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Members of the Killarney Branch of the Irish Cancer Society pictured at the Killarney Towers Hotel with Manager Brian Lawlor for the launch of their coffee morning which will take place on March 4th at 10.30am. Included are Eugene O'Sullivan, Kathleen O'Shea, Brian Lawlor, Kathrina Breen and Eleanor O'Doherty. See page 4.



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FROM THE EDITOR

In a week when Killarney photographers were lauded by their peers, we have a packed magazine for you to enjoy.

It's all systems go for the Irish Cancer Society for their annual Coffee Morning, the Soroptimist Pancake Day will take place on Tuesday and there were retirement celebrations at St. Francis Special School. The Killorglin Panto group are set to tread the boards this weekend, the council thank the public for their patience during the recent storms and Killarney welcomed the Irish Under 16 Girls Basketball panel.

Kerry overcame Donegal in miserable conditions at Fitzgerald Stadium, St. Brendan's are off to the Connaught Centre of Excellence for the Hogan Cup Semi Final and we have all the action from the Basketball courts.

With some fantastic offers from our advertisers and lots of club news, we hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DAFFODIL DAY AS COFFEE MORNING IS LAUNCHED

The Killarney and South Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society are set to host their coffee morning at the Towers Hotel on Friday March 4th.

"We are delighted to be hosting the event after Covid-19 and are looking forward to welcoming old friends and new ones to the hotel from 10.30am next Friday, Eugene O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook at the launch this week.

"The Killarney Towers Hotel have very generously offered to sponsor everything on the day, so all money raised will go directly to the Irish Cancer Society, Killarney South Kerry Branch", Eugene added.

"We are also looking forward to Daffodil Day this year, as it is the first time in three years we will be having this very important fundraiser", Eugene added.

The society are looking for volunteers for Daffodil Day which is on Friday 25th March and if you would like to help you can contact Eugene O'Sullivan on 087-6866337.

As the flagship fundraising day returns to the streets of Ireland for the first time since 2019, the Irish Cancer Society is calling on the public to take part in any way they can to show solidarity and support for anyone affected by cancer. Every day cancer takes so much from so many families and Daffodil Day is a chance to come together and take something back, giving hope and raising funds so that one day cancer will take no more.



Daffodil Day Volunteer Julie Gaffey

Daffodil Day is our most important fundraising event of the year and the money raised goes directly to funding crucial supports including our Support Line, free counselling, our Night Nurses to provide end of life care, and financial support for families of children affected by cancer. Along with these services, the money raised on Daffodil Day allows us to support life-changing cancer research."

People are being asked to take part and take back from cancer in any way they can this Daffodil Day. As well as donating at Cancer.ie and volunteering to help fundraise, they can purchase items from the Daffodil Day online shop and take part in a steps challenge.

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

**DAFFODIL DAY TAKES PLACE ON FRIDAY
MARCH 25TH**

COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR THE WANDER WILD FESTIVAL

After a difficult 2 years, where the whole world stopped travelling, it is finally time to rebuild and to that end, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce launched the inaugural Wander Wild festival, which will take place in the Town, the National Park and the MacGillycuddy's Reeks from March 25th-27th.

"When Omicron began to wane in February, we took the initiative to develop an action-packed weekend celebrating the unique activities available to our town in the Park. It will be the first opportunity, in a post-pandemic setting, to showcase our World Class activities and experiences and among the first post pandemic festivals in the country", Pat Chawke, Wander Wild Festival Chairman said

Each member of the Wander Wild committee has selflessly given a tremendous amount of time and energy to building a festival with great potential for the town. Failte Ireland have recognised this and given their support for this year. It all begins with a lively choreographed mini parade and opening ceremony in town on Friday evening, followed by an audience with Michael Harding, a film fest and a festival club. Saturday sees a full schedule of outdoor activities, a wellness programme, family fun, a food trail and a Jamboree in Back Yard of The Laurels on Saturday night and the fun is continued into Sunday with more activities including a family town orienteering event. Check out the full line up at www.wanderwildfestival.com

"It really is a collective effort, from all the activity providers and businesses, as well as the volunteers. Our media campaign is in full flow (on limited funds). The objective is to bring a different side of Killarney to a new audience, that will benefit the locality, not only during Wander Wild, but into the future", Pat said.



Ready for the great outdoors again... After a two year hiatus, The Killarney Wander Wild Festival in Co Kerry takes place from Friday March 25th - 27th, 2022. Included at the launch at Dundag, Muckross Lake, Killarney National Park, were from left, Oliwia Arendarska and Marcin Klimaszewski, Viropayati Yoga, Niamh O'Shea, Brendan O'Brien, Wanderwild Festival, Pat Chawke, Chairman, Wanderwild Festival, and Paul O'Neill, Wanderwild Festival organising committee. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Retirement Day: Kathleen Cronin, Deputy Principal and Liam Twomey, Principal of St. Francis Special School in Beaufort pictured at the school on Wednesday as they both retired.

It is truly the end of an era as Principal Liam Twomey and Deputy Principal Kathleen Cronin retired this week from St. Francis Special School, Beaufort.

Kathleen began and ended her teaching career in this school and St. Francis Special School is the only school she has ever taught in during her 40 years of teaching.

Beginning in September 1982, Kathleen has been Deputy Principal for the past 5 years and has seen many changes over the years in Special Education and in St. Francis in particular.

Kathleen is from Faugh in Muckross and has seen many changes over the years in Special Education and in St. Francis in particular.

On her retirement, Kathleen reflected on the many great memories particularly of students and parents who met challenges with dignity and perseverance.

"In the early days teaching in a special school was a struggle due to lack of resources and societal awareness. Thankfully society has changed and our school has so many more facilities and resources", she said.

Kathleen has two daughters who teach in Dublin and says that every teaching job comes with its own challenges.

"I take a lot of pride in the school and particularly admire the parents I have met over the years who do whatever they can to find the best fit for

Not focusing on the destination but enjoying the journey...

LIAM AND KATHLEEN RETIRE FROM ST. FRANCIS SPECIAL SCHOOL

their child to be able to reach their potential", she added

Kathleen has full praise for Principal Liam Twomey for his vision and hard work in providing facilities like the new school wing for students with severe and profound disabilities, a new playground, polytunnels for gardening and meeting sensory needs and lately a separate playground especially for non-ambulant students.

"These all make such a difference to our pupils", Kathleen said.

I will miss the school, the staff and the students but I am excited to be taking care of my grandson who also happens to be called Liam so I will be replacing one boss called Liam with another!

Originally from Knocknagree, Liam Twomey has been Principal of St. Francis Special School for 20 years.

Liam began his teaching career in 1977 in the Virgin Mary NS in Ballymun. He remembers those days fondly. He then became a teaching Principal in Mulhuddart NS from 1996-1998. Following that he was appointed as teaching Principal of Lisgriffin NS in Buttevant, Co. Cork.

"I came to St. Francis Special School in November 2002 and the job has been challenging but very rewarding.

Liam has put huge efforts into ensuring the infrastructure and facilities in the school meet the needs of all the students who attend. Even though he is retiring this week, Liam is still focused on certain projects like getting a new playground finished and buying two new buses (one adapted for wheelchair use) to ensure that students can go on social outings and trips during the school day.

As retirement day approached, Liam said that he has learned not to focus on the destination because there is always a new project to focus on - It's all about the journey, he says!

Giving credit to the wonderful staff at St. Francis Special School, Liam said he was so lucky that they were so supportive to him over the years.

"I am looking forward to getting into many other projects to get to in retirement and as I love the outdoors, I will be doing lots of hiking and walking.

"I would also like to wish the all the best to the incoming principal' Keith Bradley from Cork", Liam added.

WALK-IN VACCINATION CLINICS OPEN FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS THIS WEEKEND

Walk-in clinics are open for 5-11 year olds to receive their Covid-19 vaccinations in Kerry and West Cork over the coming days.

The Kerry Vaccination Centre is at the former Borg Warner site at Monavalley in Tralee and the Eircode is V92 HT21.



Vaccinator Sheila Page gets the COVID-19 vaccinations ready for each person. (File Picture) Photograph: Domnick Walsh

Walk-in clinics are open for 5-11 year olds over the next few days as follows:

- On Saturday February 26th and Sunday February 27th - for children aged 5-11 for 1st & 2nd vaccination doses.

Getting your child vaccinated is a decision between you and your child. If Parents have any questions regarding your child's vaccination then please speak to staff at our vaccination centres, they will be available to provide you with further information.

People can also continue to book appointments at vaccination centres on hse.ie at this link: <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-booster-dose/>

It's important that you do not go to a vaccination centre if you have Covid-19; if you have symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have been told to restrict your movements.

It's also important to check your eligibility online on hse.ie before you self-schedule your appointment, bearing in mind that you need to wait three months (at least 90 days) after your first round of Covid-19 vaccination before you can get a booster. If you had Covid-19 since you were vaccinated, you should get your booster dose at least three months after your positive test result.

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KILLARNEY PHOTOGRAPHERS SNAP UP PRIZES IN THE ANNUAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The 44th annual 'Press Photographer of the Year Awards' were announced on Friday last during a specially directed live awards ceremony presented by broadcaster Miriam O'Callaghan alongside Paul Sherwood, President of the Press Photographers Association of Ireland. The event saw photographers from all across Ireland honoured and recognised for excellence in press photography, during a year of many highs and lows with Killarney photographer Valerie O'Sullivan coming third in the Reportage section for her images of the wild fires which raged through Killarney National Park last April and Michelle Cooper Galvin achieving "Highly Recommended" for her image of the fires. Speaking about Valerie's entry, The judges said...

Some stories cannot be adequately told in a single image. Here is an excellent example of a reportage which paints the fullest picture of the terrible fire which devastated one of our most important national parks. A really fine set of photographs.

Another Killarney native Bryan O'Brien won the Multi Media Section with his image

COVID-19 AND THE SMALL RURAL IRISH PUB
WINNER: BRYAN O'BRIEN, THE IRISH TIMES

The judges said...

The winning film in this year's Multimedia category takes us on a poignant journey inside four family-owned pubs in Co. Roscommon that are struggling to survive. The filmmaker beautifully captures a moment in time, gently and respectfully observing and documenting how these lives and places have been changed by the pandemic. While these places will be familiar to many, they are also fast being forgotten. This film consequently has the feel of something which not only matters now but will also matter in years to come. Shot selection, attention to detail and the use of natural light sets this film apart.

The 'Press Photographer of the Year' title was awarded, for the second year in a row, to James Crombie of Inpho Photography, whose portfolio the judges cited as "the outstanding portfolio of the awards". James received three category awards – first prize in Nature and the Environment, for what the judges coined as "picture of the year", 'Murmuration' which beautifully captured a startling murmuration creating the shape of a bird over Lough Ennell, third place in Daily Life and People for his image 'Fishing' taken on Lough Corrib, Co. Galway and third place in Sports Feature for 'Golden Moment', a very emotional image of Kellie Harrington as she celebrated with her gold medal at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The awards, which were presented across ten categories, were opened with a special address by An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin T.D.

Almost 1,400 images were submitted by 100 photographers for this year's awards.

To view the winning and highly commended images, which form the Press Photographers Association of Ireland 'Press Photographer of the Year' Exhibition please visit www.ppai.ie. The exhibition will go on tour to various libraries and venues around the country throughout the year.

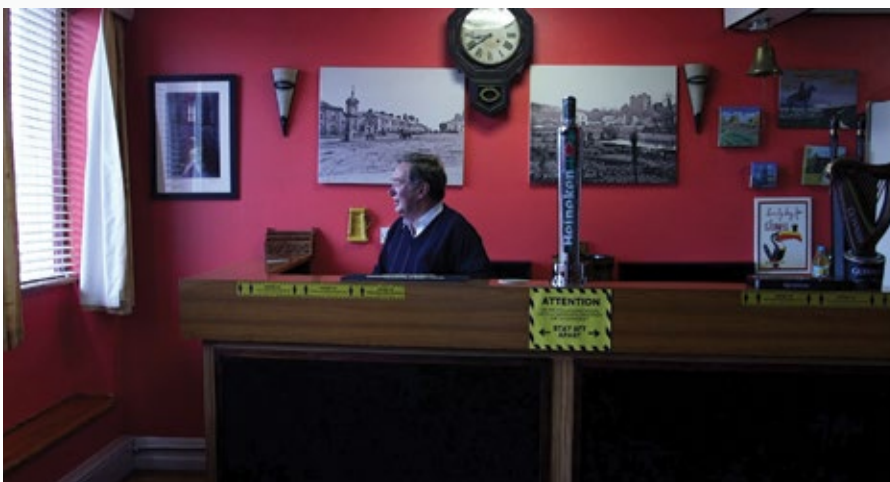
More photos on Page 10.



A devastating fire raged through Killarney National Park, threatening some of the oldest woodlands in Europe. For three days, members of Kerry County Council Fire Crews, NPWS Rangers, Killarney Water Search and Rescue and local volunteers fought to contain the fire battling strong winds and high temperatures. With their efforts much of the ancient Oak Forest has been saved. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Michelle Cooper Galvin was Highly Commended at the awards for her image of Killarney, Sneem and Kenmare Fire personnel fighting the flames in Killarney off the main Kenmare Road.



Multimedia 1st COVID-19 AND THE SMALL RURAL IRISH PUB. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the rural Irish pub. We visit four family owned bars in and around Boyle, Co. Roscommon, who are struggling to survive. Video: Bryan O'Brien



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Some of the Winning images from the PPAI Awards

Nature and the environment 1st - A Starling murmuration over Lough Ennell, Co. Westmeath. The judges said... The picture of the year. A picture that makes you gasp is a rare thing so full credit to the photographer whose skill and patience rewarded him with the picture of a lifetime. Mandatory Credit ©INPHO/James Crombie



Arts and Entertainment -2nd Traditional Irish musicians Seamus and Breannndán Ó Beaglaioich during lockdown in Breannndáns' trailer home in Baile na bPuc, Dingle, Co. Kerry. Breannndán was blocked from building a home on his land at the time. The judges said... Traditional musician brothers Seamus and Breannndán Ó Beaglaioich play their accordions in Dingle, Co. Kerry. This black & white portrait of the musicians is beautifully executed and shows them in Breannndán's trailer party home. We loved the details of their surroundings as much as the portrayal of them playing music. Photo - Philip Doyle



Daily life and people 2nd - Amber Liggett, working from home with her children Foster (7), Graham (5), Maddox (3) and Jovie (1). The judges said...As schools and nurseries closed during the pandemic lockdowns working from home became the norm. The burden of both working and looking after children especially for women has been much discussed in the last two years. This photo encapsulates twin bind of work and the need to occupy children while working. Pic:Mark Condren



*Nature and the environment 2nd HAWKEYE
A sparrowhawk pins down its starling prey in Howth, Co. Dublin. The starling later escaped. The judges said... When death comes to the streets of Howth, it's unusual to see but even rarer to get a picture. Nature's wonder comes in many guises but even so this is a picture that gets your attention. The defenceless starling almost looks to be pleading for its life. It's nothing personal for the sparrow hawk, it's just dinner. Photo: Gary Ashe*



Sports Feature 3rd GOLDEN MOMENT An emotional Kellie Harrington celebrates with her gold medal after winning the Women's Lightweight Final in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. The judges said: Her face may be masked but the eyes tell the story in this very emotional moment as Kellie Harrington listens to the national anthem with her hand on her heart and a gold medal around her neck. Photo: James Crombie Inpho



*Portrait 1st CAOIMHE'S 14TH BIRTHDAY
Caoimhe's 14th birthday at her home in Corofin, Co. Clare. Photo: Kenneth O'Halloran
A teenage girl semi-sulkily stares into the camera on her birthday. The detritus of the celebration surrounds her – balloons, cards and cake. This depiction of a teenager celebrating her birthday during the pandemic captivated the judges.*

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It's the talk of the town.....

With Anne Lucey



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

WINDS OF WAR



The Annals of Inisfallen make interesting reading this time of year. I have been perusing them in the light of the colour coded storm warnings we have all been terrified of this past week. There were storms in the 13th century too. Not only that but the topics that are engaging us this early part of 2022 are little different to those of 800 years ago.

Broadly speaking, war, wind and pestilence are as big a concern then as they are today. The entries from around 1092 in the annals are felt to have been contemporary. They were recordings of what had occurred over the year (and not before the event as in the lead up to storm Eunice!). In addition, these are the entries from the monastery at Inisfallen on the lake of Lering. Before the end of the eleventh century, the annals were concerned with ancient history and most of this work is believed to have been carried out in Lismore.

There are a lot of entries in Killarney about bishops and kings and castles rising and castles falling.

Not only is the date always given, so is the moon day. There is much about the MacCarthys, the old Kings.

In January 1268 "a great wind about the Feast of Saint Hilary (January 13) did harm to people both on sea and land", "ar mur agus ar tír", as the old Irish of the manuscript puts it.

There was very bad weather too in early 1271, as well as "general warfare" between the foreigners and the Gaeil of Ireland. Weather and war are followed by a great famine so that multitudes of poor people died of cold and hunger "and the rich suffered hardship". In 1285 around St Brigid's Day there is so much wind it blows down stone towers:

"A very destructive wind this year about the feast of Brigit. It blew down the bell-tower of Ros Alithir (Roscarbery, Co. Cork) and caused much damage generally."

This is followed by more entries about war between the McCarthys and foreigners.

One is tempted to say "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose," to this rather contemporary trio of war, weather and pestilence, in our time of Covid, wind and the hostilities in the Ukraine.

However, the sober recording of the weather and war in the ancient chronicle stands in marked contrast to the hype in today's world when fear is being whipped up before it happens at all.

On a serious note, the former minister Jimmy

Deenihan, still very involved in local history, is looking into what happened to his plans to recover the annals for Killarney. He is open to pursuing a facsimile for the town, he tells me.

COVID COMPLIANCE IN TOURISM FACILITIES AND A CAR PARK FOR KILLARNEY

What might be termed night establishments in Killarney have been found to be hugely compliant with Covid provisions and inspections, a reply under the Freedom of Information Act has revealed.

Previously, the health and safety officers of the Health and Safety Authority had found daytime premises, that is lunchtime facilities, hugely compliant also.

This time it was Environmental Health Officers of the Health Services Executive, the HSE who were charged with late night pubs and restaurants and inspections were greater.

The number of premises public houses/restaurants and other premises inspected by officers in Kerry that were inspected amounted to 152 Public Houses, 248 restaurants, and 100 "others", amounting to some 500 premises inspected between July and December 2021.

The compliance rate was 94.33%, the HSE has said and it also confirmed inspections were undertaken outside of normal working hours at weekends and on weekdays.

Again, we take it as a given that most of those establishments were in Killarney.

We do not know which establishments were not compliant as this part of the request was refused.

Meanwhile, with the ink hardly dry on last week's piece about long and outstanding car parking issues in Killarney, and the chronic lack of car spaces, a decision of An Bord Pleanála overturning a car park refusal by the council emerged.

Last August planners in Kerry County Council refused permission for the retention of the overflow car park from Sheahan's Centra on the Muckross/Flesk Road at Scrahane, and the upgrading of same with surface, landscaping, signage and lighting on what is a vacant site. The Kerry County Council planners said developing an overflow car park to serve Centra would be contrary to the town centre zoning and its objectives. They felt a car park would not be suitable for a mixed use site so close to the town centre.

The council planners also felt a traffic hazard could be created and there was a need for a road safety audit.

However, last week An Bord Pleanála overturned the council's decision. The board gave the go-ahead to a retention proposal by Gleann Beithe Management and Trading Services. The permission is for five years so that there can be monitoring if this is what is suitable for the strategic use of the site, long term.

Among the conditions are the installations of

electric vehicle charging points or stations. Who knows, maybe an electric shuttle bus is on its way.

BLUES OVER BLUEBELLS

Concern is being raised, and not for the first time about the noticeable degradation of the wonderful bluebell wood opposite the Muckross Post Office.

I seem to recall a general concern was raised a few years ago about the threat to bluebells in Killarney and that time it was by an ad hoc group.

Now a reader has contacted this column to document how the mountain bikes are creating a pathway where there never was a path.

Walkers too are trampling through the magical wood but it is the large - and heavy-tire mountain bikes which do the most damage.

In essence, the paths through the bluebell wood have become progressively wider.

"This is such a jewel in our environment that it's a crying shame it is being destroyed," the reader correctly points out.

I took a good look, myself, since it was brought to my attention and indeed the floor of the deciduous wood is in a sorry state and completely bare and trodden in parts.

The matter has been brought to the attention of management at Muckross, and suggestions have been made to erect signage and they are concerned.

Older residents of Muckross and indeed Killarney town recall how they never walked through the wood growing up, but always admired it from a distance.

That taboo existed until recently and may well have disappeared with the relatively recent practice of photographing children for First Communions among the bluebells, it is suspected.

Trails are being done up all around Muckross and the Killarney National Park and do we really need to damage the one bluebell wood visible from the road and that brings such glancing joy each April/May?

This is a hugely important issue. The Muckross bluebells are, in the global context, part of a greatly endangered species and part of a population particularly significant internationally.

The NPWS and the Department of Housing and Heritage has been told of the concerns and they assure the column they are treating the matter seriously and will be back to outline the measures that are to be put in place. Indeed their duty as guardians of the woods and bluebells can be no less. We await the measures and thank the reader.





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KILLORGLIN PANTO IS BACK

There is a real buzz in Killorglin this week with last minute preparations underway for the groups 59th production **Red Riding Hood**. Starting tomorrow, Saturday 26th the panto will be performed live at the CYMS on the following dates - Matinees on Saturday February 26 @ 3pm, Sunday February 27 @ 3pm,



Three generations of the O'Connor family who have leading roles in the panto, Tomas, Siun and Michael.



Sunday March 6th @ 3pm & Night Shows on Tuesday March 1, Thursday March 3, Friday March 4 & Saturday March 4 @ 8pm.

This year's show started out with rehearsals firstly via Zoom back in October (due to restrictions) but in recent weeks has moved to live rehearsals in preparation for the opening weekend. Red Riding Hood features the usual fun-filled Panto fare of singing, dancing, high jinks and of course a Dame - with Dame Declan Mangan amazingly starring (and producing) in his 59th panto.

As always with Killorglin Panto fun for all ages is guaranteed and this year three generations of the O'Connor family are on stage in leading roles. Local musical talent Siun O'Connor is paying the role of Red Riding Hood, joined by her Grandad, Michael F O'Connor as the Town Crier, and her uncle Tom O'Connor as the Wicked Wolf.

The Panto has a fabulous cast and chorus bringing high energy, fun, song, music and dance to the stage in a live setting, with a dedicated production and backstage crew providing colourful costumes and hand painted sets. The Panto will also have a live 5 piece orchestra.

There is a special offer for the opening night show Tuesday March 1st where all tickets are €10!

Will you be there? - Oh Yes you will - To find out book your tickets now on 066 979061 or visit the Killorglin Panto FB page for more details.

NEW MURAL AT ST. OLIVERS

to take centre stage

An art initiative at St. Oliver's National School in Ballycasheen in Killarney is proving to be a great success.

Under the watchful eye of Tricia O Connor, an artist from Kerry who has a BA in Fine Art and an MA in Social and Art theory and Terry Landers, who is the BLAST Co-ordination at the school, the educators are working with a small group of children in 3rd and 4th multidisciplinary classes.

Along with their teachers who include co-ordinating teacher of Intercultural Education and the BLAST project Terry Landers, class teachers Mairead Greene and Amy O'Shea the SNA team Mags Mc Carthy, Mandy Lynch and Martina Dineen, Tricia based the initial idea on this year's St Oliver's Intercultural poster and poem.

"Together we explored the words of the poem by Charles Bennafield which reads:

*I'm diversity embrace me
and we'll journey far,
I'm diversity include me and
we will reach the shining star*

"We focused on creating stars through different mediums such as modelling clay, paper and cardboard", Tricia added.

"We also jumped on Trampolines outside to explore different forms of movement that our bodies can make while looking at the colours of the sky, the shapes of the clouds and faraway stars.



Tricia then designed a mural using figures and a colour pallet chosen from our group explorations.

The mural has been very much led by the children and each child is bringing their own creativity and talent to the project. The mural will be finished by Easter and will take pride of place in being mounted in the school's inner courtyard. This is a special meeting place for all classes from pre-school up to 6th. It is a place where children play, staff meet, parents gather and graduations are celebrated.

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The Cathaoirleach and Chief Executive of Kerry County Council have thanked members of the public in Kerry for their patience and cooperation during Storm Eunice.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Jimmy Moloney paid tribute to local authority staff and the emergency services for their work in dealing with road closures and other challenges overnight.

'Thankfully, Kerry escaped from Storm Eunice without any serious incident. That was due to the cooperation of the public in heeding the weather warnings and remaining indoors during the course of Friday morning.

'Tremendous work continues to be done by the staff of Kerry County by the staff of Kerry County Council around the county in clearing roads of fallen trees, branches and debris and in assisting ESB Networks in their work.'

The Chief Executive of Kerry County Council, Moira Murrell, said that the interagency cooperation in advance of Storm Eunice was hugely important. 'The Kerry Severe Weather Coordination Team had been preparing for a Status Red alert for several days and met regularly to coordinate the response.

The weather event was the subject of intense emergency planning in recent days which enhanced the response effort.

'Our crews responded to the issues which arose when it was safe to do so and ensured that routes were reopened as soon as possible.

'I would like to thank the many agencies who assisted in coordinating the response including An Garda Síochána, the HSE, ESB Networks, and local authority emergency services.'

Any outstanding issues can be reported to the Council's Emergency Line on 066 7183588.



Brosnan Tree Cutting Services dealing with a fallen tree following Storm Eunice in Kilcummin.

COUNCIL THANKS PUBLIC FOR COOPERATION DURING STORM EUNICE



One of the iconic trees that line Port Road was a casualty of Storm Eunice.

UNDER 16 TEAM IN TOWN FOR TRAINING

St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School in Killarney had the honour of hosting the Irish Under 16 Basketball panel for two days training at their gym last weekend.

3rd Year student at the school Leah McMahon is part of the squad and the school are very proud of her achievement at such a young age.

Leah was the only Kerry player, selected for the FIBA U16 Women's European Challenge 2021, which took place in Piestany, Slovakia in August 2021, but unfortunately due to a Covid positive test she was unable to take part in the tournament.

Leah is now looking forward to the upcoming year with the team and all that it will bring.



The Irish Under 16 basketball team.

Leah McMahon, centre pictured with team mates at a training session for the Under 16 Irish Basketball team in Killarney at the weekend.



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SAVE THE DATE and Climb with Charlie

On Saturday April 2nd 2022, Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone are organising a walk in conjunction with Motor Neurone sufferer Charlie Bird who is climbing Croagh Patrick in his initiative to raise funds and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease & Pieta House.

"We are asking people to save the date as we finalise preparations for the walk", Christy Lehane from the Kerry Branch told Killarney Outlook.

Former RTE news correspondent Charlie Bird will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House.

Due to Charlie's recent Motor Neurone Disease diagnosis, the climb will be an immense challenge but he is determined to do it to highlight the vast mountains so many people have to climb in their

everyday lives due to severe illness, physical and mental.

The campaign is encouraging everyone to 'Climb With Charlie', meaning not just climbing physical mountains, but getting through all the serious challenges in their lives.

While Charlie and his close friends and family embark on their climb on the weekend of April 2nd, the campaign encourages everyone all over Ireland and indeed all over the world get behind his efforts and arrange their own climb in their local area, with all monies raised going to two really worthy charities.

Watch this space for more details on #climbwithcharlie

Christy Lehane



LAST CALL FOR BUILD THE FUTURE COMPETITION

Following on the success of last year's overall winners Castleisland Community College - the last call for Schools from Kerry to enter the Build The Future for Everyone with the CIF's National Schools Competition has been issued.

Senior cycle students and schools from Kerry have less than two weeks to one month to enter the CIF Build the Future - Schools Challenge, which can be entered via www.cif.ie/cifchallenge. The deadline for entries is 1st March 2022.

The Construction Industry Federation (CIF) in association with Sherry Fitzgerald has opened this competition (in its second year), which is aimed at Transition Year students. The competition is a team-based project where students work together to design a residential housing development help address sustainability, climate change, solve the housing crisis and showcase innovation in construction. The submitted designs will need to be eco-friendly, affordable.

Competition to help address future skills, as the CIF and National Skills Council reveal 27,500 additional workers needed to achieve annual housing targets by 2030

The winning team will present their designs at the Ireland Skills Live Event in the RDS along with a day's "Construction Experience" provided by Technical University Dublin and a TOPCON Complete construction package of laser equipment and instruction.

The winning team will present their designs at the Ireland Skills Live Event in the RDS. In addition, they will receive a day's "Construction Experience" provided by Technical University Dublin and a TOPCON Complete construction

package to include most up to date laser equipment and ½ day instruction, as well as a prize for each of team members.

The second team selected will also present their design at Ireland Skills Live Event in RDS in March 2022 and a TOPCON Construction package to include the latest equipment plus a half day's instruction with individual prizes for each team member.

The third team selected will also present their design at Ireland Skills Live Event in RDS in March 2022 and receive TOPCON measuring equipment, along a prize for each team member.

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In late 2021 Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce commissioned Mark O'Connell from Repucon to conduct an important survey to ascertain the views of the business community in Killarney on a whole range of important local issues. The commercial interests in the town were urged to respond to ensure a full and accurate snapshot of local opinion is obtained and this week the findings of the survey were delivered to the Chamber at their first lunch since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Business Sentiment Survey 2021 was geared towards discovering what is important for local businesses going forward, what they need and expect from the town and what measures they would like to see implemented.

The information provided will be important as Killarney continues moving towards creating a safe, progressive and inclusive town in Covid times.



Members of Killarney Tourism and Commerce listen to Mark O'Connell from Repucon as he presents the main findings on the Killarney Visitor, Consumer and Business Surveys at the International Hotel Killarney on Wednesday.

TRAFFIC A PROBLEM AND STAFF CRISIS ESCALATES

Traffic management and the problems recruiting staff are the biggest post pandemic issues facing businesses in Killarney, a major new survey has found.

20.2% of respondents to a business sentiment survey undertaken by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce cited traffic as a major concern and an identical number said finding staff was their main issue.

Other post Covid-19 challenges identified included providing adequate parking (15.5%), attracting international visitors following the various lockdowns (13.1%), cost issues (11.9%) and remaining competitive with online offerings (7.1%).

Interestingly, 57.8% of businesses surveyed said they had identified new business channels as a result of Covid-19 with some reporting a percentage turnover from the new sources to be as high as 27.1%.

Not surprisingly, 71.8% said business levels decreased during the pandemic, 20.4% said it stayed the same and 7.8% reported an actual increase in business throughout the crisis.

That said, a majority of local commercial concerns who participated in the survey said they were confident about business performance following the pressures of the pandemic, with 54.4% describing their outlook as optimistic, 21.4% as very optimistic, 19.4% as somewhat optimistic and just 4.9% saying they were not at all optimistic.

Killarney's strong reputation as a tourist town and the range of things to do in the town was the number one reason respondents believe it is a good place to do business.

The opinion was gleaned from extensive online research conducted in late 2021 – including a business sentiment survey, a separate visitor sentiment survey and a third and very important community sentiment survey – commissioned by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and conducted by professional independent marketing consultants Repucon. A convincing 92% of those that responded to the business sentiment survey insisted that

Killarney is a good place to do business with just 8% disagreeing.

Analysing the research, it would appear the pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street and Main Street in Killarney has been a hit with 58.5% of businesses saying it was effective, 34.0% not agreeing and 7.5% saying they don't know.

In the community survey, 72.3% per cent described the pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street as effective, 22.4% did not agree and 5.3% said they don't know while, in relation to Main Street, 56.9% per cent of the community respondents thought pedestrianisation was effective, 37.1% didn't agree and 6.1 per cent had no opinion.

38.0% would be in favour of introducing pedestrianisation all year round, 36.5% said they would prefer to continue with the current level of car free zones and 25.5 per cent were in favour of removing it altogether.

In related matters, 55.9% of business responses were in favour of the decision to increase the width of footpaths in the town centre during the pandemic, 34.4% were against and 9.7% didn't know.

In the community survey responses, 57.1% were in favour of wider pavements, 36.8 were opposed and 6.0% didn't give an opinion.

57.6% believed that the areas reserved for age friendly and disabled parking were effective, 21.7% didn't agree and 20.7% said they didn't know. 63.7% believed the 15-minute set down limit was effective, 19.8% didn't concur and 16.5% had no opinion to offer on that question. Interestingly, an emphatic 87% of respondents said outdoor dining over the summer months was effective, 9.0% disagreed and 4.0% had no opinion.

On the social scene, 34.0% of respondents found the night time offering in Killarney to be very good, 44.7% described it as good, 12.6% said it was average, 6.8% found it to be poor and 1.9% said it was very poor.

61.5% of business sentiment survey respondents said they would strongly recommend the social life in Killarney, 57.6% of the community survey respondents said likewise while 2.9% of the business respondents said they wouldn't recommend the evening time offering and 1.9% of the community

respondents said likewise.

50% of respondents to the business survey said Killarney was a safe town in which to socialise and 21.2% described it as being very safe.

Asked what measures were most important for Killarney, 91.9% of businesses surveyed prioritised street cleaning and other considerations included maintaining Killarney's Tidy Towns profile (85.9%), bin storage on the streets (79.6%), CCTV (63.7%) and maintaining the town's Purple Flag status for a safe night time economy (48.5%).

52.0% of businesses expressed concerns about there being a very high risk of anti-social behaviour on the streets and car parks with 31.4% saying there was a high risk, 13.7% describing the risk as average 2.0% believing the risk was minimal and 1.0% felt there was no risk.

In the community sentiment survey, the view on Killarney's retail offering was interesting with 52.1% of respondents wanting more fashion and clothing stores, while there was also support for more homeware stores (11.4%) and hardware outlets (9%).

Asked what percentage of their shopping was done online, 41.6% of community survey respondents said less than 10%, with 19.9% saying up to a quarter of their shopping, 13.1% replying up to half, 8.2% up to three quarters and 1.4% said all or almost all of their shopping was done online. 15.8% didn't do any of their shopping online.

The key improvements the people of Killarney interviewed would like to see in their town were measures to tackle traffic congestion (24.1%), additional parking (20.6%), more pedestrianisation (12.8%) and more public amenities such as bins, benches and toilets (12.6%).

Asked what they believed Killarney town was lacking, 31% said a bowling alley and 26.5% wanted more indoor facilities in general with 12.5% seeking more activities for children and teenagers.

In the business sentiment survey, more than 100 interviews were conducted last November and December and in the community sentiment survey over 1,000 interviews were conducted in October.

CLEAR MAJORITY BACK PEDESTRIANISATION

The contentious issue of pedestrianisation continues to be divisive in Killarney but, if the business and community sentiment surveys are to be used as a barometer, a very clear majority is in favour of banning vehicular traffic from key areas in the town centre.

The outcome of the business survey was that 58.5% believed that the pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street and Main Street – trialled at weekends – had been effective, 34.0% said it didn't work and 7.5% said they didn't know.

In the community sentiment survey, 56.9% found the pedestrianisation of Plunkett and Main Street to be effective, 37.1% didn't and 6.1 per cent said they didn't know.

Asked if the pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street alone was effective, a much higher 72.3% said

yes, 22.4% said no and 5.3% had no opinion.

On the subject of what levels of pedestrianisation they would like to see in the town centre going forward, 38% were in favour of keeping it all year round, 36.5% want to continue with the current levels and 25.5% was in favour of removing pedestrianisation altogether.

Asked if they were happy to see the town centre footpaths being widened, 55.9% of those who submitted views for the business survey said yes, 34.4% said no and 9.7% had no opinion.

Responding to the same question in the community sentiment survey, 57.1% said the wider footpaths were effective, 36.8% said they were not and 6.00% said they didn't know.



55% WALKED MORE DURING PANDEMIC



The popularity and importance of Killarney National Park was highlighted in the community sentiment survey research commissioned by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and undertaken by Repucon Consulting.

A hugely significant 41.8% of the over 1,000 people that replied said they like to visit the park a few times a week with 16% enjoying the facilities there once a week.

14.6% visit the park every day and a similar number of respondents, 14.4%, enjoy it a few times a month.

An additional 5.5% of respondents said they go to the national park once a month, 6.6% call there less than once a month and just 0.9% per cent said they never visit the 26,000-acre national park.

Interestingly, 55% of those who responded to the survey said their walking habits had increased during the pandemic, 38% said their routine stayed the same and just 7% said their

walking regime had actually decreased because of Covid-19. On the whole issue of climate change, 30.3% said they were very strongly concerned, 33.2% were strongly concerned, 24.2% had average concerns, 6.4% said their levels of concern were low and 6.0% has no concerns at all.

Asked what factors could help address climate worries, 26.8% said more bins and recycling depositories, 12.9% called for improved public transport, 11.7% suggested more cycle lanes and cycling promotions, 10.3% suggested improved traffic management, 7.7% mentioned better education on the issue and 7.2% called for increased electric car charging ports.

Other suggestions included wider footpaths and improved walkways (6.3%), pedestrianisation of roads (4.7%), banning the burning of fuels and coals (3.8%), planting more trees (3.4%) and the provision of more parking (2.7%).

BOWLING ALLEY HIGH ON KILLARNEY'S WISH-LIST

A bowling alley is topping the must-have list for Killarney, according to over 1,000 locals who responded to a community sentiment survey initiated by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce and conducted by Repucon Consulting.

Asked what Killarney was lacking that might benefit the town, 31% suggested a bowling alley while there was also strong support (26.5%) for other indoor, all-weather attractions such as arcades, mini-golf and a climbing wall.

12.5% said they would be in favour of more activities for children and teenagers, such as fun zones and gaming centres.

Other responses to the community



sentiment research found that 8.5% would like to see a new theatre in the town, 5.1% were in favour of additional sports facilities, 4.7% wanted a new community centre and 3.8% identified the need for a youth club.

Additionally, 3.0% called for more public amenities in general, 2.7% mentioned the redevelopment of Áras Pádraig as a priority and 2.3% asked for more car parking.

VAST MAJORITY PREFER SHOPPING CLOSER TO HOME

A very emphatic 86.6% of more than 1,000 people who responded to the Killarney community sentiment survey stated that they do their shopping in the town.

A surprisingly low 6.3% said they prefer to shop online with 3.4% stating that they travel to Tralee to shop.

Shopping in Cork accounted for 2.0% of respondents with Killorglin (0.9%), Castleisland (0.5%) and Limerick (0.3%) the only other locations mentioned.

63.3% said they shop a few times a week, 19.0% replied once a week, 10.3% opted for a few times a month, 2.8% said they shop once a month and 4.6% said they shop less than that.

Asked to rate the Killarney retail experience, 37.1% said it was average, 30.4% found it to be good, 16.3% said

it was very good, 12.1% reported that it was disappointing and 4.0% were of the opinion that it was very poor.

Interestingly, 66% said they didn't think their shopping habits would change post-Covid but 23% expected an increase in the number of visits they would make to the shops and 12% expected their shopping trips to decrease.

Asked what type of stores they would like to see more of in Killarney, the community survey respondents listed fashion retail stores (52.1%), homeware stores (11.4%), DIY/hardware stores (9.0%), electrical stores (7.5%), delicatessens/bakeries (6.9%), sports stores (3.4%), grocery stores (3.3%), toy shops (3.3%) and boutiques (3.3%).



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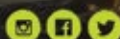
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NEWLY BEREAVED PARENTS WELCOME TO SUPPORT GROUPS NATIONWIDE

Anam Cara, a national organisation supporting bereaved parents, holds fourteen face-to-face meetings across the country each and every month. Every parent present at the meeting have many things in common, however the most significant being, the loss of a child.

Taking that first step to attend a meeting can, in many cases, be the toughest. But every bereaved parent who attends has made that first step. It may have been last month, last year or some still come along five years later - there is no time limit on how long you can attend.

On Tuesday 8th March, Anam Cara will hold their Kerry meeting in The

Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee @ 7:15pm. All bereaved parents are welcome, regardless of the age of the child or circumstances of death to the meeting, free of charge.

Registration is not required to attend the meeting on Tuesday 8th March, just turn up. Anam Cara would welcome any bereaved parent in the Kerry area and surrounds to attend.

For further information on the event, Anam Cara can be contacted on 01 4045378 or by email info@anamcara.ie

€250,000 GOAL FOR CUH CHARITY TRIATHLON

Thousands of women who have survived cancer across Munster are to benefit from the efforts of an army of athletes signing up for this summer's Cork University Hospital Charity Triathlon.

CUH doctor and Olympic triathlete Carolyn Hayes, ex-Munster Rugby star Billy Holland and Kerry football legend Pat Spillane were on hand to launch the inaugural fundraiser, which takes place in Farran Wood on June 18.

Up to 250 teams-of-three are expected to sign up for the challenge – generating the €250,000 needed to provide a dedicated, nurse-led clinic for women in the region who have battled the disease.

"We are asking every team of three to raise €1,000 and we believe 250

teams signing up is possible, some teams will raise even more than that," said race organiser and former Cork inter-county footballer Barry Coffey at the launch in CUH.

"The main focus for us is to have a fun event in which any age group can participate."

Triathlon Option 1 involves a 1km swim, 32km cycle and 5km run, with Option 2 a less arduous 500m swim, 32km cycle and 2.5km run.

The same €1,000 fundraising target applies to those entering the event solo – and if anyone struggles with any of the three physical challenges, they can nominate someone to complete it on their behalf.

Official data shows there are more than 173,000 cancer survivors living in Ireland but the number of survivors is predicted to double over the next 25 years, largely due to improvements in early detection, effective cancer treatment and new developments in treatment.

"There is a huge difference between cure and recovery," said Claire Concannon of CUH Charity.

"We can cure a cancer, but how do people recover? Often patients and their families are left with not only physical scars, but emotional and economic scars too. And we need to treat those."

"The funds raised from the CUH Charity Triathlon, which is sponsored by Blackwater Motors, will fund a research project which provides a dedicated nurse led clinic for women who have survived cancer to guide them through the various stages of their journey."

In order to ensure everyone cared for in CUH with, and beyond, a diagnosis of cancer, future efforts will support individuals with other cancer types, including those affecting men, as well as those from under-represented groups and those living with advanced or metastatic cancer.

Register for the CUH Charity Triathlon fundraiser for free at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/cuh-charity-triathlon-registration-247170843647>.



Billy Holland, former Munster rugby star, pictured with research nurse Naoimh Flynn, CUH, Pat Spillane, former Kerry football star, Professor Roisin Connolly, medical oncologist in CUH and chair of Cancer Research in UCC, Carolyn Hayes, Irish Olympic triathlete and David Quirke of sponsors Blackwater Motors, at the official launch of the CUH Charity Triathlon, which takes place in Farran Wood in June. Picture: David Keane.

CHAIN OF OFFICE

Teresa Irwin, President of the Soroptimist Club in Killarney hands over her chain of office to the new President Bridie Brosnan.

The Soroptimist Club are hosting their annual pancake / coffee morning on Tuesday next March 1st at the Killarney Avenue Hotel.





Welcome to Lottie's at The Ashe

Lottie's is the newly refurbished events space in the four star Ashe Hotel. Step into a space inspired by the golden Twenties, a symbol of glamour, style and sophistication. Relax yourself on scalloped occasional chairs and fan-style velvet couches while enjoying the awe-inspiring decadent detail of the room. Shimmering chandeliers, lavish gemstone coloured velvet and fiercely unique décor make this a space like no other. A space of splendour and rich décor that is both flamboyant and versatile, an ideal setting for your next event or occasion. Hotel Stylist Jane Boyle says *'We have created a special space for people to dine, celebrate and entertain, a room for a sense of occasion, to toast those beautiful moments in our lives.'*

Celebrate at Lottie's

We've been waiting a long time to celebrate again and Lottie's is the perfect location for your next special occasion. Lottie's is a versatile and unique private space that offers you and your guests a private area to dine and celebrate.

Our culinary team take great pride in creating menus, sourcing the very best of ingredients and creating a memorable dining experience. Our hospitality team are looking forward to welcoming our guests back to celebrate all their special occasions, Anniversaries, Retirements, Birthdays, Baby Showers and more! Naomi McDonnell, Operations Food & Beverage Manager says, *'We love hosting celebrations to be part of a families special occasion is a privilege and we are looking forward to being part of that.'*

The versatility of Lottie's provides Wedding Couples with a glamorous and romantic setting with velvet couches, a shimmering tiled bar, Art Deco chandeliers and vintage touches. Our Wedding Team know that it's the little details that make an experience truly memorable, and we are happy to work with couples to personalise all aspects of their wedding. Adding their own sense of style to our love of good design brings together the perfect pairing.

When one day just isn't enough- enjoy a Wedding Weekend at Lottie's! A Pre Wedding gathering is a great way for your guests to meet and mingle. Choose from an evening of canapés and cocktails or a more intimate affair of a sit down with your nearest and dearest to relax.

Alternatively, unwind after your Wedding Day with a Post Wedding Party. Enjoy a laid-back affair where you can relive moments and revel in the enjoyment of your guests. Choose from a relaxed gathering on the Terrace, trendy Birdcages or host a family sit down dinner in Lottie's, the choice is yours.

Dine at Lottie's

The Birdcage at Lottie's is the latest dining experience you've grown to expect from The Ashe Hotel.

Each birdcage contains three layers of sharing plates, offering the diner a selection of savoury light bites to enjoy. Choose from one of the three themed birdcages, the Classic Charcuterie & Cheese, the Meat Feast or the Vegan Delight. Each menu has been carefully curated and ingredients specially sourced by Head Chef Alex DeGlorie. Indulge on dishes such Dingle Whiskey & BBQ Chicken Wings, Tim Jones Beef & Sneem Black Pudding Sliders or a selection of Farmhouse Irish cheeses.

While enjoying your Birdcage sharing platter sip on a cocktail in this uniquely glamorous setting. Our mixologists Nicole Sugrue & Diana O'Keeffe have designed a selection of creative and original cocktails both alcoholic and non-alcoholic using only the best of ingredients for you to enjoy. The Birdcages launch Friday 18th March, St. Patrick's Bank Holiday weekend, bookings are open and advisable.



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To make an enquiry for Lottie's at The Ashe please call on 066 7106300 or email info@theashehotel.ie.



Organisers Anthony Dennehy and Anne Mangan pictured with MEP Sean Kelly at the Goal Mile walk on Christmas Day.

€400,000 RAISED AT THE ANNUAL GOAL MILE

With a number of Kerry venues including Killarney, Castleisland, Killorglin, Listowel, Tralee and Kenmare, hundreds of people took part in the GOAL mile over the Christmas period with a fantastic €400,000 being donated to the humanitarian aid agency at fundraising events in Ireland and abroad.

The Christmas tradition of running, jogging or walking a Mile in support of GOAL's work has taken place since the 1980's. With the support of AIB for the first time, this was the biggest event yet. Funds raised at annual nationwide and international events support the agency's emergency response and humanitarian work in 14 countries in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

Organisers in Killarney Anthony Dennehy and Anne Mangan wish to thank all the the brave participants who supported Goal Ireland and Pieta House Kerry. In total €1350 was raised resulting in €675 to each organisation.

CLYDE HEADS TO CAMBODIA TO CONTINUE HIS SOCCER CAREER

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A footballer with a strong Killarney connection has travelled to Asia to start playing professional football with Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng FC in Cambodia.

Clyde O'Connell from Limerick is the son of is the son of Deirdre Lucey and Dermot O'Connell from Glenflesk and grandson of the late Kerry footballer Noel Lucey.

Clyde played with Treaty United before heading off.

"A new journey begins and I couldn't be more excited. A big thank you to the club, players, coaching staff & the people of Phnom Penh for making me feel so welcome", Clyde said on his social media.

He also thanked his agent Joe Yoffe and his club Treaty United FC for the incredible season he had with the club.



Letter to the Editor

A Chara,
I remember walking down from the Grotto to the town hall in a protests on the housing shortage in Killarney while not in need of housing at the time my self I was glad to support those that were and I would imagine that this was in late sixties
I was just thinking of this the other night as I listened to a political point scoring debate between Government and opposition parties.
The fact was and is that people in need of housing don't care who provides the houses, they need homes.
In Killarney shortly after the protest a mixture of private and council builds came on stream with McInerney in Woodlawn and the Kelly Brothers returning from England and delivering Park Road Estate and Countess Grove.
The NBA houses and council built developments in Pinewood, Coolgrain Park and Ardshanvooley and in later years private developers delivered Kings Falls and Castle falls and Dromhall Park,
Perhaps our generation were lucky but perhaps the lessons for the modern political parties of all shades and none is if it could be done in the seventies like this perhaps they should learn from history and lose the idology.
It's the least the next Generation are entitled to. State land that are in the hands of any state body without a devised plan should be handed over to local authorities to allow them get involved in public housing again and be the local driver of housing programs and stop the political game playing.
Economic development needs population and people need houses for the local economy to grow.
A dose of common sense rather than ideology is now needed.
Sean Counihan,
Former Town Councillor and Mayor of Killarney, Ardshanvooley, Killarney.

Congratulations to Nora O'Brien from Tralee who has been taking part in the Amiras 50K My Way in aid of the Bumbleance Charity which raises money for the children's national ambulance service.

"I am delighted to receive my medal in the post and I walk at least 5km a day", Nora told Killarney Outlook



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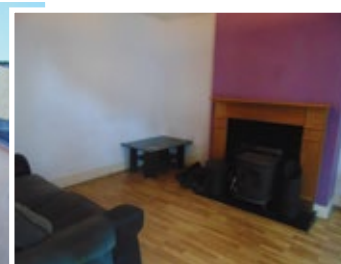
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Kite surfer saves woman in dramatic West Cork sea rescue

In rough conditions, the kite surfer located the woman 100 metres from the rocks and carried her to shore with his kite.



Kite Surfer, Dylan Green carried out the important rescue yesterday evening. Picture: BBLJ

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A kite surfer has used all his skill to save a woman who got into difficulty swimming at Broadstrand on the Seven Heads Peninsula in West Cork.

Dylan Green, an experienced kite operator, was surfing at Broadstrand for the first time when swimmers alerted him that a woman was in danger yesterday evening.

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Fake tan is here to stay with more people realising the dangers associated with lying in the sun. The feel-good effect from a spray tan or bronzing body lotion is immediate and very safe. Not just for occasions anymore, fake tan now has a place in everyday life and means less time spent on makeup in the mornings.

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BARRADUFF COMMUNITY HUB makes remote working a reality



There was much delight in the greater Barraduff community when news broke that the Barraduff Community Field Organisation (BCFO) were selected as 1 of 200 hubs across the country that is part of a major initiative by the Government to support Remote Working. This initiative is to cater for the increased demand for remote, flexible and hybrid working models - perhaps one of the positive things to come from Covid 19. Another aim is to allow people make adjustments for a better work-life balance and encourage workers to use the hours they would have spent commuting in a more worthwhile way.

Committee member Tadhg O' Shea says Barraduff Community Hub is now officially on the Connected Hubs Network - making Remote Working a reality for thousands. The announcement was made as part of a National Awareness Campaign launched to promote the benefits of working from a hub.

The committee are delighted that Barraduff Community Hub is open for business and workers can book desk space on the Connected Hubs Website or on the recently launched Connected Hubs Mobile App, on the Barraduff Community Hub profile page.

BCFO is a not-for-profit Organisation made up of a group of volunteers working together to improve the lives of people in their local community and beyond. Barraduff Community



Hub is a facility with 1Gb fibre broadband offering flexible fixed and hot-desking for remote workers, students, a low-cost base for any business start-ups and affordable office space to rent. BCFO's main aim is to serve local needs for any training, elearning courses, meetings or get together. Their packages include free Parking, 24/7 building access, secure key fob entry, CCTV, kitchen facilities and access to our walking track and exercise facilities. Barraduff Community Hub is centrally located on the doorstep to Ireland's tourist capital Killarney (10 km away), in the peaceful and tranquil setting of Barraduff Village. The facility is walking distance to a crèche, primary school, shop, pubs, hairdressers, butchers, laundrette, petrol station and restaurant. "BCFO is a progressive Organisation and we are always trying to improve and enhance the facilities and opportunities we can offer the local and wider Community. We would like to thank everyone



who helped us on our journey so far to make this facility a reality for our Community and we look forward to more improvements and developments in the near future", Tadhg added. For more information email barraduffcfo@gmail.com or view our Barraduff Community Hub Profile on the connectedhubs.ie website or App.

For more information you can phone Tadhg 0868373951, Paul 0876111190, Oliver 0872653045 or email barraduffcfo@gmail.com

NEW STRATEGY FOR THE PROTECTION OF KERRY'S HERITAGE

The Government has this week approved Heritage Ireland 2030, a cross-Government Strategic Policy for Heritage that sets out a framework for the protection, conservation, promotion and management of Ireland's heritage for the next decade and beyond. The Strategy lays out a roadmap for the best possible future for Irish heritage with a joined up approach at government, stakeholder and community levels. A comprehensive implementation plan is now being developed to deliver on its actions.

Kerry County Council is tasked with the care and management of heritage assets in their ownership such as monuments, protected structures, county archives, museum collections, heritage gardens and parks. Heritage Ireland 2030 will aim to strengthen the role of Kerry County Council in the management, care and promotion of Ireland's heritage and establish policies to

underpin their work as custodians of many heritage resources.

The principal themes of the strategy are communities, leadership and partnerships, reflecting the importance of ongoing collaboration between government, communities, stakeholders, citizens and local authorities in delivering upon the objectives of this strategy. The proposed framework sets out structures through which all of these groups can come together to advance the protection of Ireland's heritage. Recognising that responsibilities for Ireland's heritage rest right across government, this structured framework will also enable the integration of heritage policy principles into decision-making across the whole of government.

Heritage Ireland 2030 contains over 150 actions, each of which will be built upon and delivered within working groups. An Implementation Plan assigning actions and timeframes to responsible parties will be developed within six months of the launch of Heritage Ireland 2030, elaborating on the formation of delivery structures and providing a clear roadmap for implementing actions.





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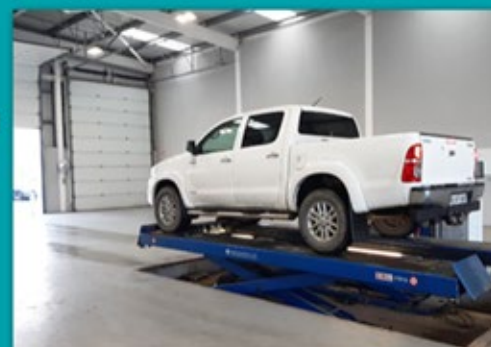


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KILLARNEY RFC NEWS

Last weekend the weather wreaked havoc with training and our fixture list. Many of the matches were cancelled as was our Minis training. Hopefully the weather will improve to allow all fixtures and training to take place. Keep an eye on our social media channels for updates.

RESULTS:

U14 Boys Friendly: Tralee 14 - 20 Killarney

U16 Munster Cup (Playoff): Killorglin 9 - 7 Killarney

FIXTURES

Friday: U18 Girls Development Bowl: Fermoy V Killarney, Fermoy @ 7:30pm

Saturday: Minis - U11/U12 away to Bandon

U14 Boys West Munster Cup: Killarney Red V Listowel, Aghadoe @ 12:30pm

U16 Girls Cup: Killarney V Tralee, Cromane @ 11am

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB**SPORTS CAPITAL FUNDING**

The club has received a major boost with the recent award of €97,715 as part of the government's Sports Capital and Equipment Programme. The club currently has its largest membership in our long history with continued demands on our boats and equipment. The capital funding award is especially welcome after the pandemic curtailed almost all of the club's normal fundraising activities over the past two years. We wish to especially thank all our members and supporters who were involved in preparing our application for funding.

MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that club membership is now due for 2022. As noted in the recent email to club members, all existing members are asked to ensure renewal of membership is completed by this Friday, February 25. Membership can be renewed online via the Clubforce website and app.

EVENTS

The Cork Head Of the River is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 at the city marina. The 4km time trial is scheduled to run from 9.30am. Our own Muckross Head Of the River is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork.

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No winner of our lotto draw 18/02/2022, numbers drawn were 8,12,14 & 28. Sellers

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KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL**SENIOR NEWS****Basketball Ireland National League Div 1****Fr Mathews 84 Killarney Cougars 61**

A road trip for the Killarney Cougars as they met a determined and experienced Fr Mathews who made home advantage count and despite a big effort and a battling performance from the young Cougars the home side deservedly took the points in a tough night in Cork.

Mathews started the game at a very high pace in the opening minutes to take a firm grip on proceedings, Brian O'Neill hit a big three from the corner to get the home support going as they made light work of the Cougars defence with Jonathan Garcia leading the way with 11pts with Mathews deciding to double team Cougars Rich Dunham at every opportunity to restrict Cougars to outside opportunities with Mark O'Shea adding two threes and one from Conor Flynn as Cougars trailed 25-12.

A good start to the opening minutes of the second quarter saw Cougars build momentum to reduce the arrears with good baskets by Andrew Fitzgerald and Rich Dunham to trail 29-20 midway through the second quarter but the home side responded well to the Cougars comeback with a burst of scores to increase their advantage with Brian O'Neill adding three 3 pointers and Garcia contributing good baskets on the break bringing his total to 18pts at halftime as Mathews led 48-25.

Killarney again responded well with a strong third quarter with Andrew Fitzgerald impressing under the boards with 6pts and Rich Dunham 6pts gave Cougars hope of a comeback as the finished the quarter well containing the home side to 12pts to trail 60-43 at the end of the third quarter. Cougars Jack Lynch contributed two three pointers to reduce the arrears further but a strong finish was in store from the home side as the dominated the closing stages through Johnathon Garcia, Deigo Herlihy and Sean McManus roared on by the good home support to finish comfortable winners. Cougars tried hard throughout and never gave up but were denied by a very determined and aggressive

Mathews defence who kept the visitors under pressure throughout. Cougars were well served by the excellent Mark O'Shea, the hard working Andrew Fitzgerald, Rich Dunham, Jack Lynch and Conor Flynn.

JUVENILE NEWS**KERRY AIRPORT LEAGUES; U12 BOYS LEAGUE****St Pauls 37 Killarney Cougars 32**

The Killarney Cougars boys travelled accrossed town to a meeting with St Pauls at the Sports and Leisure Center and a very good game saw the home side secure the points.

A closely contested first qtr saw Cougars impress with baskets by Luke Clancy and Jayden Hurley but trailed 10-7 with Cian Hegarty impressing for Pauls. Cougars struggled through the second quarter with Darragh Keane impressing with 8pts to lead comfortably. Cougars had a strong second half and led by Jayden Hurley and Luke Clancy saw the Cougars trail 29-23. A big final quarter by Cougars led by Callum Cox saw the teams tied with 2 minutes remaining with Darragh Keane again impressing with good baskets under pressure to secure the win for the home side.

U12 GIRLS LEAGUE; KILLARNEY COUGARS 29 KCYMS 19

Cougars travelled to Kilorglin and came away with the win with a good performance to secure the win. The visitors led throughout but the game was closely contested, baskets by Ava Harty and Sophie O'Shea opened the scoring to give Cougars a lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter saw Cougars Isabelle Lyons impress with some quick baskets to see Cougars ahead 12-8 at half time. Cougars had a strong third quarter with Rhia Kelliher and Ava Harty adding baskets to see Cougars enjoy a good lead 21-12. A closely contested last quarter saw Cougars maintain the lead with good baskets by Ciara Harrington and Isabelle Lyons who finished top scorer on this occasion to give Cougars the win.

FIXTURES**NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 1**

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The Grade C team played Tipperary first, it was a very close result but unfortunately Tipperary came out on top with a 5-4 win. Kerry then went on to play Cork but Cork beat them 6 games to 2.

The Grade E team had a very successful day, playing Tipperary first and beating them 6-3. They then went on to play Cork and Kerry had a very impressive win of 9 games to 0. Their win against both teams put them into the final where they would play Clare. It was a very close match but Kerry kept their heads and beat Clare 6 games to 3 putting them through to the All-Ireland final.

Our last team of the day was the Grade Gs. They played Tipperary first and although all matches were very close, Tipperary came out on top with a 5-4 win. The Kerry team then beat Limerick 5 games to 4. As Limerick had beaten Tipperary with a score of 5-4 as well, the scores were now even and it all came down to sets to see who got through to the final to play Waterford. Unfortunately for Kerry, Limerick won on sets, putting them

through to the final. It was a fantastic day for Kerry overall.

A huge congratulations to the Grade E Kerry team for making it through to the All-Ireland final. Thank you to our sponsors Lee Strand for their continuous support for our Kerry teams.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT**COUNTY BOARD AGM**

Congratulations to John McGrath on becoming the new Kerry County Board Chairman following their reconvened AGM on Tuesday February 15th last. Gearóid Cronin is also the new U16 Officer for the county. We wish both of them along with Jason O'Connor who remains as Secretary and PRO the very best of luck in their roles this year.

MEMBERSHIP COLLECTION

This will be due as of March 1st next. Official collection of same will begin on the weekend of Feb 26th/27th coming. Times will be from 1-2pm on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am-12pm. Rates will be the same as 2021.

SYMPATHIES

The club would like to offer its condolences to the O'Connor family of Ardshanavooly on the death of Stephen in the past week. May he Rest in Peace.

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After a break of two years due to Covid 19, Community Care will resume on Tuesday 1st march 2022 from 10.45 to 1.00pm at the GAA Club house. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back and new members are always welcome. For more Information please contact the Rural Development Office.

➤KILCUMMIN ICA

The monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd March at 8.00 pm in the Rural Development Office. Looking forward to welcoming back members after a long break and new members are always welcome.

➤KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD AGM

Kilcummin Looking Good is a voluntary organisation that has secured Departmental, Leader and Kerry County Council funding which has enabled us to complete and continue to do various projects throughout the Parish, Village and Biodiversity Park. We are currently seeking extra volunteers so if you have a bit of time to spare are interested in the environment or you are new in our community and would like to get involved this is an ideal opportunity for you. We would love to welcome new members to our A.G.M. which will be held in the Parish Office beside the Church on Monday 28th February 2022 at 8pm. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

➤JUNIOR EUROVISION IS BACK

Adare Productions are now casting for Junior Eurovision 2022. Do you know a talented young singer or group that will be aged 9-14 years this

Autumn? This is the opportunity of a lifetime to represent Ireland on the European stage! We are looking for solos, duets and groups of up to 6 people. All that is needed to apply is a great singing voice. There is no original song necessary! To apply go to: www.tg4.ie/junioreurovision or for more info contact 083 1322683. The closing date for applications is the 6th of March 2022.

➤SCOR NA BPAISTI

Anyone interested in taking part in the following items: Solo singing, Recitation, Ballad group, Group music, Set dancing or Novelty Act should contact Maria O'Leary on 087 4619954.

➤KILCUMMIN GAA

EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUE

Kilcummin play Dr Crokes this Friday night @7.30 in Lewis Rd.

KERRY -20'S

Well done to Darragh O Callaghan who was part of the Kerry U-20's team that had a great win over Cork on Saturday last in the John Kerins cup.

MINOR FOOTBALL

Kilcummin play in Div 1 of the Minor Co League and their first game is on March 5th @ 4pm against Dr Crokes in Lewis rd.

GOLF CLASSIC

Kilcummin GAA golf classic is scheduled for April 30th in Kenmare. More information to follow.

➤MASTERGEEHA FC

There was no Jackpot winner on Friday 18th February. Numbers drawn were 9, 10, 17, 25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Dermot O'Leary, Coolick, Kilcummin. Eamon Bowler, Online. Micheal O'Connor, Glounonea. Ann Lane, Lyreatough, Kilcummin. Next draw Friday 25th February. Jackpot will be €2,400.

Written by: John Moriarty

GLENFLESK

➤GLENFLESK GAA GYM BOOTCAMP

Glenflesk GAA Gym Bootcamp starting Thursday 24th February 7pm to 8pm. Please contact Brian O Donoghue 0852714451.

➤LOTTO

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place tonight 21/02/2022 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €6,200 The numbers drawn were 15, 19, 23, 28 There was no winner. Consolation prizes of €50 1. Peter Phelan, Brewsterfield, Yearly Ticket. 2. Larry Donovan, Shronedraugh. 3. Harry Donovan (Sellers' Prize). 4. Aeneas Seán O' Leary, Gneeveguilla. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 07/03/2022. Jackpot will be €6,400. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and our sellers.

➤TRIUMPH COUCH TO 5K

5K Run takes place at Barraduff Community Field on Saturday 5th March @10am., Donation €5. All money collected to date going towards a Defibrillator for the community, All welcome.

Written by: Seamus Healy



A young Donegal fan makes her way onto the Fitzgerald Stadium "Knitted" Out in Gold and Green on Sunday last after the Kerry V Donegal game. Picture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR.



Thumbs up from young Kerry Supporters at the Fitzgerald Stadium for the Kerry V Donegal game on Sunday last. Picture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

BEAUFORT

>FIXTURE

Minor men home to Castlegregory, Sat, 26th Feb at 4pm in round 1, Co minor league. Beaufort senior men home to Laune Rangers A, Sun, 27th Feb at 2pm in round 3, Mid Kerry senior league.

>LOTTO

Results of Sunday, 20th Feb. Numbers: 7,12,17,25. No jackpot winner. Consolation Prizes: €80 Mikie O'Sullivan, Shanacloon. €50 Eanna O'Malley, Beaufort, Frankie Sugrue, Waterville, Diarmuid Coffey, Carnahone. Next draw for jackpot of €6,800 will be on Sunday, 6th March. Tickets available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

>SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

Thank you to everybody who took part in our Sports Prediction quiz and

the sellers who put in a big effort in selling the sheets.

>IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Beaufort Operation Transformation, Ireland Lights Up continues on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6pm to 9pm in field until 2nd March 2022. Everybody must sign with their own pen before walking.

>IRISH LIFE STEPS CHALLENGE

Well done to the walkers who have achieved their goal of 4,000km and will be in the draw for O'Neill's Sports gear.

>WIN A HOUSE IN KILLARNEY WITH KERRY GAA

Kerry GAA is having a fundraising draw with first prize of a house in Killarney. There are also monthly prizes until the main draw for all purchased tickets. Tickets are €100 and can be purchased at www.kerrygaa.ie. Tickets also available in the Club from Neil Doherty at 087 2114059.

By Bridget Hartnett

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

>SYMPATHIES TO Maura O'Leary Rathmore & the Kerry Parents & Friends Committee & extended family on the death of Jimmy O'Shea, & Gerah Farranfore. Jimmy was laid to rest on Friday 11th February in Old Aglish Cemetery. To Kate, Brenda, Colette & Eamonn Fitzgerald & extended family on the death of their father Tom Fitzgerald, Gneeveguilla & of Muckross Post Office. Tom was laid to rest on Monday 14th February in Gneeveguilla. To Mary Fitzpatrick, Jerry & family on the death of her father Jerry Buttimer Cork. Jerry was laid to rest on February 4th in Macroom. To Patsy Dineen, Paudie & family on the death of her mother Peggy McNeice Fair Hill Killarney. Peggy was laid to rest on Saturday 5th February in Aghadoe Cemetery. May Jimmy, Tom, Jerry & Peggy rest in peace

>RATHMORE GAA ASTRO TURF is back after Covid and booking are going fast. Open Monday to Friday 7-8, 8-9 & 9-10pm. Ring Noreen for best rates @ 087 1144100. Good rates for Birthday parties.

>RATHMORE GAA CLUB presents "Make Up Master Class" at the

Wallis Arms Millstreet on Friday April 1st Tickets from The Wash Basket or contact Emma on 0879004101. See Facebook & Twitter.

After our AGM tonight the following officers were elected for the coming year. Chairperson: Stephen Crowley. Vice Chairperson: Joanne O Mahony. Secretary: John Murphy. Assistant Secretary: Mike T Lawlor. Juvenile Secretary: Padraig Moynihan. Treasurer: Adrian O'Connell. Bar Treasurer: Dave McAuliffe. Assistant Bar Treasurer: Christine Collins. Development officer: Niall Foley. Facilities officer: Thomas Carmody. Coaching Officer: Padraig Doyle. Child Welfare officer: Elaine O Keffe. Scór officer: Joanne Brosnan. PRO: Mike O Keffe

Huge thanks from our Club to our outgoing officer Denis Fleming who was our Assistant Secretary for the past five years, your professionalism over past five years has been exceptional. Thanks to all our members who attended AGM tonight and the very best of luck to our officers and club for the coming year.

>GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND GNEEVEGUILLA BASKETBALL CLUB

Congratulations to Donie Collins this weeks winner of €315

>RATHMORE 10TH ANNUAL ST PATRICKS DAY

PARADE on Sunday March 13th 2022 at 2pm. Led by Grand Marshall, Diarmuid O'keeffe This year's Theme: Return to freedom. Best overall float. Frank Buckley Mermoral Cup. Best vintage vehicle. Best commercial float. Best organisation / group. Best window display. Best dressed buggy / pram. Best Agricultural Float. Best dressed pet. All Floats welcome. Street Entertainment. Children face painting. All interested participants are invited. Further information 0876676817. No street Traders. Participants please let us know before 13th March.

>MILLSTREET VINTAGE CLUB CHARITY TRACTOR

RUN with Proceeds in Aid of Cullen National School will take place on Sunday February 27th, Registration at Cullen School (Eircode P51TK70) from 11.30am Take Off 12 30pm Sharp. Refreshments will be Served. Nice Scenic Route Planned. Details Contact Dan O'Riordan on 087 2452569.

>NOTES

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

By Michael O' Mahony

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Brave supporters weather the storms on Sunday last at Fitzgerald Stadium at the Kerry V Donegal Game. Picture Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

SPA

➤GAME OF MY LIFE 2022 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW

The 2022 Senior, Intermediate, Junior Premier and Junior Club Championship draws will be made live on the Kerry GAA facebook page this Tuesday February 22nd at 7pm. Spa play in the Senior Club Championship with Austin Stacks, Kenmare Shamrocks, Dr Crokes, Kerins O'Rahillys, Dingle, Templenoe and Na Gaeil. They will be split into two groups of four with games played on a league basis, the top two in each group going through to the semi-finals and the bottom in each group in a relegation play-off.

➤KERRY U20

Well done to Niall O'Mahony and the Kerry U20 team and management on their first outing last Saturday against Cork in the U20 John Kerins Cup developmental league, winning by 3-16 to 0-13. They play Galway this Saturday February 26th in round two (2pm in Austin Stack Park).

➤HOGAN CUP SEMIFINAL

Best of luck to Donagh Fahy, Dr Gary Stack and the St Brendan's Killarney team and management in the Hogan Cup All Ireland semi-final next Saturday February 26th against St Mary's Magherafelt of Derry. Fixture details TBC.

➤KERRY LADIES

The Kerry Ladies Division 2 National League game against Clare last Saturday was postponed on short notice due to an unplayable pitch with the game now rescheduled to next Sunday February 27th (2pm in Doonbeg). Best of luck to Cassandra Buckley and the Kerry Ladies team & management.

➤2022 CO LEAGUE FIXTURES ANNOUNCED

The 2022 Co League fixtures have been released. Spa are in Division 1 and the fixture list is as follows:

Rd1 March 20th: Spa v Ballymacelligott (away). Rd2 April 3rd: Spa v Legion (home). Rd3 April 10th: Spa v Kerins O'Rahillys (home). Rd4 April 24th: Spa v Gneeveguilla (away). Rd5 May 1st: Spa v Kenmare Shamrocks (home). Rd6 May 15th: Spa v An Ghaeltacht (away). Rd7 May 22nd: Spa v St Mary's (home). Rd8 June 5th: Spa v Dingle (away). Rd9 June 12th: Spa v Dr Crokes (home). Rd10 June 26th: Spa v Rathmore (away). Rd11 July 10th: Spa v Austin Stacks (home)

➤SPA LOTTO

Spa lotto results 14/02/2022: Numbers drawn 17, 21, 22, 28. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Grainne O'Sullivan, Kathleen Kelly, Maureen Murphy and Ethna Walpole. Next week's jackpot is €3,200 and tickets on sale online on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto.

➤LONDON GAA

Well done to London GAA and former Spa player Matthew Moynihan on their Division 4 Allianz National League win over Leitrim on Sunday.

➤SPA GAA EASTER CAMP

The Spa GAA Easter Camp returns this April from Monday 11th to Friday 15th. The camp is for primary school children and will take place each day from 9am-1pm at the Spa GAA club grounds in Tullig. There will be week of activities, including tag rugby, treasure hunt, basketball, art, gaelic football,

rounders, handball and more! Details on spagaa.com or contact Evan (087 1496951) or Dan (085 7386444) for details. *Places are limited

➤2022 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Membership for 2022 is open and can be completed online on spagaa.com (link on right hand side of the site) or the registrars (Gerard Mangan & Sean O'Sullivan) will be in Spa over the next couple of Wednesdays between 7-8pm.

➤SPA ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Spa Annual Awards Night will take place at the Heights Hotel Killarney on Saturday March 26th. It will be a Dinner Dance with music from SuperCéili. The award recipients and nominees for this year's event have been announced and congratulations to all –

Lifetime Achievement Award: Paddy O'Keeffe. Social / Cultural Person of the Year: Catherine Carroll. Young Player of the Year: Rian O'Neill. Junior Player of the Year: Brendan Lynch. Nominees for Senior Ladies Player of the Year: Aisling Mahony, Saoirse Kelly and Niamh Clifford. Nominees for Senior Mens Player of the Year: Dan O'Donoghue, Ciaran Spillane and Eoin Fitzgerald. Guests of Honour: 2020 Spa Senior Team Intermediate Champions. Tickets will be on sale at the clubhouse this Wednesday February 23rd between 7 – 8pm or are available from committee members Andrew Garnett, Anne Holland, Adrian O'Sullivan, Ivor Flynn, Mathilda Cronin and Triona Mangan.

➤NATIONAL LEAGUE

Congratulations to Dan O'Donoghue, Dara Moynihan, Arthur Fitzgerald and the Kerry team & management on their National League Rd3 win over Donegal in Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. They play Monaghan next Sunday February 27th at 2pm in Inniskeen (*note change of venue from Clones)

➤IRELAND LIGHTS UP

The Ireland Lights Up winter walks continue for another two weeks on Wednesday nights between 7-8pm. Please sign in at the reception area before starting your walk. **NO DOGS ALLOWED**

➤CO MINOR LEAGUES

Spa are in Division 2B of the 2022 Co Minor Leagues and are grouped with Ballymacelligott, Listowel Emmets, Ballyduff/Beale and Rathmore. The fixtures are as follows: Rd1 February 26th Spa v Bye; Rd2 March 12th Spa v Rathmore (away); Rd3 March 19th Spa v Ballyduff (home); Rd4 March 26th Spa v Listowel Emmets (away); Rd5 April 4th Spa v Ballymacelligott (home)

➤STEWARDS NEEDED FOR FITZGERALD STADIUM

Fitzgerald Stadium are currently recruiting volunteer safety stewards for match days. Training will be provided. Anyone interested please contact Theresa O'Mahony on 064 6631700 or admin@fitzgeraldstadium.ie

➤CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to Fintan Lawlor and family on the passing of his mother Maura Lawlor RIP, Tralee. May she Rest in Peace.

➤ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 085 1216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

LISTRY

➤WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers Drawn 2, 6, 12, 22. €100 - Celia O'Shea, Ahane, Beaufort €50 x 2 - Richard Connelly, Ballybrack. Mike Teahan, Kilcummin. €25 x 2 - Aaron Burke c/o Tim M. Celia O'Shea Ahane, Beaufort Next Sunday Jackpot €4,800

➤U20 KERRY TEAM

Congratulations to Ruairi Murphy, Kerry Team and management on their victorious win over Cork last weekend. Best of luck for the season ahead.

➤UI17 KEEL / LISTRY

County League Div 1: Keel/Listry play their 1st game of the League V Austin Stack Saturday, 26th February at 4pm in Keel Gaa Grounds. Best of Luck to the team and their coaches David Clifford and Paul O Donoghue.

➤LIDL COMORTAS PEILE PAIDI O SE FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 2022

Best of Luck to our Listry Senior team taken part in this year's Paidi O Se tournament. The tournament takes place all across Dingle Peninsula from 25th - 27th February.

➤KERRY V MONAGHAN

Best of Luck to Kerry team travelling to Monaghan in Round 4 of the 2022 Allianz Football League Division 1 on Sunday 27th February. Buy your tickets online on kerrygaa.ie and at selected SuperValu Ireland & Centra Ireland stores.

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

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



Paudie Clifford in action at the National League Kerry v Donegal game at Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. Picture: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.



Action from the National League Kerry v Donegal game at Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. Picture: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

KERRY SHINE DESPITE THE WEATHER

National League: Kerry 1-13 Donegal 0-7

Even the legendary Tom Crean would have considered this to be miserable weather. I don't think I was ever at a colder, wetter game, certainly not in the Fitzgerald Stadium. It was a fair test of any team to see if they could play football in that kind of weather – and only one team on the day passed that test.

To be blunt about it, I was enormously disappointed in Donegal. Fair enough, they killed a lot of ball against that fierce strong wind in the first half. I can sympathise with the tactic – it's the right thing to do to try and kill the ball against the wind – but as the game went on, it became more and more obvious that they simply didn't have anything else in their locker. Michael Murphy is unquestionably one of the best players of his generation (I'd just about give him the nod over James McCarthy for the top spot) but without him Donegal looked very, very limited.

Mind you, that's not to take away from Kerry. We were rock solid. Fitness levels are really a matter of subjective speculation, nothing else – no-one within or without the camp will know if we have timed that particular conundrum right until after the championship) but we are certainly moving with purpose and showing a defensive resilience that bodes well. Still, early days.

A lot of Kerry players showed well, but Seán O'Shea was comfortably man of the match. The experiment of him out in midfield didn't work – no harm trying these things – but there's no better player on the modern forty than last year's top scorer and he proved it here. He opened the scoring from out on the sideline. Killian Spillane rapidly made it 0-2 to 0-0 – with both David Clifford and Tony Brosnan on the sideline, this was a real opportunity for Killian to cement a starting jersey for himself. He played fine and he has developed into a real worker off the ball, but I'm not sure it was enough in the

circumstances. His brother, on the other hand, is rapidly becoming indispensable. Adrian eschews the spectacular but by jaysus, what a warrior in the trenches! Paul Murphy and Brian Ó Beaglaíoch were others who were struggling in last year's panel who are really thriving now. Donegal struck back through their two best players. I had thought Eoghan Ban Gallagher would be at the forefront of a rising Donegal generation who had watched McGuinness and Murphy lead them to the Promised Land. Gallagher was one of a number of great minors of his time, but somehow the rest never really came through with him. He picked off a good point – we were opened a little easily by a simple pass – and playmaker Shane O'Donnell made it 0-2 apiece. It looked like the making of a very good game, despite the truly brutal weather conditions. You could literally watch walls of rainfall sweep up and down the field. None of us had any idea how long we would have to wait for Donegal's next score. The game would be well over as a contest by the time it arrived.

It was headed in that direction soon enough anyway. Seán O'Shea slotted another free and then curled over from long distance with his left leg to double our lead. Dan O'Donoghue came up on a nice overlap and had the confidence to notch his first score for Kerry, a really good score at that. O'Donoghue has been a huge find for the county, really assured at the back and comfortable on the ball, and already looks a lock for our first choice starters. He hasn't put a foot wrong since he got the jersey. Paul Geaney – another forward aware of the competition for starting places – calmly made it 0-6 to 0-2. Geaney has the assured decisiveness of a veteran on the ball, he's still one of the great predators. Seán O'Shea launched another long distance monster – right leg this time – and the ever-industrious Paudie Clifford took the lead to six points. Just before the half-time whistle Killian Spillane kicked his second point.

Half-time Kerry 0-9 Donegal 0-2

It was a tentative enough opening to the

second half. For the first ten minutes the only thing worth talking about was David Clifford's insertion off the bench to replace Killian Spillane. Given Donegal's inexplicable unwillingness to even go for the jugular in terms of scoring, I'd actually have given Killian more time. David has a lot of football played already this year and we know what he can do, the whole country knows it. Conor O'Donnell split the posts for Donegal, raising an ironic cheer among their sodden supporters. It was their first point in 36 minutes.

And it was nullified instantly. David Clifford has scored some absolutely cracking goals in his time; this wasn't one of them. His speculative punt fell easily into Shaun Patton's reach but bounce awkwardly between the keeper and the post to somehow slip into the net. It was a perfect summation of Donegal's day in many ways. Jack Barry wasn't far away from goal himself. In fact, Kerry had a couple of chances if they were a bit more clinical in execution, and I have no doubt that sharpness will come.

Seán O'Shea, still imperious, and Shane O'Donnell traded scores. Patrick McBrearty – once the most talked about Leaving Cert. student in the country – picked off a score. Conor O'Donnell with his second. 1-10 to 0-6. McBrearty with a free. But Donegal's attacks were more like random drive-bys than sniper assassinations. I was really disappointed in them. Anyone who doubts that they are a better team than this need only go back and look at the titanic struggle between themselves and Tyrone in Ulster last year. They only created one real goal chance, and an overhit pass made a complete hames of that. The same thing happened against Dublin, if you remember. Our goal has been living a little bit of a charmed life, but we are still coughing up the occasional careless chance and that cost us heavily in our last two championship campaigns. Just a small blip on our radar that we need to be aware of. It's easy (and not unfair) to point out Donegal's limitations in attack. Mind you, the new steel in Kerry's defence was a factor as well. Tom

O'Sullivan focussed more on defence than his famously effective attacks, it makes for less headlines but it's even more important for a winning formula. Gavin White is, of course, a major absentee, but Ó Beaglaíoch seized his chance to start with both hands. Paul Murphy was his old self, fully in control of his patch and a director of operations. But the star of the show was undoubtedly Tadhg Morley, who genuinely rivalled Seán O'Shea for the man of the match.

Kerry had the luxury of running their bench by now and the transition was seamless. Seán O'Shea notched another two points, sandwiching a David Clifford score that again had the unfortunate keeper scrambling to protect his goal.

Look, we can and of course should be aware of all the caveats. Ulster teams no longer go all out for the National League, they tend to keep a bit of powder dry. Teams have to be very careful about timing their peak – it's definitely the hardest trick for any management. A Donegal without Michael Murphy is like a gun without bullets.

But the bottom line is that Kerry are top of the table, and deservedly so. We've had worse days out.

Next up is what Patrick Kavanagh, a better goalkeeper himself in gaelic football than he ever let on in his writing, described as the "stony grey soil of Monaghan". Iniskeen hasn't always been the kindest of venues for us – Monaghan are a durable team who traditionally hit hard but fair. But it sounds almost certain that Conor McManus will be unavailable, and he's the one Monaghan player that any team would fear.

We should have enough to come away with a win on the road. Hopefully the weather will be a little bit more hospitable!

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Dan O'Donoghue (0-1), Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Paul Murphy, Tadhg Morley, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, Adrian Spillane, Seán O'Shea (0-7, 2f), Dara Moynihan, Paudie Clifford (0-1), Paul Geaney (0-1), Killian Spillane (0-2). Subs: Stephen O'Brien (for Adrian Spillane (bs, 14 to 22 mins), David Clifford 1-1 (for Killian Spillane, 44 mins), Stephen O'Brien (for Adrian Spillane, 54 mins), Tony Brosnan (for Paul Geaney, 58 mins), Jack Savage (for Paudie Clifford, 65 mins), Greg Horan (for Jack Barry, 67 mins).

Donegal: Shaun Patton, Caolan Ward, Brendan McCole, Eoghan Ban Gallagher (0-1), Ryan McHugh, Paul Brennan, Ódhrán McFadden Ferry, Jason McGee, Ciaran Thompson, Peadar Mogan, Shane McDonnell (0-2), Hugh McFadden, Patrick McBrearty (0-2, 1f), Rory O'Donnell, Conor O'Donnell (0-2). Subs: Stephen McMenamin (for Paul Brennan, 40 mins), Niall O'Donnell (for Rory O'Donnell, 44 mins), Oisín Gallen (for Hugh McFadden, 50 mins), Daire Ó Baoill (for Shane O'Donnell, 67 mins), Ethan O'Donnell (for Ódhrán McFadden Ferry, 70 mins).

Referee: Maurice Deegan (Laois)

on – frankly, having women as referees and match officials – and managers, for that matter – should be standard. But the fact is that Maggie Farrelly last weekend became the first woman to referee a mens' inter-county game in GAA when she took charge of London's victory over Leitrim.

London, which features six native Kerryman in the panel, are having a great season so far.

London aren't the only team who are really sparkling at the moment. Division Two's Derry are really flying and it's good to see. Derry won an All Ireland in the early nineties with a superbly talented team and should really have won more. Joe Brolly, by the way, really was an excellent predator. He did walk the walk once upon a time. Derry seemed to fall away completely after that, and an entire football generation could be marked absent when the chips were down. Ulster football is admirably merciless in exposing any such deficiencies! This year Derry look like a team with some new steel – remember that Derry were our greatest rivals at minor level on our way to the five in a row and the Sem's opposition in the Hogan Cup Final in 2016. These are bountiful streams for senior inter-county teams to be drawing from, and Derry certainly dismissed Cork with greater ease than I was expecting. I don't know what to make of Cork. You look at individual players – Meehan, Maguire, the Hurleys. These are class operators. But the collective? My understanding from chatting to people on the ground is that Cork's underage structure has been very successfully revamped in the last couple of years. That will pay good dividends – Kerry completely changed their underage in 2010/11 and look how that turned out. But that takes time, and Keith Ricken and co. just don't have enough of that precious commodity.

I know it's early days, and I know it's just two years since Tipperary were crowned Munster champions, but we cut through the province far too easily last year and it did us no favours in the long run. We need a strong Cork side to put it up to us. I'm really hoping that Cork can string a few results together – if not, there is still a faint chance that they might not even be competing for the Sam Maguire (right now, Division Two teams that don't reach their provincial final could end up in



Jack O'Connor Kerry Manager pictured at the National League Kerry v Donegal game at Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday. Picture: Tatyana McGough, Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

the Taillteann Cup).

Let's be uncomfortably honest here. We all know the team of the past decade (the greatest team of all time, and I include Kerry '24 to '32 and '75 to '86). For me, Mayo just barely pip us into second place. We could always give either side a great game, but the clashes between those two were instant classics. You had greatness on either side.

Not so last Saturday night. Look, there's a big rush to start writing off Dublin by pundits. I understand the sentiment; a declining top dog blows the competition wide open, gives everybody hope, and adds huge excitement. But that's a narrative that writes itself, and does so far too quickly. I'll be surprised if Kerry don't meet Dublin later on. The same as Kerry in Munster, I don't see who is going to stop Dublin in Leinster. Kildare look like the only side who could land a glove on them, and not even Hyland and Flynn are that good.

But last Saturday.....that was plain and simple the worst full back line I have seen. Mayo did look good, they really did, but Dublin gave them massive leeway. Experimental side or not, one or two heads should be rolling. And lads like Fenton, Kilkenny, and Rock need to start leading, not just showing the way.

In ancient China, they famously had a simultaneous blessing and curse – "May you live in interesting times!" Dessie Farrell – and following on from Jim Gavin was always going to be a bejewelled but poisoned chalice – knows exactly what they meant.

STRONG START FOR KERRY U20S

Let's face it. I'd say few of us could care less about the actual John Kerins Cup. That's not



AROUND THE GROUNDS

It probably shouldn't need commenting

to spite my respect for John Kerins, the great Cork goalkeeper. He was genuinely sound, I always had a soft spot for that Cork team, even when they beat us. Billy could drive you mad, but their passion was likeable and very human. Even so, the John Kerins Cup is a cobbled together tournament to give U20 squads some football. Personally, I'd prefer if these lads were getting competitive games with their clubs [I thought Kerry were caught a bit cold last year simply because they had been kept away from club football. Mind you, club championship games in April, slap bang in the middle of the inter-county season. I don't know what genius came up with that brainwave; we shall let the poor unfortunate remain nameless. Anyway, that nonsense has thankfully been abandoned. There will be some squeeze of club football played the minute Kerry depart the inter-county scene. I suspect that teams will be drained long before any All Ireland campaign or District Championship rolls around. But that's a problem for another day.

John Kerins Cup: Kerry 3-16 Cork 0-13

The fact that the Kerry side featured players who necessarily star at minor but instead have shown form with either club or college is a great sign. The likes of Evan Looney, Ruairí Murphy, and Kevin Goulding have been showing very well and it's obvious that the U20 selectors have cast a wide and fine net. You've a fair few of the Tralee CBS lads in the mix as well, deservedly so.

Kevin Goulding handed Ruairí Murphy an early goal on a plate and that seemed to rattle Cork. I suspect that we haven't seen their full hand, but I don't know....I saw a lot of these Cork lads coming through. I know they are absent a few top guns through injury, but this certainly wasn't any dummy team. But whatever was wrong with them, the engines were definitely misfiring. They kept trying a possession game, trying to dance matador-like through Kerry, and got short shrift. Kerry very simply outworked and outfought them cleanly and the likes of Cillian Burke and Thomas O'Donnell went direct at every opportunity. Dylan Geaney was our best player against Cork last year and he was quick to pick up that baton again, cutting early wreck on the scoreboard. A second Kerry goal from Thomas O'Donnell meant that Kerry led by 2-10 to 0-3 at half-time, and that's with Cork's Callum Dungan making some great saves.

Kerry's intensity dropped in the second half, quite understandably. Cork did improve, but couldn't get past the outstanding Devon Burns. He had a couple of saves out of the top drawer - [Cork's Colin Walsh snapped onto the rebounds to pop them over, a potential lesson there for defenders - and the Na Gaeil custodian also kicked two long range points. Ruairí Murphy's second goal put the issue beyond any doubt. Declan O'Sullivan will be well pleased with his team's start to their campaign.

He'll also know that the corresponding minor team beat Cork twice on their journey.....and it was Cork who went on to become champions. There's a lesson in that too!

Kerry: Devon Burns (0-2, 1f, 1'45), Enda

O'Connor, Alan Dineen, Joey Nagle, Cian O'Donoghue, Armin Heinrich Adam Curran, Ruairí Murphy (2-0), Seán O'Brien (0-1), Cillian Burke (0-1), Thomas O'Donnell (1-2), Evan Looney, Dylan Geaney (0-10, 8f), Kevin Goulding, Will Shine. Subs Dara O'Callaghan (for Cian O'Donoghue), Jordan Kissane (for Kevin Goulding), Keith Evans (for Will Shine).

Cork: Callum Dungan, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Tommy Walsh, Daragh Murray, Ritchie O'Sullivan (0-1), Neil Lordan, Adam Walsh-Murphy, Adam Walsh, Darragh Cashman (0-1), Hugh Óg Murphy, Hugh O'Connor (0-3, 2f), Fintan Fenner, Darragh O'Mahony (Ballincollig), Michael O'Neill (0-1, 1f), Ben Twomey (0-1), Colin Walsh (0-5). Subs Paddy O'Driscoll (for Adam Walsh-Murphy), Michael Browne (for Daragh Murray) Conor Daly (for Michael O'Neill), Ryan O'Donovan 0-1, 1f (for Hugh Twomey).

KERRY LADIES

Kerry's good start to their campaign wasn't exactly derailed last weekend, but it did meet an untimely and unwelcome interruption. Kerry were due to face Clafre in Doonbeg, but the inclement weather rendered the pitch unplayable and meant that a suitable alternative just couldn't be found. No blame to anyone; these things happen.

The game will go ahead instead this Sunday, and Kerry should and hopefully will make it two wins on the trot.

SIGERSON CUP

No joy for Kerry players in the Sigerson Cup. NUIG claimed the title, having beaten an MTU Kerry side that surpassed all expectations to reach the semi-final. The truth is that Galway simply took a firm and immediate grip on midfield - the Kelly brothers were outstanding. Galway very much played counter-attacking football. While conservative, I wouldn't call it a blanket defence. There was plenty of one on one space inside for MTU's deadly attack, Savage, Brosnan, Ó Sé, Moynihan et al, but pressure from outside meant that it was poor ball going in and Galway were able to contain the danger and pick off their own scores. They had to win it twice, though. MTU Kerry somehow managed to reel in a five point gap to take the game into extra-time, but finally ran out of steam late on. A late flurry of cards saw three players dismissed - it wasn't that sort of game.

I was absolutely stunned to find out that UL have never actually won a Sigerson. Thomond did - Thomond actually won a Club All Ireland in the seventies with one of the greatest college teams of all time, but that was before it amalgamated to form UL (I think it was NIHE Limerick prior to that, but I'm only reaching into recesses of memory now). I do have a vague memory of Morgan O'Shea of Rahillys being full back for UL in a Sigerson Final, only to lose out to a star-studded IT Tralee, who included his brother Barry at full back.

UL's wait goes on. The truth is that neither Donal Down O'Sullivan or David Clifford really got going - again Galway were able to choke

off the supply lines. Paul Walsh did impress off the bench.

Overall, though, Galway were worthy winners of a very entertaining campaign. It's a real shame that Mayo's Tommy Conroy, one of the stars of the show, will unfortunately miss out on the rest of the year with a cruciate injury.

Congratulations to the Higher Education GAA on streaming so many games, including a double broadcast when the semi-final went into extra-time.

HOGAN CUP SEMI-FINAL PREVIEW

With only three days notice of venue, The Hogan Cup semi-final Sem v Magherafel is taking place at Connaght GAA Centre of Excellence at 5.30pm tomorrow, Saturday 16th February. St. Jarlaths v Naas is also on Saturday and both games will be streamed live on TG4 Player. It is understandable that there was delays as most clubs are reluctant to give their pitches in this kind of weather - your pitch could be cut up for the entire summer. Literally. People don't seem to realise how expensive it is to maintain a good pitch - you are honestly talking about tens of thousands.

ST. MARYS MAGHERAFELT

They are good. Make no mistake; they are very good. Ulster's McRory Cup is, unsurprisingly, the most organised and competitive when it comes to the colleges. Munster has a lot of teams, but few enough outside Kerry really compete at the top level (I was glad to see both Bandon and Skibbereen put it up to the Kerry sides this year; we need that). Connaught again has a paucity of quality - although the re-emergence of a previously dormant St. Jarlaths....the great Seán Purcell was groundskeeper in the school at one stage and he rivals Mick O'Connell as the greatest of them all, but by jaysus you could make some football team out of past pupils of Jarlaths. I don't know

But the Sem are facing St. Marys of Magherafelt. They haven't got that ancient tradition behind them, but they don't need it. They lost to St. Pats Maghera on their first McRory Cup appearance in 1996 (St. Marys current manager along with John McElholm, Kevin Brady, played for St. Pats that day!) and they have played in four more since. They won the 2017 title but lost the 2018 final to St. Ronans, who went on to defeat PS Chorca Dhuibhne in the Hogan Cup Final.

St. Marys have a number of the Derry minor team that beat Kerry in the 2020 All Ireland minor final (played in 2021) including Ben Diamond, Dan Higgins, Luke McCann, Ryan McElDowney, Eoin McEvoy and Niall O'Donnell. St. Marys also feature a number of Antrim minors.

They lost the 2019 Rannafast Cup Final (Ulster's version of the Frewen) by a point to St. Pats Maghera, but reversed that result in fine style when they met in this year's quarter-final.

They beat a fancied Omagh CBS in a testing semi-final by 2-11 to 0-7. It wasn't as easy as that scoreline suggests, but watching a dangerous Omagh attack simply get swallowed up by a relentless Magherafelt defence....frankly, you



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either go direct against this team, or don't bother to go at all. Brian Devlin at centre back is a genuine fulcrum.

At the other end Aaron Devlin and Ryan McEldowney are the ones to watch, but it was Niall O'Donnell and Cahir Quinn who got the crucial goals as they beat Peter Canavan's Holy Trinity by 2-9 to 0-8.

Like I say, they are good. They are a very fit side, well organised, and quick in transition. They do defend in numbers, but they also break very fast – overlaps on the wing is a big thing with them. One thing – as far as I can tell, they have led in all their games, and that makes me think that they haven't had to chase a game yet or go to a Plan B.

ST. BRENDANS

They had been threatening the kind of performance that they finally produced in the Corn Uí Mhuirí Final. Everything came together. Will Shine was electrifying; there's no other way to put it, while the likes of Harry Byrne, Dara O'Callaghan, and Killian O'Sullivan really produced the goods. More than anything, though, it was the pressure that they exerted en masse on Tralee CBS that really won the game.

The question is whether the Sem can repeat it. I suspect that now that they have unlocked the rhythm that they have been seeking, they will seamlessly reproduce it. It was getting that



Kerry Supporters at the Fitzgerald Stadium for the Kerry V Donegal game on Sunday last.
Picture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

blend of workrate and movement right that was so hard. They can thank Coláiste na Sceilge in particular and Bandon as well for honing their steel. I suspect it was those lessons that stood to them against a Tralee side who won all their games fairly comfortably.

I do expect Cian McMahon and Will Shine (they contribute 90% or more of the Sem's total scoring in general) to be legitimately targeted.

I lay a heavy stress on legitimate, by the way – the Ulster schools play very clean football and take pride in it. They are actually a joy to watch; it's very good football. Magherafelt carry a bit more than they kick, but they certainly take a positive approach and it's good to watch.

Good enough to win? Hmmm....

One way or the other, I look forward to finding out.



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ST. MARY'S LOSE OUT IN QUARTER FINAL CLASH

St. Mary's under 18 girls travelled to Limerick on Sunday last to contest the quarter final of the women's under 18 cup. Their opponents were Limerick Celtics and it was a game worth of super league status from both a scoring perspective and from performances by both teams.

The first quarter was closely contested, Celtics Ganoy Malod registering the first score of the game for Celtics but St. Mary's top scorer for the game, Emma Kerin was quick to respond. Celtics had a considerable height advantage which made it difficult for the St. Mary's girls to win rebounds. Celtics had some early steals which they converted, they led 13 points to six with three and a half minutes on the clock but less than a minute later St. Mary's, who displayed some great team work throughout the game, had reduced the gap to a basket. The sides continued to exchange scores, Emma Buckley, assisted by Abbie Mahony kept St. Mary's to within a point of their opponents. Ganoy Malod and Lucy Devoy put the home side back up three before a free throw followed by a basket from Ciara Casey ensure that the sides finished the first quarter level on 25 points a-piece. Emma Kerin, Emma Buckley and Shauna Tagney showed great leadership throughout the quarter and indeed all through the game.

Scores were exchanged early in the second quarter but a series of turnovers cost St. Mary's and Celtics pushed ahead again. Scores from Emma Kerin, Ciara Casey and Hanna Herlihy kept St. Mary's in touch but they trailed by eight mid-ways through the quarter. St. Mary's went through a short spell where the shots simply would not fall while Celtics continued to build on their lead. The score board read 52 points to 38 at the half time interval.

Rachel Murphy opened the third quarter with a free throw and Emma Kerin, who was outstanding for her side, added the next two scores. However, Lucy Devoy, who was the stand out player for Celtics continued to perform well and with 2 minutes and twenty seconds on the clock Celtics lead by 21 points. St. Mary's, determined not to let it go easily, made a huge comeback in the dying minutes of this quarter. With 35 seconds to go they had it back to 12 points having outscored their opponents 20 points to 22.

The score board read 72 points to 60 as the sides entered the final 10 minutes. A huge final quarter performance from all players saw St. Mary's reduce the gap as the clock ran down. Scores from Emma Kerin, Abbie Mahony and Hannah Herlihy all contributed to it being back to a three point game at one stage, Celtics went back up eight but again Abbie Mahony and Shauna Tagney came up trumps. A three from Emma Kerin with just 11 seconds on the clock left just five points between the sides but again Lucy Devoy hit two from the line to secure a seven-point win for Limerick Celtics. The final score was one worthy of a superleague game as the score board read:

Limerick Celtics 90 St. Mary's 83.

Top scorers for St. Mary's were: Emma Kerin 42,

Abbie Mahony 10, Hannah Herlihy 9. Limerick Celtics: Lucy Devoy 32, Amy Buckley 28, Ganoy Malod 11.

WARRIORS SEE OFF MAREE TO MOVE A STEP CLOSER TO HOME QUARTER-FINAL

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GARVEY'S TRALEE WARRIORS 93 NUIG MAREE 79

Garvey's Tralee Warriors took a major step towards securing a home League quarter-final playoff following a comprehensive 93-79 win over NUIG Maree at the Tralee Sports Complex on Saturday night. The win avenges the defeat suffered by the Warriors when the sides met in Galway last November.

The Warriors started brightly with Aaron Calitxe and Nikola Roso combining for the Warriors first five scores to lead before scores from Lovre Tvrđić, John Burke and Deondre Jackson levelled the contest midway through the quarter. Tvrđić and Jackson were in range again to edge the Galway side ahead before Eoin Quigley stepped to board and Ron Elksnis fired in his first score to see the sides level at 21-21 at the end of the first quarter.

The Warriors stepped up the pace early in the second and two cracking three-point scores from Daniel Jokubaitis and Elksnis who was also in range from inside pushed the host 32-23 ahead. Jeryn Lucas and Stephen Commins replied to keep Maree in touch, but another three from Jokubaitis sparked the Warriors to shoot their way to a double-digit lead with Roso and Elksnis dominating the exchanges under the Maree board. Two scores from Tvrđić and another from Luca Krajlic kept the Maree flame lit but Aaron Calitxe brought the huge crowd out of their seats with a showstopping three in the dying seconds to see the Warriors lead 49-39 at the long break.

The impressive Deondre Jackson fired Maree back into the game with scores from either side of the arc but Nikola Roso's hard work in the paint paid off with three scores in a row and when Aaron Calitxe repeated the dose with a hat trick of his own the Warriors were in full control. Maree were struggling to make any impression on the Warriors lead but a quick run of scores from Jackson, Krajlic, and threes from Lucas and Stephen Commins cut the gap to 10. Ron Elksnis continued his best performance of the season to fire in from inside and out before Brandon Cotton pulled up to float

in his first score of the game and the Warriors led 76-60 at the end of the third.

The Warriors continued to keep the visitors at arms-length with scores from Jokubaitis, Cotton and Elksnis but Maree's never-say-die attitude saw them halve the Warriors lead to 10 with Jackson again showing his ability to hit tough shots. However a super score from Calitxe coming straight up the lane eased the home side back into a comfortable double-digit lead. Tvrđić and Krajlic offered token resistance for Maree late on, but the outstanding Aaron Calitxe capped another top-class display firing in from inside and outside the arc saw the Warriors take a big step towards returning to the Complex for a League quarter final play off in mid-March. The win sees off the Maree challenge for second place on the table, but keen rivals C&S Neptune now remain the only team that can deny the Cup champions a home quarter final. With one final twist in the tale, the Warriors face a trip to play Neptune in the last home and away game in Neptune Stadium on March 12th.

Next up for the Garvey's Tralee Warriors is a local derby with Team 360 Financial Killorglin in the Killorglin Sports Complex on Saturday 5th March in the penultimate Southern Conference fixture of the season with tip off at 7.15pm.

KABB CONGRATULATE SPSL RATHMORE AS ACTION CONTINUES ACROSS THE LEAGUES

With a number of players involved in the Kerry Airport KABB Leagues everyone involved was delighted for Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra on their double success in the National Basketball Arena this week.

The Rathmore school beat Coliate Eanna to Pinergy All Ireland Schools u14A champions and then defeated Calasanctius College Oranmore 51-33 to win the u15A Boys title. Well done to players on both squads and all the coaches involved.

Kerry Airport KABB League action:

Imperials u12's Girls take the win: Tralee Imperials u12 Girls defeated KCYMS 20-12 after a tough encounter in their u12 Division 3



St. Mary's U18 girls team who contested the u18 cup quarter final in Limerick on Sunday.
Front: L-r: Shauna Tagney, Abbie Mahony, Emma Kerin (top scorer with 42 points), Hannah Herlihy, Rebecca Reidy, Muireann Rahilly. Back: L-r: Aoife Nolan coach, Emma Buckley, Ciara Casey, Miriam O'Connell, Rachel Murphy, Johanna Moynihan and Leanne O'Connor assistant coach

OUTLOOK BASKETBALL

B clash. The first quarter saw both sides going basket for basket with Yvie Ross, Lily Mai Bowler and Kaela Reidy scoring for Imperials to tie the scores at 6 all.

The Imperials defence got on top in the second quarter and with baskets from Olivia Crean and Ava Flaherty they took a 4 point lead at the half. The Tralee side carried that momentum into the third quarter with Ross, Roisin Reidy and Sarah Slattery adding baskets to put them in a winning position.

Credit to the KCYMS girls they dug deep in the final quarter keeping their opponents scoreless and adding 6 points themselves but it was Imperials night.

A one point win for Bobcats in the u14's Girls: The u14 Girls Group A Division 3 clash of Tralee Imperials and Bobcats saw both squads put on a great display of basketball. In the end the Bobcats finished up winning by the narrowest margin possible 24-23. They had led by two at the end of the first quarter but the sides were level at the break as there was nothing between the sides.

For the Bobcats Jamie Lee O'Connor led the way on 12 points followed by Michelle O'Connor on 10 and Sarah O'Rourke with 2. Grace O'Reilly led the Imperials scoring with 7 points, Sarah Slattery and Aoife O'Connell hit 4 each with Amber Ryan, Maria O'Connell, Caoillinn Culloo and Juliette Gleeson all hitting a basket each. Senior Ladies game goes to overtime: It took overtime to separate St Brendan's and Glenbeigh Falcons with the away side just getting the better of their hosts 40-37.

St Mary's see off Kestrels in Kenmare: In the u14 Boys Division 2 St Mary's welcomed Kenmare Kestrels to Castleisland and it was the home side that took the win 47-25. The home side made much the better start with their offence dominating and they led 21-2 at the end of the first quarter. They were well ahead at the half but credit to the Kenmare boys they put in a big third quarter which they won 13-6. However St Mary's were not to be denied the win. St Mary's Alers Danusti had a big night hitting 12 baskets while Kestrels scoring was led by Kieran O'Sullivan and Micheal Og O'Mahony.

St Annes win the battle of the Saints: Once again the clash of St Paul's and St Anne's in the u16 Division 3 was a close affair as was their previous meeting before Christmas. St Anne's started the brighter but St Paul's responded and with a three pointer they led by the minimum at the end of the first quarter 8-7.

Again in the second quarter there was nothing between the sides but St Paul's needed another three points to go in level at the break 15 points each. However St Anne's offence stepped things up in the third quarter and they opened up a 10 point lead going into the final quarter 30-20. St Paul's battled hard in the final quarter when the sides went basket for basket but the gap St Anne's opened in that third quarter was decisive and they held on for the win 41-27.

For St Paul's Jack Rudden ended with 9, Adam O'Neill 7, Dylan Cronin 4 and Cormac O'Leary 3 while St Anne's were led by Sean O'Leary on 10 with Sean O'Sullivan hitting 6, Tony Daly 5 and Gearoid O'Connor 4.

IN HOME GAME

SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS 83

PORTLAOISE PANTHERS 70

The old adage "You don't have to be great, you just have to be better than everyone else" could certainly apply to this game. Scotts Lakers won't look back at this game with any fondness as it wasn't their most effective performance but they still did enough to get over the challenge of a plucky Portlaoise Panthers side. The capacity crowd, one of the biggest seen at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre in some time, would have gone home happy but Coach Jarlath Lee and his players won't have been carried away by the manner of the win. Off the court there was a great atmosphere as the recently crowned double All Ireland Schools Champions, Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, were present as were the U16 Irish Girls Team, who were on a training camp in Killarney for the weekend. On the court it was tough and uncompromising but winning covers everything and so Scotts Lakers picked up their fifth win in the last six games and set off for Carlow this afternoon for the second part of their weekend double header.

Rui Saravia, who had his best outing of the season so far, got the ball rolling with an early two while Emilian Grudov shot from beyond the arc to see the Lakers race into a 5-0 early lead. David Gleeson hit another three and when Godwin Boahen made it 12-5 with three and a half minutes gone, the game was going to recent form. Gary Morrissey, who was outstanding in the opening quarter, had other ideas and with the help of Liam Kinsella, they helped the Panthers into a 19-14 lead with seconds to go in the period. A big moment for the Lakers, and Senan O'Leary, which saw him fouled in the act of shooting a three pointer, saw the youngster sink the resultant free throws and this served to cut the gap to 2.

The giant figure of veteran Irish International Conor Gallagher cast a long shadow on the 2nd quarter and his seven points kept them in the contest alongside the same total for Kyle Burke. Having succumbed to early foul trouble Godwin Boahen put his stamp on proceedings and with Senan O'Leary, Saravia and Grudov getting buckets this quarter was equally tight. With that trip to Carlow in mind Coach Lee was shuffling his deck when he could and an early setback for Paul Clarke did little to help the fluidity of the performance. The input of Gleeson and O'Leary on the scoresheet was integral too at this point and half time saw the teams locked together at 38 each.

Again the third quarter was nip and tuck as it saw Saravia at his best and while Grudov was having little luck in his endeavours, his perseverance eventually paid off as he started to click. But the Panthers, with their squad contributing to an even scoring spread were not going away. They actually led 49-46 but two big threes from Saravia and good baskets from Grudov and Boahen saw the Lakers open up their biggest lead of the night, 56-51 as we entered the final quarter.

The Lakers kept the Panthers at arm's length in the final quarter, where they would be grateful for the promptings of Jamie O'Sullivan who hit

six points in the quarter. He, alongside Boahen and Grudov, opened the gap to fourteen, 71-57, and with the game won Coach Lee saw fit to run his bench and the night was worthy as all the squad saw court time. The highlights of the quarter were fine combination play by Boahen and O'Sullivan to set up an easy for the latter and a well earned basket by Mark O'Shea who was rewarded for some big hustle. Fittingly Saravia had the last word, or two, as he hit the final four points to see the Lakers run out 83-70 winners.

SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS 77

IT CARLOW BASKETBALL 93

The Lakers made the trip to the Barrow Centre in Carlow on Sunday morning following the previous night's victory over Portlaoise Panthers. This game was re-arranged following a Covid outbreak in the Carlow camp. As well as being a home game, IT Carlow also had the advantage of it being their only game of the weekend so all the odds were stacked in the Leinster sides favour. They are having a fine season with only one defeat all season and coach Martin Conroy is a formidable opponent. Carlow were quickly in the groove and they led from the onset with Kevin Donohue and Nate Shafer finding their range but good work from Emilian Grudov kept the Lakers in touch trailing 26-18 at the end of the first quarter and 50-37 at half time.

Shafer and Donohue kept the tempo going with good help from Jordan Fallon while for the Lakers Godwin Boahen and Saravia tried hard as did Jamie O'Sullivan but Carlow pushed the lead out to twenty heading in the final quarter, 74-54. O'Sullivan, Boahen and Saravia battled away but there was too much ground to make up and Carlow ran out 93-77 winners. IT Carlow are a difficult side to master at the best of times but having to do so away from home after playing the previous night would always prove onerous. Godwin Boahen was the games top scorer with 31 points while Emilian Grudov checked in for 17 and Rui Saravia had 9. Kevin Donohue had 23 for IT Carlow, Nate Shafer 20 and Jordan Fallon 16.

So a busy weekend for the Lakers and the coveted play off spot is still in reach. This Saturday February 26th they are on the road again to Limerick, to play the Sports Eagles. If the last encounter is anything to go by we are in for a treat. On that occasion the Eagles came out on top in a game memorable for a shootout between Boahen and Manny Payton. To add spice to proceedings the Eagles are immediately above the Lakers in the standings so a win would be huge for the Lakers prospects. Tip off in the UL Arena is 7pm and of course the following weekend on March 5th sees the Killarney Derby Part 2 being played out. And if that isn't enough the last game of the season sees title chasing IT Carlow come to town. So three big games ahead to decide the Lakers and the Leagues destiny.

LAKERS OVERCOME PANTHERS



DR. CROKES

ON THE FIELD

East Kerry Senior League Dr. Crokes 1-04 Kenmare 1-09 played in appalling conditions on Sunday morning a very much understrength lost out to Kenmare.

Best wishes to Cian McMahon, (Capt) Harry Byrne) Liam Randles Charlie Keating Alex Hennigan Jack Lynch, Shane McAllister, Mark Clifford and Ronan Coffey Gavin White (Coach) and St.Brendan College in next weekends All Ireland s/f. v St. Marys Magarafelt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Evan Looney & Tom Doyle who were on Kerry U20 panel that defeated Cork. to Shane Murphy Miceal Burns and Tony Brosnan who were on Kerry Senior panel that defeated Donegal. Conor O'Neill was part of the London panel that defeated Leitrim.

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LOTTO draw for €10,700 took place on Monday February 21st. Numbers drawn 2, 6, 17, 22.

Winner Maggie McAuliffe Jackpot for draw on February 28th will be €5,000.

We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club. With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below And follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp#Anchor

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FIXTURES

East Kerry Senior League FRI. February 25th @ 7.30pm Dr. Crokes (H) v Kilcummin.

SYMPATHY to Eddie 'Connor and family on the death of former underage player Stephen, to the Clifford family on the death of Jimmy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílis.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUE DIV 1A

Dr Crokes 1-4 (07) Kenmare Shamrock 1-9 (12) East Kerry Minor team who won the minor co championship last year for six year in row will be Presentation of Co Minor Championship Medals on this Friday Night 25th February at the Kilcummin Club Hall at 8 30pm

UPDATE SCOR NA NOG

East Kerry Scor na nog final 6pm in Fossa Hall March 12th. County Final is now on Sunday 20th March in Glenbeigh @4.30pm. Please note this change of date. Scor na nOg Munster 3rd April Time to confirmed in Cashel Co Tipperary.

Scor na nOg All Ireland Sunday May 1st, INEC, Killarney. Scór na bPaistí County Final Saturday July 2nd Venue TBC

Scor Sinsir All Ireland, Saturday 15th October, INEC, Killarney.

MONTHLY MEETING of East Kerry Board will take place on Tuesday March 1st at 9pm at Killarney Heights Hotel. All Delegates request to Attend

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Best of luck to Kerry team & management against Moneghan this Sunday February 27th in Rd4 of the Allianz National League. The game is on at 2pm. in clones best of luck to all players from east region

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Please note that Kilcummin vs Dr Crokes have both agreed to change their game fixed for Sunday 27th at 12 noon in Lewis road to Friday night 25th at 730 pm in Dr Crokes GAA Ground

SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to families of William (Willie) O'Connor RIP Castleisland, Denis Reen RIP Tralee. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

FOSSA GAA CLUB NEWS

KERRY

Congratulations to the Kerry senior team on their victory over Donegal especially Paudie and David Clifford.

SIGERSON

Hard luck to UL, David Clifford and the Kerry players involved who lost out to NUIG in the final of the Sigerson cup final.

LOTTO

Numbers Drawn 9,14,15,16. €40 WINNERS: EILEEN AHERN, DEPT OF JUSTICE; BREDA O'LEARY, C/O KAYNES BAR; PAT TERRY, CURRAGH AGHADOE; LIAM FITZGERALD, C/O ANG SCARTEEN; CATHERINE O'REILLY, PALLAS.

Next weeks jackpot €4,200 tickets on sale from Foleys Spar Fossa the golden nugget and usual sellers thanks for playing.

KEEL GAA CLUB NEWS

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Tuesday 15th of February. Numbers drawn: 7, 8, 13, 30. No winner of the jackpot of €4,900. Lucky dip: €50 Aoife and Tommy Evans Ballyarkane and €50 Brenda Moloney Limerick. The jackpot will be €4,950 for the draw on Monday the 21st of February. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets online now by logging onto the Clubforce app or via the following link on our social media. Hard copy tickets are available in usual outlets. All hard copy lotto tickets must be returned to Bensons by Sunday night. This will apply each week. If they are not returned by Sunday night, they cannot be entered into the draw on Monday night. This is a new requirement to facilitate the online lotto draw. All online tickets must be purchased by 6pm every Monday.

SENIORS

The Mid Kerry League Round 3 fixture between Keel and Milltown/Castlemaine was cancelled on Sunday.

UNDER 17

Keel/Listry U17s play their first County League game this Saturday at 4pm in Keel versus Austin stacks. Best of luck to the players and their management team. All support is welcome!

UNDER 11

Our U11s continue training on Mondays from 7-8pm on the Astro Nagle Rice Primary School Milltown. Please ensure your membership has been paid. All children should have their gum shield and a bottle of water.

UNDER 9

Our U9s continue training on Mondays from 6-7pm on the Astro Nagle Rice Primary School Milltown. Please ensure your membership has been paid. All children should have their gum shield and a bottle of water.

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**UNDER 5 & UNDER 7 SKILLS ACADEMY**

Weather permitting training will resume for Girls & Boys born in 2017, 2016 & 2015 on Sunday 27th of February from 10:15 to 11:15 on the New Sand based area at the bottom end of Keel GAA pitch. Emphasis will be on the development of the Fundamental Movement Skills through the playing of Fun & Small Sided Games & activities. Please pay membership in advance on www.foireann.ie. Please ensure each child brings football boots, a gumshield & their own water bottle.

MEMBERSHIP

Please ensure you or your child's membership is paid before returning to training. You can purchase your club membership for this year via foireann.ie NOW! You can see all our membership options available there as well as across our social media.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Social Membership allows members to contribute to the maintenance of the walkway, while not being full members of the club. It costs €10 and you can register through foireann.ie

DOG FOULING

There has been a big increase in dog fouling along our walkway and on the pitch in recent weeks. Our senior team have gone back training on the field and in the coming weeks we will be welcoming our underage boys and girls back onto the field. Dog faeces are dangerous. They can cause extreme illness in humans, with children especially at risk. We want to ensure that our members and especially our underage players are safe while attending training and games. Please clean up after your pets. We will be reviewing this issue at our next monthly meeting. If the issue is not resolved, dogs will not be permitted at the grounds.

KERRY U20S

Well done to the Kerry U20 team and management on their victory over Cork in round 1 of the John Kerins Development League. The final score was Kerry 3-16, Cork 0-13. Special mention to our own Keith Evans who came on in the game. Well done Keith!

KERRY LGFA

The Kerry versus Clare game was postponed on Saturday. The game is due to take place this Saturday. Best of luck to Caoimhe Evans, Ciara Murphy and all the Kerry ladies team.

KERRY GAA

Well done to the Kerry team and management on their victory over Donegal on Sunday.

EVERY STEP COUNTS CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who is helping us walk 4,000km for the Irish Life Every Step Counts Challenge! We have completed over 12,000km and the challenge finished this Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who has taken part. Fingers crossed we are the lucky winners of one of those O'Neills vouchers.

REFEREES

Kerry GAA are urgently seeking new referees with a view to officiating U11, U13 and U15 games across the county. Full training will be provided. Anyone that may have an interest is asked to please contact Keel Club Secretary, Mary T. with your details as soon as possible (email: secretary.keel.kerry@gaa.ie) and you will then be informed about upcoming training

courses.

A HOUSE WITH KERRY GAA

Support the Club, Support the County. Purchase a ticket for the Kerry GAA Win A House in Killarney promotional draw. Under 'Nominate a Kerry Club' please nominate 'Keel GAA'. A special draw for clubs will take place which includes a cash prize in April in addition to other prizes over the coming months. Buy online: <https://www.kerrygaa.ie/winahouseinkerry/> or hard copy tickets are also available. Please contact pro.keel.kerry@gaa.ie for more details or purchase your ticket in the Kerry GAA store, Killarney.

MKL GAELS NEWS

Our Chairperson Keith McGuigan met with Emma from Adapt Kerry Womens Refuge and gave them the €1,214 generously donated online and at each of our walks. All money raised will go directly to helping the women they support.

UNDER 12

Training will begin Saturday 26th February in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. As it is on the Astro we will split the group into two as space will be limited. Girls born in 2010 are 3pm to 4pm. Girls born in 2011 are 4pm to 5pm

UNDER 14

Training on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

UNDER 16

Training on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

MINORS

Training on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

SENIORS

Training on Friday evenings at 8:00pm in Nagle Rice Astro pitch Milltown. All new players welcome

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Registrations are now open and can be done online via the GAA/LGFA portal <https://returntoplay.gaa.ie/>.

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Senior Men's Player €120

*Juveniles are boys or girls U18

Annual Club Lotto Ticket (2 free weeks) €100

LOTTO

Numbers drawn were: 3, 5, 17, 19. No Jackpot winner. 5x€30: James Daly, Ballyhar; Niamh McCarthy; Vincent & Joe c/o Bridie; Elaine O Donoghue, Dromore; m Liam Fitzgerald. Next weeks jackpot €8500. Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

Get your lotto tickets online via the Firies page on Clubforce or tickets are also available to purchase physically in some of the local shops incl. Aherns Pharmacy, Farranfore, Sherwood Bar and Restaurant Farranfore, Sheehans Shop Farranfore, Moriarty's Centra Farranfore, Bridies Shop Firies, Hendersons Shop and Bar Firies and from all the usual sellers. We thank these businesses for their continued support. Thank you all for your continued support.

FIXTURES

Minor Football League Rd 1 Div 2A away vs Glenflesk Sat 26th at 4pm

HURLING TRAINING

Hurling training continues at Firies National Schools' All-Weather pitch on Sunday evenings. U11 & U13 5.30pm to 6.30pm, U15 & U17 6.30pm to 7.30pm

CLUB REFEREES

Firies GAA are seeking new referees for juvenile Go Games U11, as well as U13 and U15 games across the county. Full training will be provided. If you are interested contact Brendan our club secretary by email secretary.firies.kerry@gaa.ie

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Happy faces despite the weather enjoying the Kerry V Donegal National league game at Fitzgerald Stadium. Picture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR.



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U12 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 1 Killarney Celtic 4

Scorer for Blues: Jayden Hurley

U14 CUP

Killarney Athletic 7 (0_6 HT) St Brendans Park 3

Goals for Blues: Ben Kelliher, Szymon Jasiński,

Liam O'Brien x2, Mark O'Carroll, Brian McCarthy,

JJ O'Donoghue

SENIOR A'S

Killarney Athletic 1 Camp I

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GIRL'S SIDES ENTER NATIONAL CUP LAST 32

GIRL'S NATIONAL CUPS

12's Torro United 1-0 Inter Kenmare

14's Kilnamanagh United 1-3 Listowel Celtic

16's Mungaret Regional 2-3 Killarney Celtic

BOY'S CUPS OPENING ROUND

John Joe Naughton 13's Cup

Killarney Celtic A 7-1 Tralee Dynamos B

Tom Hayes 14's Cup

Camp Juniors A 8-1 Tralee Dynamos B

Iveragh United 1-5 MEK Galaxy

Inter Kenmare B 0-4 St Brendan's Park A

Fenit Samphires 2-5 Tralee Dynamos A

Inter Kenmare A 6-0 Mastergeeha C

St Brendan's Park B 3-7 Killarney Athletic A

Killorglin B 0-7 Killarney Celtic A

LEAGUE GAMES

Girls Divisions

12's Division 1

Listowel Celtic B 2-2 MEK Galaxy

Muckross Park Hotel 14's

14's Premier

Killarney Celtic 1-2 Camp Juniors

14's Division 1

LB Rovers 4-2 Castleisland

Boys League

Slattery's Carpets and Blinds 12's

12's Premier

Castleisland 0-3 Listowel Celtic A

Killorglin 6-1 LB Rovers

Killarney Celtic 4-1 Killarney Athletic

12's Division 1 North

LB Rovers B2-0 Listowel Celtic

12's Division 1 South

Killorglin B 1-7 Ballyhar Dynamos A

16's Premier

Killorglin 3-0 Tralee Dynamos

16's Division 1

Ballyhar Dynamos 5-2 Iveragh United

GIRLS GO INTO NATIONAL CUP LAST 32 ACTION

In the u12's Girls SFAI National Cup Inter Kenmare made the trip to Meath and put up a great effort against Torro United before going down 1-0. Amongst those who put in big displays were Alice O'Connor, Elayna Twomey, Saoirse Hussey and Siena Ryan.

A great performance led by a superb hat trick from Laura Falvey and a player of the match performance from Ashlyn Falvey sees Listowel Celtic progress to the next round with a 3-1 win over Kilmanagh United from Dublin in a game played on the Castleisland All Weather.

Killarney Celtic 16's travelled to Limerick to take on Mungret Regional on Sunday and they led 2-1 but the home side again equalised. However it was the Hoops that got the winner to progress to the next round. The Celtic goals came from an own goal, Ava O'Malley and Eve Culhane.

CUP REPORTS

CELTIC A PROGRESS IN 13'S CUP

Killarney Celtic A are into the hat for the next round of the John Joe Naughton 13's Cup after they defeated Tralee Dynamos B who will now play in the Shield. The Celtic goals came from Samuel Sjogren, Michael McElligott and Samuel Scroope.

TOM HAYES 14'S CUP FIRST ROUND

A place in the Last 16 of the Tom Hayes 14's Cup was on offer for the winners in the opening round while the teams who are defeated, bar teams from the Premier Division, go into the first round of the Shield.

Camp Juniors A were at home to Tralee Dynamos B and as expected the A side progressed in the Cup while Dynamos will be in the Shield draw. Robert Keane, Allyn O'Shea, Darragh Murphy, Killian Crean, Mark Vansteenkiste, Michael Enright, Luke Cuddy and Jago Brodie were on the Camp Juniors score sheet.

Two early goals from Majick Kubick were added to by one from Edison Jahiri as St Brendan's Park A led 3-0 away to Inter Kenmare B. Kubick completed his hat trick with the only goal of the second half.

A Christy Burke hat trick and one each from Fionn Daly and Alex Tuohy sees Tralee Dynamos progress after they defeated Fenit Samphires. Michael O'Sullivan and Evan Lyons got the Fenit goals.

Gavin Griffin scored for Iveragh United in their home game against MEK Galaxy but it's

the visitors who progress thanks to a Jayden Fennell hat trick and one each from Kevin Coffey and Fionn Kennedy.

In a game played in tough conditions Killarney Athletic A won away at St Brendan's Park B. Athletic had the wind behind them in the first half and done most of the damage while the Park fought back in the second half. The Athletic goals came from Ben Kelliher, Szymon Jasiński, Liam O'Brien 2, Mark O'Carroll, Brian McCarthy and JJ O'Donoghue.

Inter Kenmare are also through as they defeated Mastergeeha C at home. Dylan Trevyaud put Inter 1-0 up and Robbie Guest made it 2-0 on 20 minutes. Josh Linnane headed a third for the home side before the break. Mark Foley scored twice in the second half before Josh Linnane converted from the penalty spot to wrap up the scoring.

Killarney Celtic A took the last place on offer at the weekend as they defeated Killorglin B 7-0 thanks to goals from James Kelly 2, Jack Culloty, Dara O'Sullivan, Cillian Slattery, Conor Warren and James Coffey.

Girls League Reports

POINTS SHARED IN 12'S DIVISION 1

Listowel Celtic B and MEK Galaxy shared the points following 2-2 draw. Issy Larkin and Grace Hegarty scored for the home side with Emily Allen and Isabelle O'Connor replying for MEK Galaxy.

AWAY WIN IN 14 PREMIER

Camp Juniors made the trip to Killarney Celtic a winning one thanks to goals from Alanna Griffin and Keelin Clifford. Emma Daly got the Killarney Celtic goal.

HOME WIN IN 14'S DIVISION 1

Goals from Marie Keane Tyrell, Elidh Cregan, Clíodhna Buckley and Edel O'Connor saw LB Roverstake the win at home to Castleisland. Sarah Loughlin scored both goals for the visitors.

BOYS LEAGUE REPORTS

GAP TO LEADERS CLOSED IN 12'S PREMIER

The Slattery's Carpets and Blinds 12's Premier was the busiest of the Divisions and with leaders St Brendan's Park not playing there was a chance for others to close the gap.

Listowel Celtic A are up to second place after their 3-0 away win over Castleisland at Georgie O'Callaghan Park. Listowel Celtic's goals came from Mason Sheehy, Ryan McDonnell and Daithi Laide and they also had a big performance from keeper Lucas Leahy.

Killorglin are up to joint fourth, and only one



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U16 squad following their recent 5-2 home win against Iveragh United FC.



Killarney Celtic U16 Girls vs Mungret Regional in the U16 National Cup



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point off third, after goals from Tommy Foley 3, Cillian Casey, Darragh McKenna and Darragh O'Connor saw them win at home to LB Rovers whose goal came from Sencha O'Brien.

Killarney Celtic are on the same mark as Killorglin after their home win over neighbours Killarney Athletic. Pa McCarthy continues his good scoring run as he hit two goals with Conor McElligott and Jamie Fleming getting one each. Eanna Hennigan replied for the Woodlawn side.

HOME WINNER IN 12 DIVISION 1 NORTH

In the 12's Division 1 North League Shield section LB Rovers B won 2-0 at home to Listowel Celtic B thanks to goals from Thomas Scanlon and Anthony Doherty.

AWAY WINNER IN 12 DIVISION 1 SOUTH

Ballyhar Dynamos made the trip to Killorglin B a winning one with Ryan Quilter having a memorable day hitting 5 of the Dynamos goals. Odhran Leslie and Daire Connolly got one each for the winners with Cathal Clifford getting the Killorglin consolation.

KILLORGLIN GO TOP OF 16 PREMIER:

Killorglin took the only points on offer in the 16's Premier and the three they got from the Tralee Dynamos game sees them move to the top of the table on 6 wins from 6 played and two ahead of Killarney Celtic.

HOME WIN FOR DYNAMOS IN 16'S DIVISION 1

A Daithi O'Shea hat trick and two from Robert Kelly gave Ballyhar Dynamos a 5-2 home win over Iveragh United.

Girls take first steps on coaching pathway:

It was great to see TY students in Rathmore and Castleisland complete the first step on the FAI's coaching pathway as they completed the PDP1 Course this week. The course was delivered by the FAI RDO for Kerry Chelsea Noonan and facilitated by the KSBGL Director of Football Noel White. A number of girls on the course are also involved with the Kerry 2005 side. With the huge growth of girls soccer in Kerry there are lots of opportunities for these girls to continue on the coaching pathway and to get involved with their clubs and possibly progress onto working with the League who now have 5 Inter League sides that will be representing Kerry in the upcoming SFAI Inter Leagues and Gaynor Cup.

KERRY GIRLS KNOW INTER LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Having found out their Groups last the Kerry

Girls League sides at 12's, 13's, 15's and 16's now know their schedule of games as they look to progress to the knock out stages of the SFAI Girls Inter Leagues.

The 12's open at home to West Cork on March 5th/6th and then travel away to Waterford on the weekend of March 26th/27th and end away to Clare on April 16th or 17th.

The 13's also have one home game versus Limerick Desmond on the first weekend of March before going away to South Tipp on the last weekend of the month and finishing away to Cork on April 16th/17th.

The 15's are in a three team group and have a bye on the first weekend before playing away to South Tipperary on March 26th/27th and home to Clare on April 16th/17th.

The 16's are also in a three team group with their bye weekend being the last weekend of the month. They open at home to Cork on March 5th/6th and play West Cork away on the 26th or 27th.

The 14's Girls Gaynor Group and the Boys Inter League fixtures are expected to be released shortly.

KILLARNEY CELTIC NOTES

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4,8,22,25. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot Monday February 28th €2,400. Tickets available online at clubforce.com and from the stand in Hegarty's Park Rd, The Dungeon and club members.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP 4TH ROUND

Killarney Celtic 4 Grattan Utd 1

Stephen McCarthy 2, Cathal O'Shea, + OG.

Celtic advanced to the last 16 of the Munster Junior Cup after a strong 1st half saw them lead 3-0 at the break in a game played in extremely



Killarney Celtic U12A who defeated Killarney Athletic last weekend.

tough conditions. Grattan pulled 1 back before Celtic responded again to run out winners.

DENNY PREMIER B

Killarney Celtic B 2, Rattoo Rovers 2.

Adam McMahon, Mike Foley.

U14 CUP

Killorglin B 0, Killarney Celtic 7.

James Kelly 2, Jack Culloty, Dara O'Sullivan, Cillian Slattery, Conor Warren, James Coffey.

U13 CUP

Killarney Celtic A 7, Tralee Dynamos B 1

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 4, Killarney Athletic 1

Pa McCarthy 2, Conor McElligott, Jamie Fleming Celtic opened the scoring through Pa McCarthy, Athletic fought back to equalise before Celtic scored a screamer from Conor McElligott. Athletic came again and were unlucky not to draw level before the momentum in the game turned Celtic's way through a Jamie Fleming goal. Celtic completed the scoring when Pa McCarthy grabbed his 2nd to seal the win for Celtic.

WELL DONE TO OUR U10 TEAM who played Castleisland in Group C of the U10 Cup in very wet conditions in Castleisland last week.

GIRLS

U16 National Cup: Mungret Regional 2, Killarney Celtic 3

Ava O'Malley, Eve Culhane, og.

Celtic U16 Girls qualified for the last 16 of the National Cup following a hard fought win in Limerick last Sunday. Conditions were difficult but the girls rose to the occasion and gave a great performance.

U14 PREMIER



Killarney Athletic U10 boys & girls made the short trip to our neighbours Mastergeeha F.C. for some much need games.



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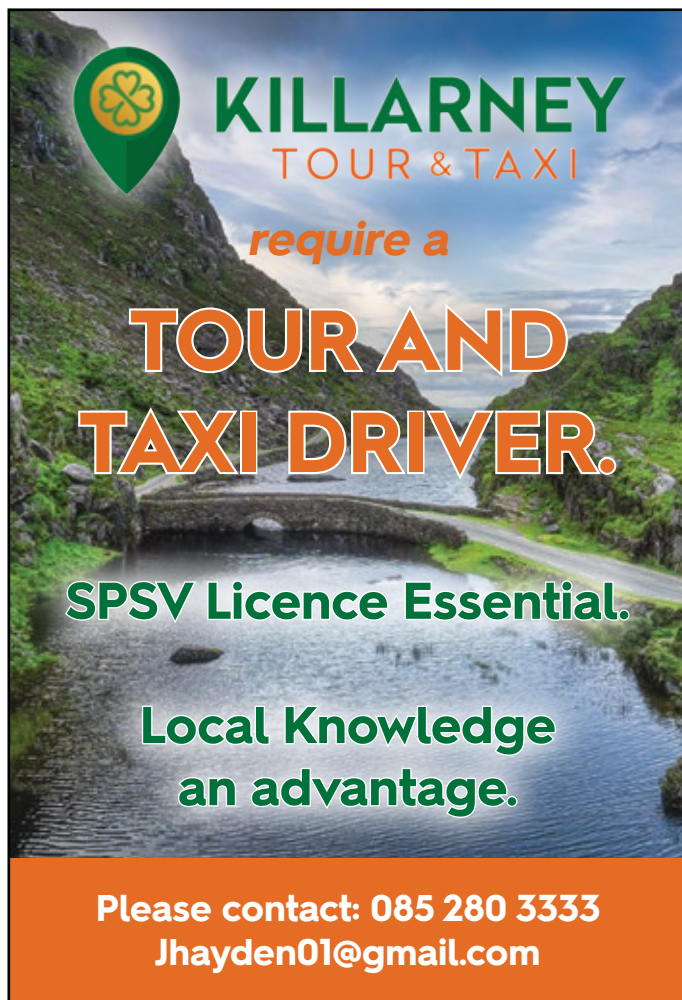
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The world is not a safe place to navigate in our own strength. But God is our Refuge, our Strong Tower where total safety and peace exists (Psalm 61). In order to enter into that safety and peace we need to get to know God and His ways. We can get to know Him through His Word. His Word is not a book to read like you read a novel. God's Word is alive! (Hebrews 4:9-16) Jesus, the Son of God - is the Word of God (John 1:1-14). When we study and obey the Bible we enter into a relationship with Jesus, not simply skimming through some book filled with stories. Jesus gave up His Divinity and supernaturally was born as one of us. He grew up and experienced everything that we encounter, the good and the bad – but, He never sinned. And then He laid down His life willingly to fulfil God's plan of Salvation so every man, woman and child could be saved and restored to God, washed clean of all sin in His perfect blood.

This sacrifice had to be made in order to cleanse us from sin, because sin and God's Love cannot dwell together. So Jesus paid the price for our sins, and became the Lamb of God who took sin away, thus allowing us to be accepted into God's family by our faith and trust in Him (John 3:15-21). We trust in Jesus by inviting Him into our lives - making Him Lord over everything. As we renounce and turn away from sin, we need to instead tune into God's Word and His Love to fill the void. God's Love is the most powerful, holy and pure force, and when we invite Jesus in and obey His Word, His love in us drives out all fear and torment - forever.

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A sea of tears and endless grief
would simply ebb away
if only you could celebrate
your special day today
This birthday token brings you love
it's just a simple touch to let you know how
dear you are you'll always mean so much.*

From your Daughter Mary,
Son-in-law Maurice, Grandsons, Maurice
and Patrick and Granddaughter Natasha.

BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE

WEDNESDAY THE
24TH FEBRUARY

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN,
KILLARNEY

*In loving memory of a dear husband
on your Birthday.
The days go by without you
and each one is the same,
My mind is filled with thoughts of you.
In tears I call your name.
They say that times's a healer
and life has to go on.
But my life will never be the same now
the one I loved is gone.*

Always on my mind and in my heart forever.

From your loving wife Maura xx

17TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR PARENTS

JOAN KENNEDY



WHO DIED THE
11TH OF SEPTEMBER 2004

AND

JOHN JOE
KENNEDY



WHO DIED ON THE
26TH OF FEBRUARY 2005.
LATE OF BALLYBRACK,
BALLYHAR.

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

Sadly missed by your loving son Eamonn,
daughter Evelyn, daughter-in-law Caroline,
Son-in-law Johnny and grandchildren
Shane, Amy, Dayna, Sarah, Katie and Louise.

THE MIRACLE
PRAYER

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the past, I
have asked for many favours.
This time I ask for a very special one.
(Here mention your request.)
Take it, dear Jesus, and place it within your
own broken heart, where your Father sees
it. Then, in his merciful eyes, it will become
your favor and not mine. Amen.
Say for three days and promise to publish.

MB

NOVENA TO
SAINT THÉRÈSE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus
Please pick for me a rose
from the heavenly garden
and send it to me
as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus,
ask God to grant the favours
I now place with confidence
in you hands
(mention your special prayer request here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe
as you did, in God's great love for me,
so that I may imitate your "Little Way"
each day.

MB

NOVENA TO
ST. CLARE

IN THANKSGIVING
Novena to St. Clare. Ask for
three favours, one business, two
impossible. Say nine Hail Mary's for
nine nights with lighted candles.
Pray whether you believe or not.
Publish on ninth day. Powerful
novena.
Say may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
praised, adored glorified and loved
today and everyday throughout the
whole world now and forever. Amen
Your request will be granted no
matter how impossible it may seem.

NOVENA TO THE
SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have
asked many favours.
This time I ask you this special one,
(mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place
it within your heart where your Father
sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become
your favour not mine.
Amen.
Say this prayer three times for three days
and your favour will be granted.

M.M.

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