A vote for Sinn Féin is a vote for change."



Application for Funding for DISABILITY TOILETS AT KILLARNEY LIBRARY



Following a notice of motion that Cllr. Marie Moloney tabled at a meeting of Kerry County Council with regard to the provision of proper toilet facilities for people with disabilities at Killarney Library, I am glad to report that application has been made for funding to the Department. As soon as the funding is approved, work will commence on the provision of Disabled Toilet Facilities.
 "While ramps are installed for accessibility, It is unacceptable

that any public building be without disabled toilet facilities in this day and age", Cllr. Moloney told Killarney Outlook. "I am aware of a number of people with a disability who constantly use the services of the Library and are very happy with the staff and the services that Killarney Library offers but are disappointed at the lack of disabled toilets. I will be keeping the pressure on to have these facilities provided as soon as possible", she added.



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Cllr **Marie MOLONEY** COOLICK, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

Since I left school, I have always been a community activist and have continued ever since be it my voluntary work or my political work.

My first priority will always be to help people in whatever way I can to make life better and easier for them. Many only need advice, others assistance and I do my best to be available to the public at all times.

I have a deep love of my town, my community and pride in my county. I do whatever I can as a Local Councillor to enhance peoples' lives and to enhance our community. It will always be a priority to make educated decisions when it comes to voting on issues that will affect our people and communities.

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- Kerry County Council Housing SPC committee
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- Secretary of the South of Ireland Bridge Congress

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Important day for Palestine; Proud day for Ireland - MEP Kelleher

EU must return to its role as honest broker in conflict

"Today is an important day for the people of Palestine and a proud day for Ireland," said Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher as the Irish Government confirmed it would recognise the State of Palestine on May 28th.

"Symbolism matters in politics and in diplomacy. There will be people who dismiss this action by the Irish Government, but it is an important statement of Ireland's convictions and its independence as a sovereign nation. "The Irish people have long held the cause and the plight of the Palestinian people close to their hearts. Our people don't need to look too far back into our history to know what oppression looks and feels like. "In 2018, I visited the West Bank. I saw what Israeli occupation looked like. It was and remains both an outrage and a violation of international law and morality.

"Ireland can rightly be proud of its decision today. I am proud of the role

my party, and in particular the role of our party leader, and Tánaiste, Micheál Martin, has played in bringing this decision about.

"Israel has a right to exist and defend itself. However, it cannot have a veto over a future Two-State solution. Hamas is a terrorist organisation and must release all hostages. International law must be adhered to. These are all non-negotiable.

"For years, I have called for the EU to go back to being an honest broker in this conflict. The response of President Von Der Leyen last year was not acceptable. The EU must come to the table with solutions and not empty rhetoric. All EU member states should follow the lead of Ireland, Norway and Spain and recognise the State of Palestine. "I look forward to Ireland continuing to lead on a European stage on the issue of a peaceful settlement between Palestine and Israel," concluded Kelleher.

LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE RAISED BY CLLR. GRADY

Independent Cllr. Martin Grady has raised the issue at previous meetings regarding the lack of infrastructure at Barraduff and Pairc Chuimin Killcummin, permission was granted for needed housing developments in both areas however this was granted and build without any consideration for those walking to Mass, Shops or Schools, there's no footpaths or lighting in place, this should be completed before a block is laid, residents safety must come first, Madames Hill is no different, its Ludacris to have people walking out on a live road this day and age these aren't small bohereens, these are roads with cars travelling



at high speeds and carrying large volumes of traffic. I also past motions seeking a bus shelter in Barraduff along with a playground, we are lacking youth amenities in our villages and in Killarney town.

BALLYSPILLANE DESERVES BETTER

A candidate in the forthcoming local elections has said that the Ballyspillane district in Killarney is being neglected, after local residents rallied against nightly bonfires affecting the Hazelwood and Ballyspillane areas. Caroline Kenneally, who grew up in the estate and is contesting next month's local election in Killarney for Sinn Féin, said that local residents have been in touch with the party's Tralee-based councillors for guidance and assistance. 'We are being told that bonfires are being lit regularly in the area, which is unacceptable, not just for the criminal and physical damage inflicted, but also the environmental damage due to air pollution from toxic smoke. Kenneally continued: 'it is important for us to address this issue and as a candidate, I will be on the ground locally to meet with residents and hopefully to speak with the people involved in setting these fires to listen to their grievances.'

Caroline said: 'the Ballyspillane Family Resource Centre, which was established in 2004, has been central to delivering valuable support initiatives under the Family & Community Services FRC National Programme. As a Ballyspillane native, I fully understand the issues at play and believe the centre, along with the residents and local businesses, have an important role to play in reducing this type of anti-social behaviour.' She concluded: 'in 2018 we were promised that a CCTV system would be installed as part of a wider plan to reduce anti-social behaviour. However, almost six years later, we are still waiting for it to be delivered.' The local election candidate has said that elected or not, she will seek a meeting with the local authority, An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders, to discuss future funding for the area.

Request for provision of speed ramps on Mill Road

Cllr. Brendan Cronin has requested Kerry County councils roads Department to provide speed ramps as a matter of urgency on the Mill Road, Killarney as numerous residents have expressed their serious concerns with the speed of traffic and the constant danger trying to exit from their homes. The fact that the Mill Road is increasingly being used as a short cut from Ballycasheen to Muckcross with a huge volume of through traffic avoiding the town centre has now made the road extremely busy and very dangerous for local residents. It is imperative that the council install speed ramps for road safety as existing road signs and markings are being completely ignored and residents are fearful that it is only a matter of time before there will be a serious accident."



Caroline Kenneally, one of two Sinn Féin candidates contesting the local election in Killarney



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IT'S ALL TO PLAY FOR IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS



Seventy-seven candidates, a huge number, go forward for the local elections 2024 in this county on June 7th. And with several big vote getters, the big beasts across Killarney Tralee and Listowel out of the picture this time, it is difficult to predict outcomes for the new 33-member Kerry County Council.

By Anne Lucey

What can be said with confidence is the count in Killarney - where the ballots from Kenmare and Killarney will be sorted - will run into a third day. We are unlikely to see anything beyond a first count on Saturday June 8th, according to veteran observers.

It could be a similar pattern in Tralee.

A massive 17 candidates are competing for seven seats in Killarney where ten candidates ran in 2019. In Kenmare, there are sixteen candidates for six seats, five more than in 2019.

Seventeen are running for seven seats in Tralee.

What does it all mean? A few months ago I would have predicted sitting Killarney councillors - they include two co-options - would all be returned.

This is now in doubt. Killarney is unique in Kerry as it has more independents than party people, so the machines are very personality driven. But new independents with their own high profiles, particularly in the large Ukrainian and Bangladeshi communities have now emerged. As for the parties, Fine Gael failed to retain its seat last time round in Killarney with John Sheahan losing out to Marie Moloney of Labour. Fianna Fail failed to take a second seat. This time FF is running one candidate, sitting mayor Niall Kelleher. Fine Gael is running a mature well known figure in Dermot Healy.

Sinn Féin failed to take a seat in 2019. Will Sinn Féin with two candidates succeed this time? Registrations have soared in Killarney and to me that indicates the Bangladeshi and Ukrainian community are rocking up. Candidates also tell me dozens of others, Irish and non-Irish have registered. But who will they vote for? The big questions for Kerry 2024 is how the immigrant vote will pan out, and where their transfers will go.

The other big question is will the three Healy-Raes repeat their astonishing 2019 performances? Although their seats are certain, it would be extraordinary even for the Raes to bring home the same over-quota vote

with so many in the field. Remember too, the anti-establishment feeling once captured by the Raes is no longer their sole prerogative. The other big question for Kerry County Council 2024 is the Greens: Killarney elected the first Green councillor in Ireland in 1985. We have a different Green party and a different Killarney today. Can they do it 40 years on? They are up against huge rural opposition. But the Green party has strong candidates. Corca Dhuibhne sees fluent Irish speaker Dr Peadar O'Fionnain, the son of Nóirín and the late much loved Dr Micheál. Dr Peadar has to be in with a chance. The very energetic and active Cleo Murphy, former journalist who came near taking a seat for the Greens last time in Kenmare is also very much in the running. Especially with her Fine Gael family background and with Scarteen pulling out. Tralee also historically elected a Green and I could see Anluan Dunne shaking a seat there.

In Tralee the big interest is on the Sinn Féin strategy of four candidates - a strategy that rarely if ever worked for Fianna Fáil. SF failed to elect a third candidate in Tralee in 2019 and that was when they had a racing certainty and huge vote getter in Toireasa Ferris and an established Pa Daly. Toireasa has left the pitch entirely. And Pa is in the Dáil. Fianna Fail poll topper Norma Foley is also out of the local race in Tralee. Can Thomas McEllistrim with his strong Republican and Fianna Fail roots as an independent pick up the disaffected SF and FF vote?

I will also be watching the National Party in Tralee. We now know the National Party are as well if not better able to wave around the tricolour as Sinn Féin and as Fianna Fail once did. They are running a clean cut candidate, Jacob Sweeney. Could the slide in the SF vote among republicans nationally translate to the National Party and the strong republican feeling in Tralee?

Just 19 candidates in 2024 in Kerry are women.

In Listowel the big question is what will happen now that Aoife Thornton has pulled out.

She topped the poll for Fine Gael in 2019 and it is difficult to see an equal vote getter in Listowel 2024.

In Castleisland, I will be intrigued to see if another woman, Michelle Keane, with a high social media profile, and an out-spoken approach succeeds. Can Michelle's attacks really knock the socks off Jackie Healy-Rae and Fine Gael's long-standing Bobby O'Connell? Nearly every party in the State is represented: Aontú, The National Party, The Green Party, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, Labour, the Irish People Party, the Kerry Independent Alliance, The Social Democrats, The Party for Animal Welfare and Sinn Féin.

As we go to press, preliminary figures for those registered to vote suggest a substantial rise where there are high numbers of Ukrainians. In Killarney the numbers of those now on the register of electors has risen from 20,864 to 22,464, an increase of 1,600.

(The quota in 2019 was 1,584).

In 2019, Kenmare had 21,813 electors and the latest figures now are at 23,078. *It's all to play for.*

KILLARNEY LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA

- Abdul Kadir, Kamaruzzaman (Non-Party)*
- Cronin, Brendan (Non-Party)*
- Grady, Martin (Non-Party)*
- Griffin, Diarmaid (Green Party)*
- Healy, Dermot (Fine Gael)*
- Healy-Rae, Maura (Non-Party)*
- Kelleher, Niall (Fianna Fáil)*
- Kenneally, Caroline (Sinn Féin)*
- Krasnenkova, Natalia (Non-Party)*
- Leen, William (Non-Party)*
- Mahmud, Iqbal (Non-Party)*
- McGuckin, Diarmuid (Non-Party)*
- Moloney, Marie (Labour)*
- O'Callaghan, Niall Botty (Non-Party)*
- O'Connor, Alan (The Irish People)*
- O'Donoghue, John (Kerry Independent Alliance)*
- Switzer, Damien (Sinn Féin)*

THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN KERRY

In a week where a national survey told us that we needed 250,000 plus houses to be built in Ireland, Kerry County Council have finally decided to listen to their elected representatives and the public in general in relation to the affordable housing crisis in Kerry.

The Housing Commission has called for a "radical strategic reset of housing policy" as it is estimated that there is a housing deficit in Ireland of up to 256,000 homes. This information was provided by an expert body which was established as part of the Programme for Government to examine housing issues, such as supply. Meanwhile Kerry County Council have published a survey online to determine interest in an Affordable Housing Scheme in the towns of Tralee and Killarney.

On a social media post on Thursday Kerry County Council posted the survey asking followers

Are you interested in affordable housing?

There were many comments under the post:

One follower said:

What's the point of a fecking survey??? Another way to waste taxpayers money! There's a housing shortage, it's a well known fact. Just build the houses and stop the nonsense.

While another asked:

Who would NOT BE INTRESTED in affordable housing?????

However many followers also questioned why it was just affordable housing in Killarney and Tralee when the crisis is countywide.

The survey included a link for local authority homes loans under the Affordable Purchase Scheme in which local authorities will make newly built homes available at a reduced price for first-time and other eligible buyers who cannot afford to purchase a home at its open market value with a maximum mortgage and 10% deposit.

The local authority will take a percentage equity share in your home equal to the difference between the open market value of the home and

the reduced price paid. This means that if you buy a home at a 20% reduction on the open market value, the local authority will have a 20% equity share in your home.

Killarney Outlook contacted Kerry County Council to see how many newly built homes have been made available by Kerry County Council to those seeking housing through this scheme in the last five years in the county.

At the time of going to print three days after the question was put to the council, there was no reply.

SURVEY DETAILS:

The Government's 'Housing for All' Action Plan includes an objective for Local Authorities, working with delivery partners, to plan and provide affordable homes. Such homes would be available at a reduced price, with the Local Authority taking an equity stake equivalent to the reduction from the prevailing market price for the property (up to 30%). Purchasers could buy out the equity if desired, or the Local Authority will redeem it, should the home be sold or transferred. Affordable Housing Schemes will be aimed at First Time Buyers (never owned a home) and Fresh Start Buyers (divorced or separated with no interest in the family home or has undergone insolvency proceedings) in areas where there is an identified

housing demand and an affordability constraint. Kerry County Council wishes to gauge the public's interest in affordable housing in the towns of Tralee and Killarney initially.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This survey is for the purpose of gathering information and determining potential levels of interest in affordable housing in the towns of Tralee and Killarney. The survey will remain open until June 14th, 2024 at 5pm.

There will not be any follow-up correspondence to you individually if you submit a completed survey. Completion of the survey does not imply eligibility or convey approval to any future affordable housing scheme operated by Kerry County Council.

If an affordable housing scheme is offered by Kerry County Council, a separate detailed application process will be initiated, and applications will be assessed based on a Scheme of Priority.

Should an affordable housing scheme be advertised by Kerry County Council at some stage in the future, applicants who are deemed to meet the scheme criteria, will have the option to apply for a loan with a private lending institution, or apply for a Local Authority Home Loan (income limits and eligibility criteria will apply). Successful applicants will enter into an Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangement (ADPA) with the Local Authority.

For more information on affordable housing, please see: <https://affordablehomes.ie/>

For information on Local Authority Home Loans, please see: <http://localauthorityhomeloan.ie/>

The survey can be accessed on Kerry County Council Facebook page and on their website: www.kerrycoco.ie.

IN THIS WEEK'S KILLARNEY OUTLOOK WE ASKED THE SEVEN SITTING COUNILLORS IN THE KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AREA THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Did you as a sitting Councillor ask Kerry County Council management to build affordable homes in Kerry during your time in office?

What was Kerry County Council's Reply?

HERE IS THEIR REPLY...

CLLR. BRENDAN CRONIN

"To answer your question yes I have asked KCC to provide affordable housing in Killarney and also to provide affordable sites on Council owned lands so people could build their own house as was done previously by the council in Firies where serviced sites were made available at €10,000 each.

Following an online meeting this week with Minister Darragh O'Brien, involving senior council management and elected representatives from



each Municipal District, I raised the serious matter of the lack of social and affordable housing once again in Killarney.

Minister O'Brien confirmed that the Land Development Agency will be meeting next week with the county manager Moira Murrell and KCC director of housing Martin o Donoghue to discuss options for housing on publicly owned lands in Kerry for potential social and affordable housing developments, and in particular all HSE owned lands and property in Killarney.

I welcome this meeting as I have been continuously pushing for the Land Development Agency and KCC to engage and examine suitable sites to deliver social and affordable housing in our municipal district."

CLLR. NIALL BOTTY O'CALLAGHAN

"I have spoken to the council every week in relation to houses in the Municipal district. I have made representations to our housing officer to keep pushing the Minister to buy all the houses in the project near Ballyspillane which would be 250 roughly. I was also on a call with the minister last week where I supported a call for the use of st Finian's land for housing. There are 2 more projects on the bye pass that might deliver more housing. Housing in Killarney is a huge issue and young people are struggling. When asked if he received any favourable reply from the council he said Just from our meeting last Friday with the housing minister I feel a bit positive that these much needed houses are progressing. This time last year the pipeline for houses in Killarney was bleak but now I can see some projects coming to fruition. It's really needed."



CLLR. MARIE MOLONEY



"I have on numerous occasions raised this issue. Even at this week's meeting I again spoke on the issue. Travelling around the constituency I have met with a lot of young couples who are trying to find a house to purchase within their budget but this is not easy in Killarney Town in particular nor indeed around the Municipal District. Their income is too high for Social Housing but not enough to get a mortgage to meet Killarney prices.

The Affordable Housing scheme would be ideal for these couples.

I had the provision of affordable Housing on the agenda again as late as the May meeting of KMD

Clr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would confirm the provision of affordable housing from the Part 5 of the development at Cronin's Wood.

Reply: Planning permission has been granted for the development in Cronin's Wood, Killarney. This development includes for the construction of 249 dwellings and associated site works at Upper Park Road. A 'Part V Condition' forms part of the planning permission as granted. This Condition requires the applicant to enter into an agreement with Kerry County Council in relation to the provision of social housing, in accordance with Section 96 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This Condition imposes an obligation

to have a Section 96 Agreement in place prior to commencement or within an agreed period. Any such agreement must be consistent with the Housing Strategy."

Negotiations on the Part V element of this scheme are currently ongoing. The Part V element will be social housing. Given that commercial negotiations are ongoing, we are not in a position to comment further at this stage.

CLLR. MARTIN GRADY



"Yes, I have regularly spoken about the housing issue in Kerry at the council meetings.

The crisis is out of control and I am hearing it on the doorsteps.

There are families that are falling between two stools, they are earning too much to qualify for social housing but aren't earning enough to purchase a house with the rising cost of property. Those working are penalised, they struggle to save a deposit for a mortgage because of the increased cost of living.

My father, Donal Grady was a huge advocate of affordable housing during his time on Kerry County Council and I will ensure to follow in his footsteps to do my best to get the council to build affordable housing for the people of Killarney."

CLLR MAURA HEALY-RAE



"I have on a number of occasions asked Kerry County Council about Affordable Housing in Kerry. In July 2022 I asked if Kerry is included in the Affordable Homes Scheme and how many affordable houses will be available between 2022 and 2027.

Their reply on that occasion was to say that the Government has a number of Actions within the Housing for All Strategy in the area of Affordable Housing."

I raised the issue again in 2023 and in 2024 and this week received this reply:

The council has been working on the preparation of, and shaping of, an initial business case on Affordable Housing for submission to the Department for access to relevant funding. The initial business case will focus on the towns of Tralee and Killarney. As part of this process an initial public sounding of potential interest is necessary. The on-line survey is now gone live and available through the Council website and will remain open for the responses until 5th on Friday 14th June 2024.

I have consistently raised the nonsensical saga of St. Finian's building and land lying idle when it could be put to good use in providing both social and affordable housing.

CLLR. JOHN O'DONOGHUE



"I, as I'm sure all councillors have, have asked the Council about the provision of affordable housing in Killarney. The reply is generally the same, citing the pressures facing housing in Killarney due to a lack of available green space and the price of land suitable for development in the area. I

accept that the Council's hands are somewhat tied in the sense that they need to be provided with the funding from central Government in order to proceed with housing, and that is why very often we will ask that the necessary funding be provided to Local Authorities to build more homes.

As it stands, the Affordable Housing Scheme sounds great in principle but there simply aren't enough homes of any description available here in Killarney. I am keeping pressure on the Council to ensure that a certain percentage of the new development at Cronin's Wood will be available under the Affordable Housing scheme and I sincerely hope that when finished, the developer will not be allowed to pay a bond in order to avoid making these available. This has happened far too often in the past which would suggest that the penalties involved for not fulfilling your obligations are not high enough to ensure original agreements are honoured.

It truly is a shame to think that in this country, couples who are both working cannot afford a mortgage and I firmly believe it is a large part of the reason so many young people leave these shores for pastures new. The Government has ramped up housing plans in recent months and this is very welcome, but it

needs to be continued and extended further still in order to help alleviate the housing crisis. Years of abandoning Housing to the Private sector has resulted in us being in this situation, and it is important that the Government, and by extension Local Authorities take a more active role in providing new housing."

CLLR. NIALL KELLEHER



"Currently Kerry Council are working on the preparation of, and shaping of, an initial business case on Affordable Housing for submission to the Department for access

to relevant funding in the initial step to developing an affordable housing scheme for Killarney and Tralee. The local authority in conjunction with local builders need to develop

a strategic affordable site in Killarney now. Many plans for sites are being developed at the moment and the local authority should be sitting down with these developers to ensure affordable well thought out schemes are developed. I held a public meeting on the 13th May last in the Killarney Plaza to inform the public on the current grants and structures in place to assist with the cost of affordable housing. We had guest speaker Senator Mary Fitzpatrick present a presentation in relation to Affordable Housing, First Time Buyers Grants, Vacant Property Grants, Local Authority Home Loans etc. If elected on June 7TH I will continue to be a strong voice around housing and communicate with the council on every given opportunity to ensure Affordable housing is at the top of their priorities."





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WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB - Lee Regatta.

A big thank you to all who took part over the weekend in the Lee Regatta, Cork.

Back Row L-R: Ross McCarthy, Finn O'Neill, Zac Donaldson, Divo Lucic Kovacevic, Mary Burns, Siobhan Donaldson, Geraldine O'Neil, Carol Mannix, Ivor Prudnikovaite, Anthony McCarthy.

Front Row L-R: Paula Prudnikovaite, Faye Mannix, Grace Mannix, Kayla Wharton, Amelie Counihan.



WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB - Lee Regatta Co Cork.

Grace Mannix, Paula Prudnikovaite, Kayla Wharton, Amelie Counihan, Faye Mannix.

WORKMENS ROWING CLUB NEWS

Summer has arrived with a bang. The fantastic weather over the weekend again allowed our crews to take part in the Lee Regatta in the Marina, Cork on Saturday last.

Well done to all our crews and coaches for their competitive efforts at the Lee Regatta this weekend in the Marina, Cork.

Our crews are preparing for the next regatta in Bantry on the Reendonegan Lake in Bantry on the 1st June next.

Training continues as usual for all members.

KILLARNEY RFC

AGM

Our AGM has been set for Wednesday the 29th of May next and will take place at Ross Products, located on Ross road, starting at 7:30pm. All welcome.

CLUB AWARDS – 6 NATIONS TROPHY

Our Club awards take place at Aghadoe this Sunday between 2 and 4pm and we will hold a bbq and have the 6 Nations Trophy present on the day for photos so be sure to pop up and spread the word.

TAG TUESDAYS

Our Tag Tuesdays kick off for the summer at Aghadoe next Tuesday the 28th at 7pm and new players very welcome. Remember no experience necessary and fun guaranteed. For details call Eoin on 087-2146126.

WELL DONE GIRLS

Well done to Eliza O'Sullivan, and Keelin O'Shea of our U16 girls squads and Fia Whelan, Ava O'Malley, Ella Guerin-Crowley and Emma Dunican of our U18 girls who were selected for Munster for the U16 and U18 Interprovincial 7's tournament taking place last weekend and next weekend in Dublin. Best of luck to the girls and congratulations on the selections.

GIVE IT A TRY

Our Girls only Give it a Try programme aimed at getting girls playing rugby runs every Tuesday at Aghadoe at 7pm and new players very welcome. For details simply come along or give Ger a call on 087-1240365.

FARRANFORE MAINE VALLEY

The senior county championships were held in Casleisland on the 12th

Natasha Myers was our standout performer winning the 200 metres and coming 2nd in the long jump with a new PB. She also finished 4th in the 400.

Niamh O'Shea also had a successful outing winning the discus and coming 2nd in the Shot Put with her father Sean coming 2nd in the Shot and 3rd in the Discus

The Munster Schools were held in Templemore on Saturday last

We had 5 athletes competing.

Ryan and Isaac Vickers representing St Brendans Killarney both won their 800 metres with Ryan adding the 100 and anchoring 4 x 100 relay to the gold also.

Kevin O'Shea was in outstanding form winning both discus and javelin where he set a new record adding 4 metres to the existing record that stood for 25 year.

Conor McCarthy running for Tralee CBS ran the U 16 mile and put in a great performance to finish 3rd.

Niamh O'Shea competing for Mercy Mounthawk was very unlucky in the discus where she finished 4th just 30 centimetres outside the bronze medal. Well done to all our athletes

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club competed in the John Dempsey Memorial Gala at UL on Sunday.

We had 10 medal winners, 28 Personal Bests and many first swims!

5 swimmers attended their very first gala!

RESULTS

Juan Avila Silver 100 Fly.

Daniel Cremin Gold 100 Back, Silver 100 breast, Bronze 100IM.

Emma Hallissey Bronze 50 Fly.

Beibhinn Kiely Silver 50 Free.

Lily Larkin Bronze 100 Fly.

Kyrylo Lutchenko Bronze 100 back & 100 Fly.

Ronan O'Leary Bronze 200 Free.

Well done to all our swimmers.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

LEE REGATTA

Last weekend, our crews competed in the annual Lee Sprint Regatta at the Cork city marina. The event is the latest to adopt a two-day format, with Masters events reserved for Sunday. On Saturday, the club had great success with four wins, eight second place finishes and another eight third place finishes. Congratulations to our winning crews and well done to everyone who competed. First place:



Killarney Swimming Club members who competed in the John Dempsey Memorial Gala at UL on Sunday.

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Mens J16 Double: Ronan Fahy, Cian Scannell (Final E); Men J16 Single: Ronan Fahy (Final A); Adiel Cazacu (Final B); Mens J14 Single: Aaron Hegarty (Final E). Second Place: Mens J16 Quad: Adiel Cazacu, Cian Scannell, Darragh Kavanagh, Diarmuid Moynihan (Final C); Mens J16 Double: Diarmuid Moynihan, Diarmuid Murphy (Final A); Nathan O'Connor, Adiel Cazacu (Final D). Mens J16 Single: Nathan O'Connor (Final E). Mens J14 Double: Aaron O'Connor, Aaron Hegarty (Final B); Mens J14 Single: Aaron O'Connor (Final C). Womens J15 Single: Reailtin O'Donoghue (Final C). Womens J14 Double: Miren O'Connor, Kate Dennehy (Final C). A full results round up can be found on our Facebook page.

DUBLIN METRO REGATTA

This Saturday, the club will have 14 of our Mens crews competing in the Dublin Metro Regatta in Blessington, the third of four Grand League regattas this season. Best of luck to all competing!

UPCOMING

antery Regatta, Sat Jun 1st, Reendonegan Lake; Munster Branch Regatta, Sat Jun 8th, NRC Farran; Cork Regatta, Sat Jun 22nd, NRC; Rowing Ireland 1km Classic, Sat Jun 29th, Lough Rynn; Killarney Regatta, Sun Jun 30th, O'Mahony's Point.



Killarney RFC U18'S who played in Dublin



Farranfore Maine valley athlete Conor McCarthy



Damon Murphy, a Faha national school student took two bronze medals in the men's artistic gymnastics finals last weekend in the national indoor arena Dublin. Damon trains at weekly at Douglas gymnastics club cork and also trains with his mum Hayley Murphy at Legacy Elite cheerleading & gymnastics (former scorchers) and with his dad Daniel at Flares gymnastics Killarney.

Damon took gold at the Kerry gymnastics community games and is currently training for the national finals in June in Kilkenn.



Farranfore Maine valley athlete Niamh O'Shea



Farranfore Maine valley athletes Ryan and Issac Vickers



Farranfore Maine valley athlete Kevin O'Shea

RED CARPET WELCOME HOME FOR ALICIA

Killarney Heights Hotel rolled out the carpet for the welcome home gathering for Alicia Heapes who competed at cheerleading worlds in the USA in the ICC cup division representing her club and country. Alicia represented Stuntworx Elite and Ireland and placed an impressive third place making history.

Alicia was given a warm welcome home from her club, family & friends, councillor Martin Grady, Mayor Niall Kelliher, photographer Seamus Healy & Baraduff village who are all very proud of her achievements.

Alicia would like to extend her thanks to all who supported her through her journey, her coaches and all sponsors.

Alicia is a member of Legacy Elite cheerleading & gymnastics club (former scorchers cheerleading) Killarney where she trains weekly with her coach Hayley Murphy. The club is over the moon with Alicia's achievement.



Alicia Heapes pictured with her fans, club team mates and family at her homecoming

FOSSA RC

Bless Their Boats on a Sunny Sunday

Last Sunday 19th May on beautiful sunny day, Fossa Rowing Club christened five new boats. The purchase of the boats was the result of years of work by different committees, fund raising support from the community, sports grant from Department of Sport and with local and national political support. It is a club tradition to name and bless the boats before they take to the water.

The boats were named after people that are special to the club, due to their contributions and their family's contributions to the club over many years – as oarswomen, oarsmen, officers, supporters and trainers.

The five boats were named Kathleen, Margaret, Maura, Nell and Raymond.

The Kathleen was named after the late Kathleen Fleming, Grenagh. The Fleming family have had a great involvement with the rowing club for many years and three of Kathleen's sons Michael, Liam and Jimmy were in the five in a row winning Senior crew in 1971. Michael went on to setup Killorglin Rowing Club. Liam remains heavily involved with Fossa Rowing Club and is currently a Vice President.

Kathleen O'Sullivan was a fantastic oarswoman for many years. She went onto to serve as a distinguished officer of the club, organising the successful Fashion Shows in the Hotel Europe for many years, and with her husband Teddy organising Golf Classic fundraisers for the club. Her son Tim won an All-Ireland Junior title

with the club in 1996. Kathleen Griffin has a very special involvement with the club through the Griffin and Allman families over many years. She is always a source of inspiration and positivity. Her family has been hugely successful in rowing, including many Coastal All Ireland titles in recent years.

The Margaret is named after Margaret Daly, although she started off rowing with Workmen and her husband Neilus rowed with Commercials – her children went on to row for Fossa and Margaret then was a huge supporter of the club, always centrally involved in regatta days. Between them her family has the one of the largest collections of rowing medals of any family from all the races they have won.

The Maura is named after Maura Talbot (a cousin of Margaret's) was part of the Fossa Senior Ladies Sixes winning crew of 1955. The Talbot family are one of the families heavily involved with the club since it began in 1893. Maura with her late husband Charlie continued that tradition of huge involvement and support of the club. That tradition continues on today through the next generations of the Talbot and O'Donoghue families.

The Nell is named after the late Nell O'Leary and her husband John were and are huge supporters of Fossa Rowing club and Killarney

Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa who blessed the five new boats 'Nell' in memory of Nellie Myers, Nell O'Leary and Nell Leahy with Sean, Margaret, Denis, Edmond and Aine Myers, Noreen, John and Billy O'Leary at the celebration and blessing of the five new boats at Fossa Rowing Club, Old Church Fossa on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



The 'Margaret' one of the new boats at Fossa Rowing Club named in honour of Margaret Daly (fourth from left) with members of her family Eileen, Mairead, Claire, Declan, Paul, Donal, James, Fergal and family members at the new boat named in her honour at Fossa Rowing Club, Old Church Fossa on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

crews, but is best known recently for running the clubs centenary committee in 1993 and producing the book – "Fossa Rowing Club – A Century of History".

The late Nellie Leahy and her husband Ned and their families made huge contributions to the club over many years. Nellie was one of the fittest people in the parish, still going up Aghadoe hill with her bike well into her 80's. Ned trained and coxed many successful crews. Her son DD continued the tradition of training crews, but was taken all too soon

and more, including barges used to carry materials across Lough Leane during the building of the new boathouse in 2013. Raymond, who is now in his 90s continues to upkeep our oars. His enthusiasm for all things rowing and Fossa Rowing club still knows no bounds and he is currently President of Fossa Rowing Club.

The boats were blessed by Fr. Niall Geaney, parish priest in Fossa. They will go on to serve the current and future generations of Fossa oarswomen and oarsmen.



Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa who blessed the new training boat named Raymond after Raymond Coffey who was there with his family Alison, Kieran, Tom, Siobhan, Fiona, Conor, Katherine, Orla, Brid, Reanne, Saoirse, Aisling, Darragh and Cathal at the celebration and blessing of the five new boats at Fossa Rowing Club, Old Church Fossa on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Fr Niall Geaney PP Fossa blessing 'Maura' one of the new boats with Maura Talbot and her family Padraic, Pat, Merry and John at the celebration and blessing of the five new boats at Fossa Rowing Club, Old Church Fossa on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Parents should be very supportive at State Exam time



By Billy Ryle

SUPPORT

Candidates are well aware that the world is their oyster if they can achieve a decent result in the state exams. Likewise, parents are anxious for their children to achieve good exam results to enable them avail of life's opportunities. It's understandable then, as the exams approach, that some parents might feel unhappy with the effort being made by their exam candidate or might tend to project their anxiety onto the student. While parents can't obviously go in and sit the exam for their children their role is to provide unobtrusive support at exam time.

TASK

The parents' task is to provide a calm home environment. When a parent is supportive, the exam candidate will sense that her/his status in the family is not conditional on achieving good exam results. Parents are fully entitled to let their children know that their best effort is expected. By the same token children should be made fully aware that their best effort is acceptable.

ENVIRONMENT

The exam period isn't a time for friction between parent and child. It's not a time for recriminations about time wasted during the year. Disagreements of this nature may create tension at home. At all times, but especially around exam time, every student is entitled to the emotional support of her/his family. A supportive home environment lessens the fear of failure and under-achievement. A child who knows that her/his position in the family doesn't depend on exam results will approach the exam in an upbeat and confident manner.

EXPECTATIONS

Have realistic expectations of your child based on previous performance at school. Don't expect a level of achievement that your offspring cannot attain. Make yourself aware of the levels, which s/he is taking in each subject, the target grades s/he is aiming for and her/his potential points score. Of course, parents want

their children to do well but it's important to realise that parents can sometimes expect too much from their children. Parents must keep their own ambitions for their children off the agenda. Instead, priority must be given to the needs and concerns of the exam student.

COMPARISONS

Nothing annoys a student more than a comparison with a sibling, relative or peer. While such comparisons are understandable, they can be very destructive. An unflattering comparison serves to undermine the self-confidence of the student and create doubts in her/his mind. No two people are exactly the same. Even children of the same parents can be totally different in their levels of cognitive ability. Parents must accept different ability levels in their children.

ENCOURAGE

Encourage your child to make the most of the time remaining before the exam. Urge her/him to maintain her/his study schedule right up to the end of the exam period. Continue to remind her/him that good organisation, efficient time management and self-discipline will pay off.

Encourage your child to take exercise and recreation. Regular exercise is the best way to burn off pre-exam tension and is a welcome break from the demands of a study schedule. Reward your child's effort by serving up occasional little treats. A hard-working student will always welcome a favourite meal or a social outing. Long hours of study into the night can be counter-productive so encourage her/him to go to bed early for eight or nine hours of sleep.

DIET

Keep an eye on your child's diet. Serve up meals that are nutritious and appetising. An occasional reminder about personal hygiene won't go amiss. Regular washing, changing of cloths and footwear induce the feel-good factor, which is psychologically uplifting and leads to better concentration.

BACKSTAGE

In summary, the role of the parent is very important. It involves giving support and being discreet. It requires you to be a listener rather than a talker. It means being prepared for a certain amount of irritability. To draw an analogy with a theatrical production, the parent is the backstage manager while the student is in the lead role. You, the parent, can help to make it a great performance.

CHECKLIST

- Parents should provide unobtrusive support for an exam student
- Provide a calm and confident atmosphere at home
- Expect nothing less than the best effort
- Demand nothing more than the best effort
- Exam time is not a time for recriminations
- A supportive home environment produces a confident student
- Avoid comparisons with siblings, relatives and peers
- Assist your child to approach her/his study in an organised manner
- Encourage your child to take recreation and leisure
- Reward your child for effort by providing little treats
- Long hours of study into the night are inadvisable
- Serve up nutritious appetising meals
- Advise your child to be particular about personal hygiene
- Examination timetables are available on www.examinations.ie
- The State Exams begin on Wed, 5th June and conclude on Tuesday, 25th June

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On Tuesday last, students from St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School in Killarney celebrated our annual Culture Day. A large number of students were actively involved in showcasing the many cultures within our school community. Students sampled tasty cuisine from all around the world, experienced the intricate art of henna designs and enjoyed Chinese, Irish, Bangladeshi and Spanish dancing. It was a wonderful occasion, filled with colour and pride. Well done to all the students involved and to Ms Hallissey for co-ordinating.



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takes a look at all things sport...



Action from the Kerry V Monaghan game on Saturday. Photo: Yurii Shalimov, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

Paul Geaney in action from the Kerry V Monaghan game on Saturday. Photo: Yurii Shalimov, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

ALL IRELAND GROUP STAGE

Kerry 0-24 Monaghan 1-11

I'm not going to dwell on this one too long. It was just disappointing as a spectacle all round, and an attendance under 9000 for a championship game in Killarney means that most people had anticipated it being fairly disappointing. Frankly, attendances were rock bottom across the board last weekend. Galway v Derry was meant to be the weekend's football highlight; even less people showed up to that one. As for Cork v Clare? Those can officially be described as hurling counties now, and I can't blame the supporters for that. One of those two codes – and only one – was actually interesting last weekend.

Full disclosure. I wasn't in the Fitzgerald Stadium last weekend (there was quite a bit on, which didn't help attendances. I actually watched it on Sunday morning, and my perceptions may have been unconsciously biased by Radio Kerry's live report (I usually select my biases very carefully). Even fuller disclosure; I have absolutely no regrets. That's not fair on amateur players who put their heart and soul into representing a traditional and key part of Kerry's culture, and I don't just mean in a sporting sense. But this ridiculous cramming of unnecessary and frankly uninteresting contests into a tightened inter-county calendar is putting me, and everybody else, off.

I'm not going to feel sorry for Monaghan. They were always going to be underdogs here, but they always, always gave Kerry hard battles of it in the past. McManus, Ward, O'Connell? Turn those dogs loose, and you have a scrap on your hands. But Monaghan's incredibly crowded defensive structure? The thing that makes the blanket defence so effective is the counter-attack at pace. But this? Frankly, if they wanted to get a ball to a forward in time for it to have an effect, they should have had a taxi on their half-back line. Which was so crowded anyway that it looked like the taxi rank on Dublin's O'Connell

street around two o'clock on a Saturday morning (I could tell you stories but I'm not sure about the statutes of limitation).

The game itself is quickly told. Paudie Clifford set the tone by popping over with his left from the throw-in. Gary Mohan replied with a mark. Monaghan are already dropping very deep, so much so that when they do launch a counter-attack ball forward, it's easily gathered by Tadhg Morley. They do create one goal chance, Shane Ryan superbly closing down Conor McCarthy's chance – would it have made a game of it if Monaghan had goaled at that stage? Frankly, no, not a chance. Looking at Monaghan's negative tactics, it's like asking if some-one can win the lotto even if they don't buy a ticket.

Seán O'Shea slots over easily enough. David Clifford notches a free. Paul Murphy fists over.

Kerry are looking good, but that's because Monaghan look absolutely listless. Kerry defenders have a free license to roam and Tom O'Sullivan fires over a beauty. This isn't a contest; this is shooting practise.

David Clifford from play and Tony Brosnan with a point. Tom with another one. As far as I know, GAAGO doesn't have an option to watch a game in fast forward. And I know that, because I checked. You all think I'm making a mildly sarcastic there. I'm not. It's not Kerry's fault, but this game? There's loads of criticism of people not able to see games behind the GAAGO paywall. In this case, ye got lucky.

Micheál Bannigan with a Monaghan point from play. They clock up their second wide – again, their forwards are just too isolated. Conor McManus is an absolutely iconic figure, one of the best forwards of a generation. I'd say he wishes he had brought a book to read.

Seán O'Shea and David Clifford with frees to stretch Kerry's lead. Paudie Clifford from play after a trademark burst of pace. Tony Brosnan and David Clifford with points. Just before the break Dara Moynihan stretches Kerry's lead to thirteen points. 0-15 to 0-2.

The second half was way more exciting. Oh, wait, no, I just made that up. I did diligently note every score and I can go through it piece by piece if ye want. But ye don't want me to, and nor do I. David Clifford opened the second half scoring almost as quickly as his brother had started the first. Monaghan hit back with two points from Andrew Woods and Conor McCarthy (who, to be fair, did impress).

Joe O'Connor had a goal chance well saved by Rory Beggan, but Paul Geaney fisted the rebound over and added a point from play. I've heard a few people talking about Kerry's lack of goals. Wow, that's about as much of a first world problem as you can get. They've just scored 65 points in three championship games, so calm down a bit. Go back to your avocado toast like a good lad.

Monaghan did get a goal. I wouldn't be too concerned about it. Conor McCarthy gathered from Bannigan and launched an effort at a point that instead came off the crossbar, with Mohan grabbing the rebound and neatly slotting home. Should the defence have done better? Yes. If the ball is coming high into your square, you deal with it. Small lesson to be learned. But it was a confluence of circumstances and a good piece of opportunism in a game that was already long over.

I know I sound very critical of Monaghan here, and I know that's easy from the armchair. But they are a far better side than this and I honestly believe that all they were doing here was going through the motions while trying to keep their cards hidden from Meath and Louth. Because they certainly didn't even try to make this a contest, and they are well capable of that. As for Kerry? We didn't exactly learn a lot. How could we in such a tame affair? But 24 points scored, first hurdle safely negotiated (and potentially the highest). The luxury of running the bench (we could have gotten more minutes into players, really). No injuries. Yep, a bad game but a good result.

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FREE ENTRANCE

I'm just glad that I didn't pay into it.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy (0-2), Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan (0-3), Brian Ó Beaglaoich, Tadhg Morley, Gavin White, Diarmuid O'Connor, Joe O'Connor, Tony Brosnan (0-2), Paudie Clifford (0-2), Dara Moynihan (0-1), David Clifford (0-5, 3f), Seán O'Shea (0-4, 3f), Paul Geaney (0-5). Subs: Cillian Burke (for Dara Moynihan, 50 mins), Barry Dan O'Sullivan (for Joe O'Connor, 50 mins), Armin Heinrich (for Brian Ó Beaglaoich, 55 mins), Stephen O'Brien (for Tony Brosnan, 55 mins), Darragh Roche (for Paul Geaney, 66 mins).

Monaghan: Rory Beggan (0-1, 1f), Ryan Wylie, Barry McBennett, Ryan O'Toole (0-1), Karl O'Connell, Killian Lavelle, Conor McCarthy (0-1), Gary Mohan (1-1), Micheal McCarville, Stephen O'Hanlon (0-1), Micheál Bannigan (0-2), Michael Hamill, Jason Irwin, Seán Jones, Conor McManus (0-1, 1f). Subs: Dessie Ward 0-1 (for Michael McCarville, half-time), Andrew Woods 0-1, 1m (for Seán Jones, half-time), Ciarán McNulty (for Barry McBennett, 46 mins), Joel Wilson 0-1 (for Karl O'Connell, 50 mins), Thomas McPhillips (for Dessie Ward, 53 mins). Referee: Seán Hurson (Tyrene)

NO JOY FOR KERRY U20S

U20 All Ireland Final

Tyrene 1-20 Kerry 1-14

Kerry were always going to be underdogs here. Pretty much everyone knew that Tyrone were red hot favourites long before any ball was even thrown in. Back to back Hogans, 2022 champions. Lost a really cracking minor final to Meath three years ago. And they lived up to that billing. I'm actually quite proud of the battle Kerry put up. That one wasn't easy and they stepped up to the plate.

There's people in Kerry love talking about 'famines'. Blast ye, ye're like hobbits talking about missing 'second breakfast'. There's an awful lot of counties that have been a lot hungrier for a lot longer than us. U20 is definitely a grade where we have been struggling for the past while, especially after thriving at minor. Getting to an All Ireland Final is a massive achievement, not any failure, and Tomás Ó Sé and his players should be extremely proud of themselves.

None of that is intended to take away from the sheer brilliance of Tyrone. They were fantastic.

And this wasn't negative, soul-destroying football. Okay, there was a bit more 'pass the parcel' around the half forward lines than I'd like, but neither side was afraid to go for the jugular. The fact is that Tyrone had more actual scoring threats than we did – we were a little too reliant on Cormac Dillon, and mu word but the Duagh dual player really did come up trumps.

Tyrone turned over an early Kerry kick-out to open the scoring. In fact, I thought Eoin McElholm could have gone for goal if he thought about it. Odhran Ferris had an early wide for Kerry but Cormac Dillon and Daniel Kirby were both on target to nudge Kerry in front. Ronan Cassidy pointed a free to level matters but Eddie Healy powered through for a fine score. Ronan Cassidy pointed from play, a nice little sidestep turning two Kerry defenders before curling over.

Tyrone looked the more likely side to score a goal and it duly arrived in the 13th minute. Corner back Joey McCarthy found a chink of space and launched an effort. To say there was a slice of luck about it is being generous – an unfortunate defender deflected it with his outstretched arm just enough to take it away from an alert Michael Tansley and in off the right hand post. 1-3 to 0-3.

Kerry couldn't (and didn't) bemoan their luck afterwards. If anything, the gods were smiling on us, as Gavin Potter, Shea O'Hare, and Cormac Devlin were all denied further goals by the woodwork.

Ronan Cassidy stretched Tyrone's lead to four but Cormac Dillon notched another two points. Cormac Devlin and Ruairí McCullagh cancelled those out and Eoin McElholm extended the gap to five points. Eddie Healy, battling very hard in midfield, kicked his second score of the day but McCullagh replied with a free. Cormac Dillon replied in kind to give Kerry a fighting chance in the second half, but there was no denying that the favourites could and probably should have been further ahead at the break.

Half-time Tyrone 1-8 Kerry 0-7

Kerry needed to be more effective up front and it was no surprise to see Paddy Lane step onto the field for the second half. It was Tyrone who opened the scoring though, McCullagh pointing from play. Cormac Dillon replied with a free. Odhran Brolly and Paddy Lane

exchanged scores. Another free by Cormac saw Kerry trim the gap back to a goal.

Eoin McElholm pointed and Michael Tansley and Charlie Keating had to be very sharp twice to deny Tyrone green flags. To say that Tyrone had the upper hand would have been facetious at that point. Ruairí McCullagh (2), Ronan Cassidy and Eoin McElholm split the posts and the Red Hand were leading by 1-16 to 0-11.

Luke Crowley, despite working very hard, had been well tagged by Tyrone up to that point but he burst in for a chance. Goalkeeper Conor McAnaney did well to deny his first effort but Crowley swooped on the loose ball. His shot lacked power and was easily gathered, but that's because he was being grabbed in an unceremonious bear hug by a defender. He stepped up to the resultant penalty himself and this time McAnaney had no chance. He added a point from play. 1-16 to 1-12. Was there a chance of pulling this one out of the fire?

The short answer is no. Eoin McElholm and Evan Boyle traded points. McElholm notched another. This time Cormac Dillon replied with a free, but it was a goal that Kerry needed and it never really looked like happening. Conor Owens and Eoin McElholm closed out Tyrone's victory. You couldn't begrudge them, but you can't deny that Kerry showed great heart and character. We'll see at least some of these lads at a higher grade.

Kerry: Michael Tansley, Maidhcí Lynch, Dara O'Callaghan, Gearóid Evans, Charlie Keating, Darragh O'Connor, Cian Lynch, Robert Stack, Eddie Healy (0-2) Daniel Kirby (0-1), Odhran Ferris, Tomás Kennedy, Luke Crowley (1-1, 1-0 pen), Aidan Crowley, Cormac Dillon (0-8, 3f, 1m). Subs: Evan Boyle 0-1 (for Rob Stack (bs, 22-26), Ryan Diggin (for Dara O'Callaghan, 30 mins), Paddy Lane 0-1 (for Aidan Crowley, half-time), Evan Boyle (for Rob Stack, 46 mins), Adam Segal (for Gearóid Evans, 49 mins)

Tyrone: Conor McAnaney, Joey Clarke (0-1), Ben Hughes, Conor Devlin, Shea O'Hare, Michael Rafferty, Ódhrán Brolly 0-1, Ronan Fox, Conor O'Neill, Cormac Devlin 0-1, Eoin McElholm 0-7, Gavin Potter, Ruairi McCullagh 0-5 (1f), Ronan Cassidy 0-5 (1f), Callum Daly. Subs: Fiachra Nelis for Devlin (38), Ruairi McHugh for Brolly (44), Noah Grimes for Potter (54), Conor Owens 0-1 for McCullagh (58), Ronan Donnelly for Cassidy (62)



Paudie Clifford in action from the Kerry V Monaghan game on Saturday. Photo: Yurii Shalimov, Fitzgerald Stadium PR



All smiles for the camera at the the Kerry V Monaghan game on Saturday. Photo: Yurii Shalimov, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

Referee: Paddy Neilan (Roscommon)

EIRGRID MUNSTER U20 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Kerry wingback Charlie Keating, who has been named as Munster U20 Player of the Year. Charlie, also a top class hurler, was absolutely outstanding for Kerry in a roving role, driving forward at will but also completely on top of his defensive brief. Even though I'm sure the likes of Rob Stack, Eddie Healy, and Cormac Dillon were well in the mix, the Crokes man would certainly have been my choice and hopefully it heralds a bright future in the green and gold.

LADIES CLAIM MUNSTER CROWN

Ladies Munster Final Kerry 2-15 Cork 0-13

Sports fans are a suspicious lot. You know the sort of thing. There was a war in the Middle East the last time we beat that team, and there's a war in the Middle East now, so that's a good omen.....yes, because wars in the Middle East are almost as rare as sand in deserts. Many players and supporters have piseoga, most famously Paidí Ó Sé. I'm just going to say it. If they are more than five years old, then no, they really aren't your lucky socks anymore. They might make a lucky kitchen dishcloth, though I doubt it. Oh, there's also bogey teams. The Kerry mens' team have famously never beaten Down in championship football. That's right, all four times in the last 126 years that Kerry have met Down, they have lost. It's almost uncanny. For a very loose definition of 'uncanny' of course.

One of my very few exceptions to my general scepticism about such things extends to the Cork Ladies. They aren't the power they were, they have lost some of the game's greatest ever players in the last couple of years, but they have still derailed good Kerry teams in Munster Finals. The last time Kerry won one, in fact, a young Niamh Carmody wasn't even old enough to be called from the bench. Cork have been the barometer by which Kerry teams have been measured, and they have usually had the upper hand when the chips are down.

Kerry made a strong start, Daniele O'Leary fisting over and adding two more. Katie Quirke, Rachel Leahy, and corner back Melissa Duggan (as is her wont against us) all picked off scores for Cork to make it 0-3 apiece. Katie Quirke slotted two frees and Laura O'Mahony put Cork three points clear.

It just kept getting worse. Aoife Healy, O'Mahony again, and Quirke from play. 0-9 to 0-3. This was not in my pre-game script!

Danielle O'Leary (what a year she is having) finally interrupted Cork's scoring spree. Katie Quirke replied, but a burst of pace by Emma Dineen saw her cut in and unleash a thunderbolt past a hapless Sarah Murphy.

That was a lifeline that Kerry badly needed. They trailed into the dressing room at half-time trailing by 0-10 to 1-4. If Declan Quill and Darragh Long raised their voices as they re-assessed, I very much if it was hymns of praise!



Emma Dineen in action for Kerry in the Munster Final

Danielle O'Leary opened the second half scoring, but Lydia McDonagh quickly replied. O'Leary was on fire though, slotting the next three points to bring Kerry level. Louise Ní Muircheartaigh, one of a number of Kerry substitutions by now, pointed to put Kerry in front. This was a better Kerry outfit, linking much better from defence (led superbly by Kayleigh Cronin) and attack (inspired by Danielle O'Leary). The Rathmore girl split the posts again and so did the team captain Niamh Carmody. Kerry a goal in front – but I don't trust that lead. Not against Cork. They were so good for so long.....do they live rent-free in my head a bit? Yup. As Conor Cruise O'Brien said in 1982 about a certain controversial Taoiseach, "If I saw Mr Haughey buried at midnight at a crossroad, with a stake driven through his heart - politically speaking - I should continue to wear a clove of garlic round my neck, just in case." Not this time, though. Kerry had the bit between their teeth and, having survived that earlier scare, there was no chance of them letting this one go. With ten minutes left, Emma Dineen struck for her second goal. Kerry six points up, 2-11 to 0-11.

Katie Quirke pulled back a free but Louise Ní Muircheartaigh replied in kind. Quirke had one last point for Cork but Niamh Carmody and Louise Ní Muircheartaigh (f). Fittingly, the last score belonged to Danielle O'Leary – selecting the bean laoch an chluiche must have been the shortest conversation on record!

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Kayleigh Cronin, Ciara Murphy, Aishling O'Connell, Deirdre Kearney, Eilís O'Connor, Mary O'Connell, Anna Galvin, Niamh Carmody (0-2), Niamh Ní Chonchúir, Katie Brosnan, Emma Dineen (2-0), Danielle O'Leary (0-10, 1f), Lorraine Scanlon. Subs: Ciara Butler (for Mary Ellen Bolger, half-time), Amy Harrington (for Eilís O'Connor, half-time), Louise Ní Muircheartaigh 0-3, 2f (for Katie Brosnan, 39 mins), Aoife Dillane (for Niamh Ní Chonchúir, 60 mins).

Cork: Sarah Murphy, Melissa Duggan (0-1), Dara Kiniry, Anna Ryan, Sarah Leahy, Aoife Healy (0-1), Rachel Leahy (0-1), Maire O'Callaghan, Abbie O'Mahony, Katie Quirke (0-7, 5f), Daire Kiely, Amy McDonagh, Lydia McDonagh (0-1), Laura O'Mahony (0-2), Emma Cleary. Subs:

Sadhbh McGoldrick (for Sarah Leahy, 39 mins), Katie O'Driscoll (for Amy McDonagh, 42 mins), Shauna Kelly (for Abbie O'Mahony, 44 mins), Leah Hallihan (for Lydia McDonagh, 42 mins), Sadhbh O'Leary (for Daire Kiely, 58 mins).

Referee: Paddy Smith (Waterford)

KERRY BOW OUT OF MCDONAGH CUP

McDonagh Cup Offaly 3-24 Kerry 0-15

It's the hope that kills you. After a National League campaign that we will never mention again, the championship conversation about the Kerry hurlers was expected by everybody (including me) to be about avoiding relegation. Instead Kerry, even without Shane Conway, actually won their first two games and, in theory at least, could have qualified for the knockout stages had they beaten Offaly. It's not so long ago that Offaly were absolutely down in the doldrums, while Kerry were contesting McDonagh Cup Finals on a regular basis and were actually in real conversations about going up to Division One (albeit the conversation around that in Kerry was "oh lads, we will be eaten alive in Division One"). To say that the pendulum has taken a big swing is a bit of an understatement!

Kerry were actually well in contention in this one for a long time. Maurice O'Connor and Brian Duignan exchanged early scores. Charlie Mitchell picked of another Offaly score but Maurice replied with a free. Duignan and Maurice traded points again before Ronan Walsh (an absolute breakthrough player this year for me) put Kerry in front. Maurice O'Connor and Killian Hayes made it 0-6 to 0-3. Nothing lucky about it either; Kerry were playing real well here. Their sweeper system swallowed up Offaly's forays and Fionán Mackessy kept switching in and out as a big targetman on the square, posing endless problems. Offaly couldn't stray too far from him, which created space in the half forward line.

Eoghan Cahill pointed from play but Maurice replied with another free. Kerry were looking good here but a penalty won by Charlie Mitchell and converted by Eoghan Cahill saw Offaly on level terms.

Maurice slotted another free to nudge Kerry back in front but Eimhín Kelly quickly replied. Eoghan Cahill and Maurice swapped frees. This was maybe getting a little sloppy. Cathal King put Offaly in front and Eoghan Cahill converted a '65. Charlie Mitchell and Maurice traded scores – Kerry were very reliant on their free-taker for their scores, whereas Offaly had a number of different threats. Killian Sampson and Cahill again closed out the first half scoring. Kerry were behind, maybe a little more than they deserved on the balance of play, but we had every right to be fairly satisfied with things as the whistle sounded.

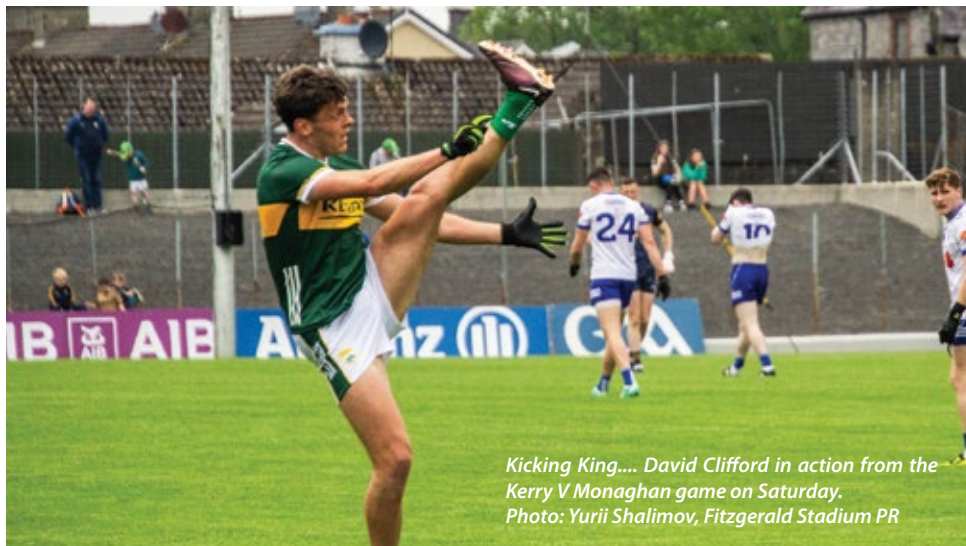
Half-time Offaly 1-11 Kerry 0-10.

Fionán Mackessy opened the second half scoring but the truth is that was pretty much as good as it was going to get. Offaly had rejigged slightly and looked a much sharper outfit now. Killian Sampson and Cillian Kiely pointed for them before Colin Walsh pulled one back for Kerry. Eoghan Cahill pointed and then, disastrously, Charlie Mitchell got in for a goal - his direct running had been asking hard questions of us all day. Cillian Kiely made it 2-15 to 0-12. This was rapidly spinning out of control for Kerry. Jason Sampson and Charlie Mitchell added two more. Eoghan Cahill added another free. Brian Duignan made it 2-19 to 0-12. You were going a long way back for a Kerry score now! Eimhín Kelly put fourteen points between them.

David Woulfe finally got a Kerry point, but it was like poking a bear as Offaly promptly raced down the field for a third goal through Oisín Kelly. Dara Maher picked off a point. Niall Mulcahy pointed, a mere gesture of defiance at this stage, and Jason Sampson and Eoghan Cahill raised flags in reply. Colin Walsh notched a free for Kerry but Eoghan Cahill replied in kind before the whistle gave us a merciful release. I wouldn't be too despondent. Kerry do have those two wins, which were unexpected, and will be favourites against Meath in their last game. In the circumstances, I'll happily take that.

Offaly: Mark Troy, Ben Conneely, Ciaran Burke, Cathal King (0-1) Luke Watkins, Cillian Kiely (0-2), David King, Jason Sampson (0-2), Ross Ravenhill, Killian Sampson (1-2), Brian Duignan (0-3), Eoghan Cahill (0-8, 4f, 1'65), Dan Bourke, Charlie Mitchell (0-4), Eimhín Kelly (0-1). Subs. Sam Bourke (for Luke Watkins, 46 mins), Oisín Kelly 1-0 (for Dan Bourke, 54 mins), Dara Maher 0-1 (for Cathal King, 54 mins), Jack Clancy (for Eimhín Kelly, 62 mins), Paul Cleary (for Killian Sampson, 66 mins).

Kerry: Louis Dee, Daithí Griffin, Evan Murphy, Eric Leen, Kyle O'Connor, Darragh Shanahan, Flor McCarthy, Fionán Mackessy (0-1), Killian Hayes (0-1), Michael Leane, Colin Walsh (0-2, 1f), Ronan Walsh (0-1), Brandon Barrett, Maurice O'Connor (0-8, 6f, 1'65), Gavin Dooley. Subs. Dan Goggin (for Maurice O'Connor, 33 mins), David Woulfe 0-1 (for Brandon Barrett, 51 mins), Niall Mulcahy 0-1 (for Gavin Dooley, 53 mins), Tomas O'Connor (Darragh Shanahan, 53 mins), Tom Doyle (for Killian Hayes, 62 mins), Bill Keane (for Evan Murphy, temporary, 64 mins). Referee: Niall Malone (Clare)



Kicking King.... David Clifford in action from the Kerry V Monaghan game on Saturday. Photo: Yurii Shalimov, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

LATE GOALS KILL OFF KERRY'S MUNSTER CHALLENGE

Munster Intermediate Camogie Final Tipperary 2-9 Kerry 0-9

Kerry faced their third Munster Intermediate Final in as many years in Ballyagran last Saturday, this time against Tipperary rather than Cork, but once again a battling performance wasn't enough to get them over the finishing line in front.

Kerry were a little slow out of the starting blocks, with Tipperary sharpshooter Jenny Grace opening the scoring just two minutes in. She quickly added a well-struck '45 and then punished a foul on Ciara Brennan to make it 0-3 to 0-0.

Kerry were beginning to assert themselves now, but it still took no less than sixteen minutes for them to open their account, Sara Murphy launching a monster free from her own half to split the posts. That seemed to settle Kerry; certainly they started winning a lot more of the physical duels and asking questions of their fancied opponents. Jackie Horgan clipped over a free and quickly added another from very long range. She was on the end of another Sara Murphy free, controlling it neatly with one touch and firing it between the posts from over 50 metres, a truly wonderful score. It was the best score of the day, but unfortunately, it was to be Kerry's only score from play, and that was probably the key difference between the sides in the end.

Sinead Meagher squared matters up at 0-4 apiece, but Kerry were on top now and Jackie Horgan added two more frees to give Kerry the advantage heading in for the break.

Half-time Kerry 0-6 Tipperary 0-4

A foul on Sinead Meagher saw Jenny Grace add to her account on the restart and she quickly added another to make it 0-6 apiece. Ciara O'Sullivan had a Kerry effort drop short – in hindsight, she might have been better off passing off to the waiting Jackie Horgan, but hindsight is easy from the spectators' gallery. Jackie did pop over another free but Jenny Grace rapidly replied in kind and Amy Quinlisk nudged Tipperary back in front, 0-8 to 0-7. A great ball by the excellent Sophie Pembroke saw Jill-Anne Quirke double Tipperary's lead.

A ball in by Jackie Horgan was safely gathered by Tipperary keeper Laura Leenane but great pressure by Amy O'Sullivan saw a '45 conceded and duly converted by Jackie. Just one point in it again – an obdurate Kerry were well in this and surprising a few of the Tipperary supporters with their resilience.

Unfortunately, that was as good as it got. Tipperary did have that slightly sharper cutting edge and it came to the fore as a battling Jill-Anne Quirke managed to cleverly lay off to Emma Flanagan, who raced towards goal and drew a foul. Goalkeeper Laura Leenane came up for the penalty and gave her Kerry counterpart Aoife Fitzgerald no chance with a stinging drive. With ten minutes left, Tipperary were leading by 1-9 to 0-8. It got worse instantly as from the puck-out, one of too many turned over by Tipperary, Eva O'Dwyer won a free and her long range speculative effort somehow evaded everyone in a crowded square and slipped into the net.

Kerry never gave up, far from it, but all they could muster was one more free from the outstanding Jackie Horgan, and it wasn't enough as Tipperary were crowned Munster Intermediate champions. A tough one for Kerry, who were right in this game until the last ten minutes, but they don't have long to lick their wounds as they have to prepare for the visit of Antrim next weekend for the start of their All Ireland Intermediate campaign.

Tipperary: Laura Leenane (1-0, pen), Lorna Ryan, Ciara Ryan, Tara Hoare, Orla O'Brien, Sophie Pembroke, Lily Fahle, Amy Quinlisk (0-1), Anna Fahle, Emma Flanagan, Jill-Anne Quirke (0-1), Ciara Brennan, Laura Shinnors, Sinead Meagher (0-1), Jenny Grace (0-9, 5f). Subs Eva O'Dwyer (for Laura Shinnors, 39), Maria Connolly (for Tara Hoare, 52)

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Rachel McCarthy, Niamh Leen, Michelle Costello, Áine O'Connor, Sara Murphy (0-1, 1f), Aoife Behan, Caoimhe Spillane, Ciara O'Sullivan, Ruth O'Connor, Kate Lynch, Annmarie Leen, Amy O'Sullivan, Jackie Horgan (0-8, 6f, 1'45), Norette Casey. Subs Amy McCarthy (for Norette Casey, 44), Laura Collins (for Kate Lynch, 44), Ellen O'Donoghue (for Ciara O'Sullivan, 50)

Referee: Donnacha O'Callaghan (Limerick)

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KILLARNEY LEGION

U15 COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Pride of place this week has to go to the U15 Boys who saw off the gallant challenge of Furies in a great battle in Milltown last Wednesday night. When the full time whistle went all that separated the sides was a single point as Furies mounted a furious attempt towards the end of the game to rescue a win. The first half was a tight affair with little between the sides throughout, the boys taking a one point lead into the dressing room at half time, 0-7 to 0-6. Some timely goals in the second half pushed us five points clear but it was the signal for Furies to launch that late charge but stout defending saw us win out on a 2-11 to 1-13 win. Captain Ronan O'Brien received the Division 1 cup afterwards, much to the delight of the strong support present in the Mid Kerry venue. Commiserations to Furies who put in a trajan effort on the night. and to the referee Evan Horan and his umpires who did a fine job officiating.

And of course a big well done to the management team of Fergal Moynihan, Peter O'Leary, Paul Moriarty, Tomas Horan, Conor Myles and Enda Murphy who had the lads well prepared on the night.

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE

A local derby played in Spa on Friday night saw the home side grab the spoils. A converted penalty late in the first half was the difference in the end. It had looked very promising early on as good point taking had us in a strong position but that penalty and a black card helped Spa wrestle back the initiative. The second half was nip and tuck and the goal was always the cushion the home side had in hand. Final score Killarney Legion 0-15 Spa 1-15.

Dingle are the visitors to Direen in an important Round 8 clash. Throw in is 7.30pm this Saturday May 25th in Direen.

KERRY

Congratulations to Oisín Fleming and his Kerry team mates on their Munster Final win over Cork in Pairc Uí Rinn on Monday May 13th. Oisín was introduced in the second half and now they look forward to the quarter finals where they will face the Connacht runners up. On the other side of things commiserations to Brian Kelly, goalkeeping coach, and the Kerry U20s who fell short of a very impressive Tyrone side in the All

Ireland final in Portlaoise last Sunday.

UNDER 13 BOYS

The U13 boys are certainly enjoying their County campaign, netting another win, this time against Kenmare on a 5-15 to 4-8 scoreline. Displaying a nice level of skill it was a tremendous contest throughout and a lot of the credit goes to Kenmare as well for what they brought to the party.

UNDER 14 LADIES

Our U14s were in action last Sunday week in their third League game in Division 3 at home to Scartaglen. Our Legion girls started off strong and settled into the game nicely. Working the ball up through the middle, with great support on the wings, the girls were able to earn some well worked goals and points heading into the half. The Legion girls continued the second half with confidence while Scartaglen were persistent and never gave up. Legion took the points on the night with all 18 players contributing to a victory. Thank you to the ref and to Scartaglen for a very sporting game.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Anne O'Shea, St Brendans Terrace, Killarney. Her family are lifelong club members and have always been great supporters of our Club. May she Rest in Peace.

LOTTO

Numbers were 13,15,18, 28. Bonus No 4. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: Corey Dobbelaere online. Raymond Furlong online. DROK c/o Dodo Hegarty. Anthony O'Leary. Jackie O'Leary c/o Darren O'Shea

EAST KERRY NEWS

U17 EAST REGION LEAGUE 2024

East Kerry Minor League Division 1

Rathmore 2-09 Dr Crokes 1-16

Kenmare 4-06 Dr Crokes 1-07

Division 2

Glenflesk 1-08 Kilcummin 1-09

Currow 3-14 Cordal 2-23

Division 3

Kenmare 1-07 Fossa 4-20

Beaufort 7-14 Legion 6-04

Finals on Monday May 27th.

ALL IRELAND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Kerry team on their opening round win against Monaghan in the All Ireland Championship.

ALL IRELAND U20 CHAMPIONSHIP

Hard luck to the Kerry team on their defeat against Tyrone in the All Ireland Final.

MUNSTER LADIES FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Kerry Ladies team on their Munster Final win against Cork on Saturday. Sympathies.

CONDOLENCES to the families of Ann Cronin (née Culloty), Maughantourig, Gneeveguilla, Kerry / Headford, Kerry on her recent death.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 19/05/2024 for a jackpot of €11,850 were 10, 11, 14, 22. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Denis O'Sullivan; Michael O'Keeffe; Ava Griffin; E O'Connor, Tralee; Michael Ball.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.2

Our seniors prevailed in a really stern test with Na Gaeil on Saturday evening, there are no easy games in this division and so this proved to be. Fossa went into an early lead with points from Tadhg and Emmett O'Shea, however, with both teams evenly matched and Na Gaeil really competitive, they struck back to take the lead after 20 minutes of play, 0-5 to 0-4. Fossa did kick the next few scores but they only lead by the bare minimum at the break, Fossa 0-8, Na Gaeil 0-7.

Fossa upped the intensity in the second half with Dan O'Connell defending brilliantly, Matt Rennie and Eoin Talbot putting in a big shift around the middle third and the O'Shea brothers in scintillating form in the forwards. Emmett O'Shea extended the lead but Na Gaeil drew level again in the 6th minute, a long range effort from Tadhg O'Shea and a lovely left footed point from Matt Rennie put Fossa back in front. Na Gael refused to yield and were back on level terms in the 18th minute. Not for the first time this year, Cian O'Shea has come up with big scores for his team but this one could be the most crucial of all, a high ball into the Na Gaeil square broke, Cian reacted quickest and rattled the net to finally break the opposition resistance. This was quickly followed with a brace of points from the outstanding Emmett and Tadhg O'Shea and it left Fossa winners in the end, 1-16 to 0-13. While the margin was six points in the end this



Ronan O'Brien, Killarney Legion U15 Captain, pictured with his family. Photo Maria O'Sullivan



Killarney Legion U15 Team, Division 1 County League Champions. Photo Maria O'Sullivan



was a really battling victory, dug out from hard graft and great teamwork to get the job done.

EAST KERRY MINOR LEAGUE

Fossa had a comfortable win over Kenmare in the East Kerry league which was played in Gortroe on Monday evening. Fossa kicked the first four scores of the game through Fionn Doyle, Harry O'Connor and Dylan O'Meara but Kenmare responded in the 5th minute with a goal and they levelled the match with a point immediately afterwards. This seemed to ignite Fossa who really took control of the game thereafter, they kicked some beautiful scores and with Dylan O'Meara and Fionn Doyle getting a brace of goals, they lead at the break, 3-11 to 1-04. The second half continued in the same vein with young Morgan O'Brien getting in on the scoring act with a fine goal after 14 minutes of the half to leave Fossa comfortable winners in the end. Their final group game is against Killarney Legion next Monday evening.

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 6

Fossa and An Ghaeltacht played out an absolute cracker in Fossa on Friday evening in the county league. An Ghaeltacht stormed into an early lead and had 1-04 on the board before Fossa registered their first score through Rocco Sheehan after 8 minutes. Fossa gradually found their feet and kept the scoreboard ticking with scores from Ryan Sheehan and a beauty from Emmett Cronin but they still trailed, 1-07 to 0-04 in the 25th minute of the half. Then, Jack Sugrue was put through on goal by a peach of a pass from Cian Doyle and Jack duly converted, a minute later a slick pass from Darren Cronin to Rocco Sheehan ended with Rocco blasting the ball to the net for a brilliant goal. An Ghaeltacht hit back with a goal at the end of the half to leave the interval score; Fossa 2-05, An Ghaeltacht 2-07.

The second half was equally as entertaining, An Ghaeltacht got their third goal in the 6th minute but points from Ted O'Gorman, Rocco Sheehan and Cian Doyle drew Fossa level. Mark Dennehy rolled back the years with an incredible display at centre field, Pauric Talbot was having a stormer at full back and Colm Talbot tackled ferociously around the half forward line. Michael O'Dwyer kicked a lovely point as did Jack Clifford to put Fossa ahead. The pace of the game went up a notch with Peadar Kelliher, Ted O'Gorman and Cian Doyle leading the charge, An Ghaeltacht were back on level terms when Jack Clifford put over a great score on full time which looked like the winner but Ghaeltacht got the equaliser right at the end to leave the teams all square, 2-14 to 3-11. It was a very exciting game with both sides kicking some great scores, the Monaghan senior team looking on from the sidelines could only have been impressed by the standard on show.

FOSSA V NA FIANNA - COUNTY LEAGUE FINAL

Kilgarvan was the venue for the Division 6 County League Final where the Fossa U15 Boys played Na Fianna from South Kerry. Fossa were under serious pressure from the off and were rocked when Na Fianna hit an early goal. They followed up with three more points to leave the score 1-03 to no score half way through the first half. The Fossa boys dug deep and fought back valiantly. Charlie Griffin was outstanding all

evening and brilliantly supported by Donnacha Vaughan, Luke Clancy and Paddy Myers who all put in massive shifts around the middle of the park. The comeback was started by Fossa's inspirational captain, Mikey Moroney who goaled for the Fossa boys after a 60 meter dazzling run, to get them back in the game. Mikey's work rate was exceptional all evening and really played a captain's part. Na Fianna pointed again but that was to be their last score in the half as Fossa took over. Two fine points from the in-form Luke Rennie closed the gap before Ross O'Gorman score a fine goal to leave the Fossa boys leading by 1 point at half time. Donnacha Kissane O'Sullivan and Kevin Breen were having fine games in the backs and were ably assisted by Sam O'Leary and Josh Salvador. The second half started brightly for Fossa with an early goal, again from Mikey Moroney. However, the Na Fianna boys then started to push on and hit Fossa for four points to level the score. Oisín Cryan and Jake Dunlea kept Na Fianna at bay on numerous occasions. Dara Whelton who had a great game in goals pulled off a few stunning saves to keep the boys ahead. The fresh legs of Fionn O'Donovan, Morgan O'Brien and Gerry Moroney re-invigorated the Fossa boys and made a huge contribution on the night with Gerry Moroney causing chaos in the Na Fianna defence! Mikey Moroney put over another point to push Fossa ahead again before Na Fianna levelled again to send the game into extra time. Full time score was 3-3 to 1-9. Despite losing the highly influential Mikey Moroney to injury the Fossa boys rallied again in extra time, in particular Donnacha Vaughan, Luke Clancy and Eoin Bennet, and took a commanding lead with two points from the boot of the reintroduced, Luke Rennie. A cracking goal from Eoin Bennett in extra time after some great build up play saw him weave thru the Na Fianna defence and score a pile driver to the top left-hand corner, to leave Fossa leading 4-5 to 1-9. Both teams traded points, Fossa's score coming from Luke Rennie again. Na Fianna showed some great fight in the closing minutes scoring a goal and 2 points to again leave the score level at full time, 4-6 to 2-12. This meant penalties where five brave Fossa boys stood up. Despite tired legs and nerves the Fossa boys prevailed winning 3-1, the scorers for Fossa were Oisín Cryan, Gerry Moroney and Luke Rennie with the final kick, hitting the top left-hand corner to win the game. Great credit to Dara Whelton who pulled off a great save in the penalty shootout. Hard way to lose a game but Na Fianna are a very good side and no doubt will be a force to reckon with over the years. This win was a just reward for the Fossa boys who had put in huge commitment over the last few months and played some fantastic football over the campaign. In the squad also were Thomas O Shaughnessy, Ben Kavanagh, James O'Meara, Ben O'Sullivan, Marc Sheehan and Mateusz Golebicki, who all made fantastic contributions throughout the year.

Big thanks to the referee Brendan Brosnan and his officials on the night for refereeing a tight and tough game and thanks to Kilgarvan for the use of their pitch on the night and special mention to the friends and family who turned up to support the boys in red and black on the

night. Also like to thank Siobhan Kissane and Marie Vaughan, Bord na Nog, Chairperson and Secretary for their excellent assistance during the league campaign, The Golden Nugget for the food laid on for the players and parents after the game last night and also our sponsor, Mike Jack Cronin for the jerseys and management tops for the year. Last but not least, great credit must be given to the management team of Anthony Wharton, James O'Shea, Mike Cahillane, Ted O'Donovan and Fiona Whelton for their unwavering dedication, mentorship, coaching and hard work during the past few months.

MINOR GIRLS COUNTY LEAGUE

Firies were the visitors to Fossa for Rd5 of the Minor County League. We had the bare 13 (2 minors) and the balance of U15/16's. There is always plenty of room in this 13-a-side format for quick thinking forwards and a free scoring game followed.

From the start our young team applied big pressure to the Firies kick out, created many, many chances and notched a healthy 5-06 v 1-04 to go in at break in a strong position.

It was never going to be easy against a spirited Firies team and fatigue would also play its part. Firies came roaring back into it in the 2nd half and with both teams eager for goals, Firies went on a bit of a run and hit us for 3 in a row, but as ever we notched a few in return and kept our lead. The girls kept working and the game finished with a very good win for this young team on a fantastic score of 11-10 v 6-08.

Well done to all the players and to all those who have contributed in our games to date. We break now from minor matches for exams (training will continue) and we will return for a home County League semi-final at the end of June.

SENIOR LADIES

A youthful Southern Gaels B team travelled to Fossa for the last round of the Donal Curtin Cup. Fossa started very brightly and notched a good few scores to lead well before the whistle for the much needed water break.

While Southern Gaels tried hard throughout Fossa continued as they had started, and scored freely with a very wide spread of scorers, the most notable among them were scores from Emily Buckley and Grainne Kelliher on only their second Senior Ladies start. Fossa ran out ready winners in the end. Next up for the girls after this break is a semi-final hopefully at home.

UNDERAGE FOOTBALL

Great fun and football for our U7's who travelled to Cromane for the first U7 Go Game of the year. The boys showed great determination and enthusiasm and plenty of football skills were on display. Thanks to the boys for their great efforts, the parents and coaches for ongoing support and Cromane GAA for the warm welcome.

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

FÉILE FUNDRAISER

Our GoFundMe page is up and running to raise as much money as possible to send our Under 15 girls to Regional Féile in Roscommon on 22nd June. All donations would be greatly



appreciated. Search for "Killarney Camogie" on the GoFundMe platform or click the link on our Facebook page!

UNDER 16

Our Under 16's played Abbeykillix in the 1st round of the County League in Lyracrompane last week. After a great battle throughout the game, Abbeykillix came out with the win. Thanks to Abbeykillix for a great sporting game, Tommy Guerin for refing and Lyracrompane for the use of the pitch

UNDER 14

Our Under 14's played Causeway in the 2nd round of the County League in Gneeveguilla last week. Causeway were the stronger team throughout and came out with the victory. Thanks to Causeway for the sporting game, Tommy Guerin for refing and Gneeveguilla for the pitch.

PAT SHEEHAN MEMORIAL BLITZ

Our Pat Sheehan Memorial Blitz took place in Spa yesterday Thursday 23rd May. Please see our Facebook page for all photos. Small teacher schools took part in the blitz and showed off all the camogie skills they have gained under the coaching of Killarney coaches Sarah Dineen, Karen Herlihy and Brendan McMahon.

KERRY SENIORS

Hard luck to the Kerry senior team and management, especially Kate Lynch and Áine Devlin, who lost to Tipperary in the Munster Intermediate Final last Saturday on a scoreline of Kerry 0-09 Tipperary 2-09

KERRY UNDER 16S

Hard luck to the Kerry Under 16's who were defeated by Laois last Sunday in Round 3 of the All Ireland Championship

KERRY UNDER 14S

Well done to Killarney players Bríde Breen, Caoimhe Dineen and Sinéad Murphy who played with Kerry Under 14s last Saturday in the Camogie U14 Development Programme held in Caherslee. Teams from Kerry, Cork, Limerick and Waterford competed on a very enjoyable afternoon of camogie.

DR. CROKES

SFL DIV. 1

Dr Crokes 0:16 Laune Rangers 0:11

We welcomed Laune Rangers to a very sunny Lewis Road for the highly anticipated top of the table clash. Aided by the return of Shane Murphy we remain unbeaten going in to round 8 of the County League. It was the visitors who opened the scoring with a fine point from play from the throw in. 2 minutes later, Micheal Burnes levelled matters with his first of 11 points. 7 of our first half points came from frees, 6 of which were kicked by Micheal Burns and one by Alex Hennigan. Billy Courtney kicked a great score from play in the 10th minute and we went in leading 0:09 to 0:06 at the break. It was the Killorglin men who once again won the throw in on the resubmission of play. We kicked the first three points of the half and kept our opposition scoreless until the 8th minute of play. We were unlucky not to add the maximum to our tally when Paul Clarke kicked a high ball in to Harry Potts who did all he could to punch

the ball in to the net. The Rangers men did well to clear the ball off the line. This was a brilliant team performance. Next up is Kerins O'Rahillys on May 26th.

ACADEMY

Our Academy continues every Saturday morning, for boys and girls between 4 and 11 from the Killarney area. Hurling from 10-11 and Football from 11:15-12:15. Fun and friendship guaranteed. Bring a friend.

MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Crokes GAA Membership for the 2024 season is now open online. This is the last week for membership. If membership is not paid players will not be able to play or train with the club. https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=13281#Ancho(https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=13281#Anchor)r

MOTHERS & OTHERS are hosting a table quiz on Friday 24th May. Prebook tickets for a chance to win a €100 dinner voucher. Contact 086 3895230 to prebook your tickets.

LOTTO took place May 20th. Numbers drawn were 11, 19, 22, 27. Jackpot of €6,500 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €45 each. Jackpot for draw on May 27th will be €6,800.

BINGO

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

OLD CLOTHES BANK is located at the rear of the clubhouse. All clothes should be deposited in bags. Donations will help to provide valuable funding to our club.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kayleigh Cronin and the Kerry Senior Ladies team and Kacper Robak and the Kerry Minor team on winning their respective Munster Finals.

NOTES

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

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, May 13th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 3, 14, 18 and the bonus ball was 7.

Lucky Dip Winners were as follows: €50 Brian Shanahan, Farranfore. €50 Teresa Foley, Milltown. €25 Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Killorglin. €25 Sean and Christina Lally, Ballyfinnane. €25 Katie Pigott,



Killarney Camogie Club Under 14 (above) and Under 16 team (below) who played last weekend



Keel. €25 Maire Twiss, Milltown

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 27th at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000.

CONGRATULATIONS: PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL MILLTOWN - BRENDAN O'SHEA CUP WINNERS

Huge congratulations to Presentation Secondary School Milltown's U15.5 Football team and management who had a brilliant victory over Mercy Mounthawk this afternoon in the Brendan O'Shea Cup Final on a final score of 1-14 to 3-03 in the Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence, Currans. Milltown/Castlemaine had 11 players on the panel. Well done to all involved.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1, ROUND 7 RESULT AND ROUND 8 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine's Senior 'A' side travelled to Bishop Moynihan/Tim Linehan Park to take on Rathmore in Round 7 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League on Saturday, 18th May in Division 1 and came away with a six point defeat on a final score of 2-9 to 0-9.

Round 8 will take place on Sunday, 26th May when Milltown/Castlemaine welcome Spa Killarney to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown with a throw-in time of 2:00pm. All support would be welcome for the lads in what is an important fixture.

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: GROUP STAGE DRAW

The draw has been made for the 2024 Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Football Championship. We have been paired with Dingle, Na Gaeil and Dr Crokes.

Our first fixture will be against Na Gaeil. Dates, times and venues to be confirmed in due course.



Dr Crokes' Tribute to CAOIMHÍN O'DONOGHUE RIP



GAA Board and former Dr Crokes 'playing teammate with Caoimhín was so saddened at the passing of his great friend before the age of 50 years. "We did so much together playing with Crokes' juniors and particularly the years we spent coaching the juveniles in the club. He was an outstanding coach and had great successes with the various minor teams. These minors progressed to the 3 senior teams in the club and many a player would have given up after the minor level, only for Dr Crokes to field 3 senior teams in the Kerry County league. Shaq was the guy who said it didn't matter what grade you were playing in; you were sure of a game in the black and amber at the weekend. He had time for everyone, irrespective of their ability, a true Croke. On a personal level, he worked in the bar (Tatler Jack) for so many years and you could not have had a nicer person to meet and greet patrons. He was such a nice guy. I will miss Shaq's smile and friendship"

The flags at Dr Crokes Club playing fields were at half-mast on Sunday last as both teams Dr Crokes and Laune Rangers stood in silence for 1 minute before this table topper senior game in tribute to Caoimhín O'Donoghue, a wonderful Dr Crokes, member, coach, mentor and friend to all.

Club chairman, Eoin Brosnan led the tributes from Dr Crokes,

"The esteem and respect which the Dr Crokes community held for our dear friend and club member Caoimhín was reflected by the huge turnout of club members at Caoimhín's removal and his again for his funeral mass As Ladies football continues to grow and thrive within the club, Shaq's work will be fondly remembered as one of the main reasons why this has occurred. His impact will last long into the future. All his friends in Dr Crokes will miss Caoimhín dearly. May he rest in peace.

Patrick O'Sullivan, Chairman of the Kerry

The Ladies' teams in particular benefitted not just from his coaching but how he delivered it.

Áine McMahon, Club LGFA officer said, "It only took one call back in February 2018 to let Caoimhín know that we were looking for a new Manager for our Senior Ladies' team and his answer was an immediate yes ' Yerra, sure I'll call up to training at the weekend. From that first meeting, he made such a positive impact. Assisted by Jason Stack & Mark Cooper, he also managed our Minor team that year, with the intention of getting to know our younger players and to introduce them gradually to the senior ranks. In September 2018, he joined ranks with Donal Doherty to manage the Killarney (Dr Crokes, Spa & Fossa) team and won the Senior County Championship. There were 11 Dr Crokes players on that panel, and the victory gave the honour of Kerry Senior Ladies' Captain to our own Amanda Brosnan for 2019. His commitment to Dr Crokes Senior ladies over the four years of his tenure was immense,



and together with his management team of Mark Cooper, Jason Stack and Catherine Keogh, Caoimhín and the Dr Crokes Senior ladies secured the Junior A Championship in September 2020 - one of the brightest days for Dr Crokes LGFA. When he took over, we had a very young team, playing in Div 2 of the county league and in the Junior Championship. When he handed over the reins in 2021, we were as good as the best in the county and are now playing in the Senior County Championship for the first time in our history. Thank you, Shaq.", said Áine.

"He was such a joy to work with, just a lovely, pleasant guy", said Mark Cooper, a co-worker with him for the Ladies' teams.

Kayleigh Cronin, the Kerry LGFA centre-back and All-Star said, "I was fortunate to benefit from his coaching before I was called into the Kerry team. I was going in with a great base. We thought we had him wrapped around our fingers at Crokes' training, but in his own humorous way it was him that was the winner cajoling us to do one last round of sprints: you couldn't refuse him. First at training every time, he was last to leave when he knew everyone, and everything was sorted. He was so dependable. We'll miss him". He would have been very proud of last week's Kerry win over Cork in the Minster final.

Big in stature and big in heart. Many a parent had no worries about their young offspring going to discos because the great-hearted Security Officer made sure that all got home safely together in a group. You could depend your life on him. That was the Caoimhín we knew, loved and appreciated in Dr Crokes. Go gcúitíear do shaothar leat, a Chaoimhín. (May your work be rewarded, Caoimhín.) Sincere sympathies from Dr Crokes to all the O'Donoghues.



KERRY LADIES ARE MUNSTER CHAMPS

Kerry 2-15 Cork 0-13

By Anthony Newman



The Kerry team standing for the National Anthem

Sheer delight for Kerry as they were crowned TG4 Munster Senior A ladies football champions for the first time since 2017 at Mallow.

The Kingdom started well, before falling behind to Cork, but a goal from Emma Dineen just before half-time got them back in contention. When she raised her second green flag with nine minutes to go it was the killer blow, as they led by six points at that stage and there was no way back for Cork.

Add in a simply outstanding display from Danielle O'Leary, who scored 10 points for Kerry and was the deserving winner of the Player of the Game award, closely followed by Kayleigh Cronin.

O'Leary opened the scoring for Kerry in the fourth minute as she fisted over the bar from a long ball in.

She doubled their lead after 10 minutes, with a long stoppage for an injury in between to players from both sides.

The same player made it 0-3 to no score as Cork were finding it difficult to get going, thanks to some superb defending by Kerry.

Katie Quirke got Cork off the mark after 14 minutes and from the restart Rachel Leahy got their second point to make it 0-3 to 0-2.

With 16 minutes gone Cork were back on level terms when Melissa Duggan did what she does

best. She burst forward to score as Cork were now much more in contention.

Quirke got her second from a free to put Cork in front for the first time after 19 minutes play.

Another bursting run from a Cork player, this time Laura O'Mahony, put Cork two to the good as they were now playing the better football.

Quirke pointed from another free, with Aoife Healy and O'Mahony also scoring to make it 0-8 to 0-3 after 28 minutes.

Quirke then got Cork's ninth point in a row as the Rebels were enjoying the better of the play. O'Leary and Quirke exchanged points from frees as Cork led by six at half time approached. Just before the half time whistle Kerry got the boost they needed when a ball in from Katie Brosnan was fisted to the back of the net by Emma Dineen, to see Cork lead by 0-10 to 1-4 at the break.

O'Leary, Kerry's only point scorer in the first half, added another 30 seconds into the second, with Lydia McDonagh replying for Cork.

O'Leary, who was keeping her side in contention on her own hit another to put a point between the sides. And with 40 minutes gone O'Leary scored again to level it.

Another from O'Leary put Kerry back in front after 41 minutes the first time they lead since the 16th.

Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh, who came on after 39 minutes, scored a point, the first Kerry player aside from O'Leary to raise a white flag for them.

O'Leary got her ninth to increase Kerry's lead, with Niamh Carmody also pointing, to make it 1-11 to 0-11 in their favour after 49 minutes.

Kerry had one hand on the trophy after 51 minutes when Dineen got her, and Kerry's, second goal to make it 2-11 to 0-11.

Quirke hit back for Cork but time wasn't on their side as Ní Mhuircheartaigh and Carmody increased Kerry's lead.

Ní Mhuircheartaigh got the last score of the game as the Kingdom won the title for the first time since 2017.

Scorers for Kerry: D O'Leary 0-10 (1f), E Dineen 2-0, L Ní Mhuircheartaigh 0-3 (2f), N Carmody 0-2.

KERRY: ME Bolger; E Lynch, K Cronin, C Murphy; A O'Connell, E Dineen, E O'Connor; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, D Kearney; K Brosnan, D O'Leary, L Scanlon.

Subs: C Butler for ME Bolger, A Harrington for E O'Connor (both ht), L Ní Mhuircheartaigh for K Brosnan (39), A Dillane for N Ni Chonchuir (60).

Referee: Paddy Smith, Waterford.



Danielle O'Leary in action. Photos by Darren Halpin



Ciara Murphy Kerry and Laura O'Mahony Cork in action. Photos by Darren Halpin

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DAVY'S BOOST FOR THE HOSPICE

Davy Breen's St Stephen's Day Fundraiser for Kerry Hospice Foundation K.H.F. got another big boost recently with a cheque of \$10,000.00 for the charity. The St Stephen's Day Walk raised €3,010.00 for Kerry Hospice Foundation. Recently Davy & Carmel presented another cheque of \$10,000.00 to K.H.F. The money was initiated from the Graham family & funds were donated through the Kerry Association of New York, Patriotic & Benevolent Association, to Billy O'Sullivan for inclusion to Davy's Fundraiser for K.H.F. Billy O'Sullivan (of Turbid, Kenmare & New York) is a lifelong friend of Davy's and wanted to support Davy's fundraiser for the Kerry Hospice Foundation, who in partnership with the HSE, provide Specialist Palliative Care Services supporting patients who are living with an advancing illness in Kerry.



Cheque from New York of \$10,000.00 for Kerry Hospice.

L-R: Denis Gainey, Cathal Walshe P.R.O. Kerry Hospice Foundation, Davy & Carmel Breen, Pat Doolin & Mossy O'Leary. Photo by Mary D O'Neill



Children from The Macademy Performance Arts School, Killarney pictured on stage during their Variety Show in Killarney at the weekend. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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Kerry Para Sports Club Members Counting Down 100 Days to Paralympics

This week's Wheelchair Association Sport (IWA-Sport) and their clubs across, including the Kingdom Wheelblasters, begin the 100-day countdown to the Paralympic Games 2024.

IWA-Sport members and volunteers in Kerry and in clubs across Ireland are looking forward to the Games, which begin in Paris August 28th, 2024. Every four years the Paralympic Games showcases the best para-athletes in the world and IWA-Sport are proud to celebrate their paralympic hopefuls as well as the part they have played in their journey. Clubs like Kingdom Wheelblasters are multi-sport clubs catering for children from the ages of 5 to 15 yrs with the opportunity to take part in regular sport.

IWA-Sport is the founding body of Paralympic Sport in Ireland and the leading sports organisation for people with physical disabilities, and while the organisation is about offering children and adults with physical disabilities the opportunity to take part in sport, building lifelong positive habits, making friends, and having lots of fun in their clubs, they also provide a pathway for those who wish to progress into elite athletes participating at paralympic levels.



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 "If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't Love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't Love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't Love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, boastful, proud, or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But Love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever - Faith, Hope, and Love - and the greatest of these is Love" (1 Corinthians chapter 13).

Many songwriters have asked 'what is love?' The Word of God is clear - God is Love (1 John 4:7-18). Everything about the Lord, His nature and character is Love. Love is God's Power is rooted in. Solomon wrote that human love is as strong as death. But God's Love overcame death when Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and God raised Him. We could never experience the Love of God with our sins blocking the way. The sin had to be dealt with. "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting Life" (John 3:16). The Gospel or Good News that Jesus preached is a message of Love. People find it hard to receive the Love of God because they are contaminated by the world's hatred and hurts. Satan, the god of this world's agenda is to steal, kill and destroy - and he does this by blinding the eyes of people, luring them into deception. This happens because of lack of knowledge of God's Word, resulting in all kinds of wickedness and evil; hatred of others, and of oneself - a lack of Love. Jesus said the mark of His disciples would be Love for one another. He also clearly laid out the greatest commandment is to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength (i.e. your spirit, soul, and body) and to Love your neighbour AS you love yourself. Friend don't be deceived by hate - don't fall under the devil's spell. The level of hatred towards our Jewish brothers and sisters is heartbreaking - it brings curse upon nations and families make no mistake, for Israel is the apple of God's eye (Zechariah 2:8; Joel 3:1-21; Matthew 25:31-40).

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Mom, Jerry, Gobnait, Michael, John, Brendan, Chris, Linda, Lorraine, AnnMarie, Dylan, Mattie, Faela, Abbie and Cillian.

*Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday the 26th of May at 10am
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NOREEN O'SHEA



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WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE
29TH MAY 2023

As we lovingly remember Noreen on her first anniversary, we her family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

To all the many people who called to our home, attended the rosary, removal and funeral mass, to those who travelled long distances, and to those who could not attend, but were with us in spirit or via the webcam, we are truly grateful. To those who sent mass cards, posted messages of condolences online, and all who contributed to the Palliative Care unit thank you.

We would like to thank our extended families, relatives, neighbours and friends who helped and supported us during Noreen's illness, at the time of the funeral and over the past year. Your presence, kindness and prayers have given us great comfort, is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Kieran O'Brien who called to the house with comforting words and celebrated Noreen's requiem mass and to all those who made the mass so special.

We would like to especially thank Conor Gleeson, the staff and all the children at Lissivigeen National School who could not have been kinder or more supportive to Noreen. We would like to thank you for the guards of honour at the school, the funeral home and church in memory of Noreen. Thanks to the children for the beautiful Scrolls they made and to Ciara for bringing up a gift at the requiem mass.

To all the wonderful Doctors, Nurses, Carers and the Palliative Care Team led by Dr. Mags Clifford, we are eternally grateful for the wonderful care and support you provided for Noreen and our family.

To Miriam from Lissivigeen National School, Helen Kerins, and Denis Crowley for the beautiful music and hymns which greatly enhanced the liturgy. Thanks also to sacristan, Tadhg Fleming and Eucharist Ministers. To Mike, Mary, and staff of O'Shea Funeral Home we thank you so much for your guidance, compassion, and professionalism.

As it is not possible to thank everyone, please take this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation and gratitude.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

*We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,
We thought of you yesterday, and will tomorrow too,
We think of you in silence, and make no outward show,
For what it meant to lose you, those who love you know,
Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday,
It's the heartache of losing you, that will never go away.*

Forever in our thoughts and sadly missed, your Partner Dan, Children Mary, Marcus, Mairead, Maurice, Nigel and Families.

First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 26th May at 12pm in The Cathedral, Killarney.

16TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PJ CRONIN



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Of the ones we loved so much,
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
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