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Aisling Crosbie.

FROM THE EDITOR

As Killarney basks in glorious sunshine following a hugely successful St. Patrick's Festival, all attentions is now on this weekend's Wander Wild Festival.

Organisers have pulled out all the stops to ensure that an amazing array of events are planned to take place in the town and the surrounding mountains and lakes.

From guided cycles to kayak and boat tours and from wander wild wellness to drama dance and singing, there is something for everyone of any age to enjoy this weekend.

With the weather promising to be on its best behaviour and the town looking amazing, we hope everyone stays safe and enjoys Wander Wild Killarney's Great Outdoors Festival.

As we experience the current wave of Covid-19 - its time to go back to basics.

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International Vice President of Lions Club, Brian Sheehan from Chicago plants a tree to mark Tree Week with member of the local and Irish Lions Club, Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Marie Moloney and students from the three Killarney Secondary Schools.



LIONS AND STUDENTS JOIN FOR TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

A tree planting ceremony took place at Maurice O'Donoghue Park on Saturday last organised by the Killarney Branch of The Lions Club.

The event was attended by Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Marie Moloney, President of the Killarney Lions Club, John Fuller, Ann Ellis District Governor of Lions Clubs Ireland and representatives from Kerry County Council.

The tree planting was undertaken by Brian Sheehan, International Vice President of the Lions Club who hails from Minnesota, USA.

Brian and his wife Lori are in Killarney in advance of his presidency which will commence in July 2022. Brian whose family originally hail from Cork and Kerry has organised for the full board of Lions Club International to have their meeting in Killarney in March 2023.

Brian visited the Monastery Boys National School Killarney to view their

sensory room and garden which Killarney Lions Club contributed towards and met with members of the Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club who have received sponsorship for their basketball Team and competitions from The Lions Club in Killarney.

Lions Club International are the largest Non Governmental Organisation in the world with 1.4 million members worldwide. Its motto is "We Serve" It was voted by the Financial Times as the best Non Governmental Organisation in the world for its efficiency in operation.

All members are volunteers at local level and the membership fees they pay cover for all costs to run the organisation internationally, nationally and locally meaning that all funds raised go directly to those in need.

Killarney Lions Club have 30 members and actively seek to have others to join. It recently celebrated 50 years in Killarney but due to Covid celebrations were curtailed.

FINGERS CROSSED AS JESSIE BIDS FOR HER FIRST OSCAR

All eyes will be on the Oscars on Sunday next when Hollywood star and Killarney native Jessie Buckley will be in attendance following for her nomination for best supporting actress for her performance as Leda in Netflix psycho-drama The Lost Daughter.

Jessie is up against Ariana DeBose in West Side Story; Judi Dench in Belfast; Kirsten Dunst in The Power of the Dog and Aunjanue Ellis in King Richard.

Jessie stars alongside Olivia Colman in the movie which sees Leda (Olivia Colman) becomes consumed with a young mother (Jessie) and daughter as she watches them on the beach.

Unnerved by their compelling relationship, (and their raucous and menacing extended family), Leda is overwhelmed by her own memories of the terror, confusion and intensity of early motherhood.

"I am in complete shock!", Jessie said when she heard the news.

"The Lost Daughter is so special to me. To be recognised for anything connected to it is just a wild dream come true. And to gorgeous Olivia Colman and our leader and legend Maggie Gyllenhaal, I'm so lucky to share this ride with you incredible women. Thank you", the star added. Jessie isn't the only Irish success story at this years nominations Kenneth Branagh's Belfast made history after receiving seven Oscar nominations, the most nominations ever for an Irish film. Jessie is the daughter of Tim Buckley and Marina Cassidy and eldest sister to Killian, Julia and Eva.

Jessie recently picked up an IFTA for her role in The Lost Daughter and fingers crossed she will get the nod on Sunday!



Jessie Buckley pictured with her mum Marina Cassidy at the recent BAFTA awards.

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“Walk with Charlie” in Killarney National Park

Kerry Friends of Motor Neurone are organising a walk in Killarney National Park on Saturday April 2nd, 2022, in conjunction with Charley Bird climb of Croagh Patrick on the same day.

Registration is at the Headquarters of Kerry Parents and Friends Association at the

Old Monastery, Port Road from 10.30 before the walk commences at 11am. Everyone is welcome to join in the walk, which is not challenging and is suitable for all walkers. Veteran RTE journalist and broadcaster Charlie Bird made public his recent diagnosis with Motor Neurone Disease last October 2021. It was a devastating diagnosis for Charlie but soon afterwards he decided to do something for the plight of people living with the terrible disease. He decided to climb Croagh Patrick mountain on April 2nd, 2022, to raise funds and awareness for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and another charity close to Charlie's heart namely Pieta House. Charlie acknowledges that the climb will be an immense challenge, but he is determined to do it. Since then, over 100 climbs and walks are planned to take place throughout the country and many of these are here in County Kerry. I am aware that many people are climbing mountains, walking in the woods to highlight the vast mountains so many Motor Neurone patients must climb in their everyday lives due to this severe illness physical and mental and Charlie Bird while climbing the holy mountain is also climbing his personal mountain with the terrible disease called Motor Neurone.

All funds raised will be divided equally between the Irish Motor Neurone

Disease Association and Pieta House to ensure they can continue to do their vital work in every community across Ireland. The IMNDA is the only organisation of its kind in the country dedicated to working on behalf of people living with MND, their families and carers. Their key services include home visits by its 4 MND nurses, financial assistance towards home help and the supply of specialised equipment on loan. The IMNDA also funds and promotes research into the causes and treatment of MND. Pieta House first opened its doors in Lucan County Dublin in 2006. Since then, they have helped over 60,000 people in suicidal distress or engaging in self harm. They operate 20 locations across the country, and they now employ over 200 therapists and support staff, and the demand for their services is increasing.

People can also donate to climbwithcharlie.ie



STUNNING EXHIBITION AT KILLARNEY'S WANDERWILD OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

Killarney photographer, Micheál Ó Suilleabhain is this year's featured photographer for Killarney's Wanderwild Outdoor Festival. His exhibition includes a selection of stunning landscape photographs by the renowned Killarney based photographer. Micheál totally immerses himself in his craft, capturing as he does, the unique, quiet spaces, using his trusted specialised 5x4 old format camera. He has won numerous international awards and accolades throughout this remarkable career. As well as his exhibition Micheál

is also delivering a half day photography workshop & National Park Shoot.

This tour is a unique opportunity for those who would like to explore, learn and capture beautiful images of ancient woodlands, historic castles and breathtaking landscapes of mountains and lakes.

All DSLR cameras, smart phones, iPads or any device that takes photographs can be used on this tour which is suited to all ages.

For further information <https://wanderwildfestival.com/saturday-26th-march-schedule/>

HAIR STYLING AND MUSIC SESSION PLANNED FOR MOTHERS DAY

Popular Killarney hair stylist Pat O'Neill is planning a marathon hair styling session at the International Hotel on Mother's Day.

Pat will be joined by a host of Killarney musicians and singers on the day and all proceeds raised on the day will go towards the Ukrainian Crisis.

Pat has set up a credit union account so people can donate directly to that and can also donate on the day. Entertainment will be provided by a host of different musicians including Johnny Nolan, Grace

Foley, Caitriona O'Sullivan, Truly Diverse and Liam O'Co nor.

The Family Hair and Jamming Event is one of the many fundraisers taking place in Killarney, all of which are being generously contributed to by the people of Killarney.

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SADNESS AT THE PASSING OF POPULAR LOCAL MAN JOE LOONEY

There was an air of sadness in the town of Killarney last week when news broke that popular local man Joe Looney had passed away. Joe was a member of the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps and during the St. Patrick's Day parade, a minutes silence in memory of Joe took place.

It was evident to all his Order of Malta family, their loss was enormous, as James Looney, lowered the iconic Order of Malta flag, a palpable air of grief took over.

The silence was followed by a sustained round of applause in recogni-



The late Joe Looney



A minute silence for Joe.. The streets of Killarney fell silent to honour the late Joe Looney, who passed away on Wednesday, Joe was a dedicated member of the Order of Malta, and it was very fitting gesture, by the Order of Malta afforded him at the St Patrick's Festival Parade, Killarney on Main Street, Killarney, on St Patrick's Day. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

tion of his 50 years of unwavering service and dedication to his beloved Order of Malta.

Joe's loss will be felt most of all by his family but also by his close friends in the Order of Malta.

On the Monday night before Joe passed away, the Order of Malta Regional Director Commandant Tony O'Mara from Limerick presented Joe with 50 years service medal and his papal medal. He is the southwest Regional director based in Limerick and a few members of the Order of Malta and his family were present.

The Order of Malta shared their sadness at the news: "We are devastated at the passing of our friend and colleague Capt. Joseph M Looney. We have such wonderful memories of his 50 years service with the Killarney Unite and the Order of Malta Ireland.

The passing of Joe has left a huge void in our unit. To Noreen and family we would like to thank you for sharing Joe with us. "There are some who bring light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains". Joe is survived by his wife, Noreen and children, Mike, Aileen and Joseph, daughters-in-law Joleen and Edna, son-in-law Larry, his grandchildren Chloé, Noah, Megan, Kyle and Luke, sister Geraldine Killeen, brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces, relatives, neighbours, his colleagues in the Order Of Malta and a wide circle of friends. We offer our sincerest sympathies.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

A fundraising Concert organised by the Moriarty School of Music and Dance in aid of the people of Ukraine will take place in the Killarney Avenue Hotel on Saturday 2nd April at 8pm. Trócaire is working with Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland who are supporting people both within Ukraine and people who have crossed the border. They are providing shelter and essential supplies, including food, blankets, hygiene supplies and emotional support and all proceeds from the Concert will go to the Ukrainian Trócaire fund as.

Among the top artistes taking part include Seán Ó Sé, Elle Marie O Dwyer, Patrick and Conor O'Sullivan, Alan Finn & friends, Conor Moriarty, the Kilcummin Set and Irish dancers.

The legendary Cork singer entertainer Seán Ó Sé will be our Fear an Tí for the evening.



Local musician Conor Moriarty is double All Ireland Fleadh winner, first in 2009 with the melodeon and he followed that up in 2010 with the Senior Accordion title. He holds a Masters degree in Irish traditional music performance with UL, and has toured the world with numerous bands and shows such as Rianta, Cordeen, Celtic Legends, Siamsa tire and Bru Boru. He is music director and performer with Gaelic Roots in the Killarney Avenue hotel, and is a much sought after music teacher. He has recorded a solo album and also recorded with the Tri Tones and Cordeen.

The night would not be complete without the Kilcummin Over 35 Set Dancers and some Irish dancers taking to the floor in what promises to be a most entertaining evening for a very worthy cause.

Tickets which are limited are available from the Avenue Hotel and from John at the Rural Development Office Admission €20, Raffle on the night.



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Morning dip at Dundag... One of the many activities Killarney's newest Festival - The Killarney Wander Wild Festival in Co Kerry, which takes place from Friday March 25th - 27th, 2022. The town plays host to an event-filled Wander Wild Festival. An exciting programme of events has been lined up for outdoor enthusiasts. On the opening night of the festival, a spectacular opening equinox parade through the streets will dramatically celebrate

the rebirth of spring time, high-profile guest speakers including gifted writer and storyteller Michael Harding who will explore rituals, love, the ocean, the human spirit. The adventures on offer include mountain hikes – taking in Ireland's highest peak Carrauntoohil – kayak and boat trips on the lakes, guided national park cycles, photography workshops, orienteering, lake walks, rock climbing and abseiling adventures. www.wanderwildfestival.com. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

It's time to Wander Wild!



NATIONAL TITLE FOR TARA

A delighted Tara Donnellan celebrates with team mates after winning the National Cup with Limerick Celtics.



There were huge celebrations at the weekend when Killarney basketball player Tara Donnellan was part of the team that captured the Under 18 National Cup.

The former St. Pauls member and daughter of Killarney Legion selector and well known sportsman Eoghan Donnellan and Kate Murphy, was a key player for Limerick Celtics U18 side who won the National Cup, beating Liffey Celtics 66-57 in a cracking final.

Tara, a student at St. Brigid's

Presentation Secondary School in Killarney transferred to Limerick Celtics in September for the Under 18's National All Ireland Cup. "Tara is hoping to go to UL next year and has made amazing friends on her journey. It was a long road since September with training twice a week and games at weekends", Tara's mum Kate told Killarney Outlook.

The talented player already has County and All Ireland Under 14 and Under 16 titles under her belt.

CONOR CAPTURES NOVICE CATEGORY FOR STUNNING SHOT

Killarney photographer Conor Healy won the Novice category of the recent "Moody" themed competition at Killarney Camera Club.

Conor gave an insight into his winning image which was taken on the pier at Ross Castle, the day after Storm Eunice.

"I had gone to shoot the snow on the mountains. The water level was extremely high. It was a 25 second exposure taken at 5.30 pm."

Here are the top three in the Novice category:

1st Place: Conor Healy, Image 14, Ross Castle Pier, 158 points

2nd place: Eoin Foley, Image 4, Fight Night, 146 points

3D place: Maryann Heidtke, Image 18, Sean, 141 points.

The next camera club zoom meeting is on 24th March when Lizzie Shepherd, the Landscape, Travel and Nature photographer will be giving a presentation of her images and techniques. Not to be missed. Anyone interested in joining the club can e mail secretary@killarneycameraclub.ie



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With Anne Lucey



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

CHINK IN DOOR FOR RETURN OF ANNALS OF INISFALLEN

The long term goal of bringing back the Annals of Inisfallen, the principal record of Munster History written largely on the Lower Lake isle of learning has gathered a whole new momentum thanks to Cllr Niall Kelleher, former minister Jimmy Deenihan and maybe even this column which has been pursuing the matter.

The motion to set up a formal committee by Niall Kelleher who as president of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism sees the tourism spin-off is being matched too by former minister Jimmy Deenihan who is now President of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society.

The venerable KAHs are now requesting a formal invitation to the Bodleian where the Killarney manuscript is only one among many of the Oxford Library's vast collection. This is the time to strike.

Not only does Killarney now have a secure place in the form of Killarney House to store the annals, but there is also now the global recognition that important local artifacts are best viewed in their native places. This is true of the Elgin marbles or of Inisfallen and items are being returned worldwide particularly stolen goods.

There has been an interesting response from Oxford and it is the first ever such comprehensive response.

The Bodleian stresses the manuscript was not acquired illegally

From the time it passed into the possession of Sir James Ware (1594-1666), the Irish historian and politician, it passed through several intermediate owners to Richard Rawlinson (1690-1755), who bequeathed his great collection to the University of Oxford. "There is no suggestion that Ware acquired his manuscripts illegally. Indeed, in collecting Irish manuscripts, he had been helped by Irish scholars of the calibre of Dubhaltach Mac Fhirbhisigh," the Bodleian says.

It also makes the point that the annals are accessible on line now:

"The Annals of Inisfallen manuscript was gifted to the Bodleian Libraries by Richard Rawlinson more than 250 years ago, and while the physical item remains in our care, it is freely accessible online, in high resolution on our Digital Bodleian platform, enabling us to both preserve this important piece of history and make it accessible to all - regardless of their geographic location. Digital access to this precious piece allows it to be used for a wide variety of purposes, such as learning, teaching, research and the enjoyment of all."

And they also say that Trinity in Dublin has a number of English Medieval manuscripts. But the chink in the door is the last paragraph of the statement to me which says if a formal



Killarney House would be the perfect place to store the annals.

Governmental approach is made, then the door will be opened in the form of a repatriation committee:

"The Bodleian Libraries have not been approached by the Irish Government nor the Government's Arts and Heritage Minister with a request to have the Annals returned to Ireland. The University of Oxford does have a policy on repatriation and any decision would be made by the University's Council (its governing body) following advice received from those responsible for the collection of which this item is a part.

As a member of a national and international academic and museums community, Oxford would make its decision in the context both of its own procedural guidelines and its appreciation of the wider context. "

All our TDs now - especially our Minister need to be pressurised for a formal request. There has never been a greater opportunity.

LOCAL COUNCIL COMMENDS PARK

There is a new rapprochement between the council and the national park and it is to be welcomed. The turf fight of the days of yore seems truly over in Killarney. A motion by councillor Niall Kelleher asked that his council write to "the local management" of the NPWS to commend them on the many works carried out in the National Park in 2021.

"There has been a massive notable improvement and while there is a lot of work to be done, a very good start has been made," he said.

He is not the only one. Speaking recently with a leading member of the Tidy Towns and Meitheal groups, there was high praise for outgoing manager Seamus Hassett who is being promoted and leaving Killarney.

"There is a great working relationship with the park," the man said. As well as sprucer gardens in Muckcross, better paths, a well-cultivated relationship with volunteers, there are the houses done up all around the park including the painstaking work currently underway at Gate Lodge at the New Entrance - and much was to the credit of Seamus Hassett, the busy Killarney man said.

We wish Mr Hassett well in his new position. Who knows, he may return to Killarney in an exalted guise some day.

THE AGE OLD PROBLEM OF LITTER

The huge question of litter is on our minds in advance of the Spring Clean. It is worth recalling how pre-pandemic the Tidy Towns took 120 bags from the wood near the old electric mill alongside the Flesk River on Mill Road. That amounted to almost a tonne of dumped household waste from cat food to vegetable scrapings.

A few weeks later bags were again being dumped and a stakeout led to a prosecution. Litter is destroying our parks and regularly there is now open roadside dumping. The extent of the problem has been outlined by council officers who are finding it increasingly difficult to catch the culprits.

People who litter here "are getting cuter" and it is increasingly difficult to identify those dumping their waste on public and private property.

Kerry County Council received 885 litter complaints between January and December 2021, some 121 fines were issued to perpetrators who were identified.

However, less than half the litter fines have been paid to date. Ten court prosecutions on litter have been brought.

The trend is continuing, In January of this year alone almost 100 litter complaints were notified, the last meeting of Killarney Municipal District was told.

When it came to dumping of waste, the council investigated 355 complaints in 2021 and took one prosecution. This January it has investigated 18 complaints of illegal dumping. Amid calls by mayor of Killarney, Marie Moloney, to step up litter and dog fouling fines, director of services Ger O'Brien said the council was "100 percent committed to tackling litter" :

"Regrettably for more and more of the waste dumped, there is zero evidence for us to pursue. People have got cuter, people have got wiser. Before people would leave a name and address. Unfortunately, those days are gone," Mr O'Brien said.

Not every tree can have a cctv camera, but stake-outs by committed Tidy Town and other volunteers may be the way forward.



The dumping that took place near the Old Mill on Mill Road in 2020



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will be taken at the Kings Bridge at 11am.

Headford man Jim Kelly singing The Headford Ambush song at the Commemoration last Sunday.



Over 300 people attended the 101st Headford Ambush Commemoration last Sunday at the Monument in Headford. Guest speaker, Dr Tim Horgan delivered a powerful Oration on the day. Piper, Declan Buckley opened proceedings and there were further musical performances by local musicians Micheál Macgillycuddy and Pádraig Creedon. Brendan O'Sullivan from Fossa added to the occasion by bringing old artefacts from the original Headford Station. The event was finished off perfectly with a heartfelt rendition of the ballad 'The Headford Ambush' by local legend Jim Kelly. The Committee would like to thank the Gardaí, Declan Leader and Alan Dunne for ensuring traffic flowed smoothly on the day and to

101 YEARS ON - HEADFORD CENTENARY COMMEMORATION TAKES PLACE



Mayor of Killarney Marie Maloney with Mary Moynihan at The Headford Ambush Commemoration last Sunday. PHOTOS: SEAMUS HEALY.



Gerry Clifford Bonane, at the Headford Ambush Commemoration last Sunday.

all the stewards who helped with parking. A huge thank you to all who helped in any way to make it a day to remember for many years to come.



Attending the Headford Ambush Commemoration last Sunday were sisters Nora O'Donoghue and Breda McCannon, Killarney, Granddaughters of Ambush veteran Jim Coffey.



Piper Declan Buckley adding the haunting atmosphere to the occasion with Dr. Tim Horgan at Headford last Sunday.



Mike Scannell, Helen and Colin Murphy at the Headford Ambush Commemoration,



Frances Healy with her niece Noirin Healy at Headford last Sunday.

KERRY COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM ESTABLISHED

An interagency group has been established in Kerry to coordinate the response to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in the county. The group, which held its first meeting this morning, includes a wide range of statutory, community, and voluntary agencies as well as representatives of the HSE and the Department of Social Protection.

The Kerry Community Response Forum will meet regularly to share information, coordinate responses, identify needs and target resources to refugees who have already arrived in Kerry and others expected to arrive to the county over the coming weeks.

The interagency group will work closely to ensure that refugees receive a range of supports, interventions and advice for the foreseeable future and will ensure that this can be achieved in a targeted and efficient manner.

Included in the new group are representatives of the HSE, Kerry County Council, An Garda Síochána, the Department of Social Protection, Kerry Education and Training Board, the community and voluntary sector, local development companies, Kerry Chambers, local transport providers, and organisations working with refugees in the county including the Killarney Immigrant Support Centre and the Tralee International Resource Centre.



Killarney turns Green 17TH MARCH in the best St. Patrick's Day Parade ever



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Winners announced in the Greening of Killarney



Anam - Arts and Cultural Centre, on East Avenue Road, Killarney, managed by Killarney Municipal District Council, has been voted Best Greening Building in this years St. Patrick's Festival Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Bricin, on High Street, Killarney, has been voted Best Greening shop front, in this years St. Patrick's Festival Killarney. Proprietors Brothers Johnny and Paddy McGuire, decorated their shop front to perfection. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Congratulations to all at The Plaza Hotel, Kenmare Place, was runners up in the Best Greening Building in this years St. Patrick's Festival Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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COMMUNITY STALWART REMEMBERED AT KILLARNEY PARADE

A new perpetual award in memory of a popular Killarney businessman and community activist, who passed away in 2000, was presented to the best marching group in this year's St Patrick's Day parade in the town.

The Peter Irwin memorial trophy was due to be introduced in 2020 to mark the 20th anniversary of his passing but, due to the pandemic, plans had to be put on hold until this year's celebrations.

Mr Irwin, an insurance broker, played a very active role in Killarney life and served as President of both the Junior Chamber and, later, Killarney Chamber of Commerce as well as becoming President of Killarney Rotary Club and he was also actively involved Killarney Tourism.

During the presentation of prizes for this year's parade, at a reception in the International Hotel on Tuesday night, the best marching group award winner was confirmed as the Killarney Unit of the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps who paid tribute to the late Captain Joseph Looney at the review stand.

The award was presented by Mr Irwin's wife, Teresa, and three of his four daughters, Ciara, Clodagh and Emir. Another daughter, Niamh, is living in Spain.

The other prizewinners this year were:

Best overall entry (Seán O'Keeffe perpetual trophy): Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club
Best interpretation of theme (Michael Courtney perpetual trophy): Raheen National School
Best sporting entry (John 'Killer' O'Callaghan perpetual trophy): Kilcummin GAA Club
Best sports club: Kilcummin GAA Club
Best musical entry: Millstreet Pipe Band
Best children's group: Fiona Crowley Stage School
Best new entry: Killarney Brewing and Distilling Company
Best voluntary group: Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club



Teresa Irwin and Cllr Marie Moloney, Mayor of Killarney, present the The Peter Irwin Memorial Perpetual Award for Best Marching Group/Cultural Arts to Anne Nagle and Noel Lucey, Killarney Order of Malta. Standing from left are Cllr Niall Kelleher, President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Clodagh Irwin Owens, Emir Irwin O'Shea, Ciara Irwin Foley and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Paul Sherry at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

Best school: Raheen National School
Most entertaining: Scorchers Cheerleaders and Gymnastics Club
Best activity group: Killarney Athletic AFC
Most original: Fossa GAA Club
Most stylish entry: Great Southern, Killarney
Most imaginative: Kerry Stars Special Olympics Club
Best window display: Bricin Restaurant and Craft Shop
Best greened building: ANAM Arts and Cultural Centre

The adjudicators for this year's parade were Liz Ryan, Derek O'Leary and John Joe Culloty and the committee comprised Paul Sherry, Bernadette Randles, David Rae, John Healy, Peter Dunlea, Fiona Crowley, Martin O'Brien, Niall Kelleher, Cllr Marie Moloney, Valerie O'Sullivan, Sophie Lodge and Maitiu Gray.

Thanks was also extended at the prizegiving ceremony to Moira Murrell, Angela McAllen, Eileen O'Connor, Brian Teahan, John Ahern, Noel O'Leary and Connie O'Connor and the outdoor crew of Kerry County Council and Sgt Dermot O'Connell and An Garda Síochána.

The festival was organised by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland and Mr Sherry also thanked the festivals and events team at Fáilte Ireland for their great support and encouragement.

Festival Chairperson, Paul Sherry, who steps down this year after five years at the helm, praised the wonderful community spirit that prevails in Killarney and he said it is the passion, the commitment and the energy of the people that ensures the festival is a big hit every year.



Anne O'Keeffe presents the Sean O'Keeffe Memorial Perpetual award for Best Overall Entry to Katie Gleeson and Maire Murphy, Kerry Stars Special Olympics Group. Standing from left are Bernadette Randles, Cllr Niall Kelleher, President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kathleen Murphy, Brian Teahan (Kerry County Council, Cllr Marie Moloney, Mayor of Killarney, and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Paul Sherry at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Derry Joy and Tim O'Donoghue, Killarney Brewing and Distilling Company, Best New Entry award, with Cllr Niall Kelleher, President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, and Cllr Marie Moloney, Mayor of Killarney, at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Mike and Donie Courtney present the Michael Courtney Memorial Perpetual award for Best Interpretation of Theme to Eugene Bowler, Raheen National School. Also included are Cllr Marie Moloney, Mayor of Killarney, and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Paul Sherry at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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CEREMONY OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE TAKES PLACE

The memory of those who lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic was honoured at a ceremony was held in Tralee on Sunday morning.

The event also acknowledged the role of individuals and organisations in responding to the crisis over the past two years.

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Jimmy Moloney led the ceremony at the Ashe Memorial Hall on Denny Street, which was attended by a wide range of statutory and community organisations involved in dealing with the pandemic over since March 2020. Cllr Moloney laid a wreath in memory of the over 120 Kerry people who have died.

"The grief of those who lost loved ones was compounded by the absence of that most Irish of customs – the sharing of sympathy at funerals. Instead, so many were faced with closed churches, closed funeral homes and closed coffins. Today we stand in solidarity and sympathy with all of them," he said.

"The toll on so many others remains – be that in terms of physical health or mental health which was so impacted by limitations on normal human activity. Those challenges continue for so many of our citizens."

"But Kerry came together as Kerry always does. If there is any positive to be taken from these dreadful times, it is the extraordinary community spirit and resilience shown by our people at a time of such adversity. In remarkable ways, the people of Kerry and the community and voluntary groups here today came together to respond, to be proactive and to show support. Today, as Kerry's first citizen, I say thank you, on behalf of the people of Kerry for all you that you have done and continue to do."

The event was addressed by representatives of the HSE, An Garda Síochána, and business and community organisations. The flag at the Ashe Memorial Hall was lowered to half mast in memory of those who died and in tribute to those who continue to suffer the effects of the pandemic.

THE LAKE HOTEL APPOINTS NEW RESTAURANT MANAGER

The Lake Hotel are delighted to announce the appointment of Javier González as their new Restaurant Manager. Javier has been an integral team member at The Lake Hotel for over 6 years, having previously held Duty Manager, Head Waiter, and Commis Chef roles. A native of Cádiz in the South of Spain, Javier has gained over 12 years hospitality experience in both Spain and Ireland. Javier has a wealth of industry knowledge and a passion for delivering exemplary service with the warmest of welcomes. Also joining the team at The Lake Hotel's award winning Castlelough Restaurant is Kiran Soodeelah. Kiran has been appointed as Assistant Restaurant Manager. With over 25 year's industry experience, his career has been filled with prestigious establishments including Treyvaud's Restaurant and The Great Southern Hotel. Having previously worked at The Lake Hotel in 2016, Kiran is extremely familiar with the luxury, family-owned property and is delighted to return as Assistant Restaurant Manager.

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Sheila O'Callaghan, Sales & Marketing Manager, Sarah Mannix, HR Manager, Jesus Villarubia, Almudena Montes, Florian Lekndreaj, Stanislav Gnjatovic, Kiran Soodeelah, Assistant Restaurant Manager & Javier González, Restaurant Manager pictured in The Lake Hotel's award winning Castlelough Restaurant, Killarney.

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TRIBUTES TO CHAIRMAN WHO IS STEPPING DOWN

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has paid tribute to the enormous contribution of local businessman Paul Sherry who has stepped down as voluntary chairman of the St Patrick's Festival in Killarney.

Mr Sherry said he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at the helm but, due to several other commitments, he has to hand over the baton to somebody else to plan for the future and elevate the event to a new level.

Chamber President Niall Kelleher said the outgoing chairman has done a tremendous job over the past five years and his work ethic has been extraordinary.

"It is regularly said that if you want something done well then you should give it to a busy person and that was certainly the case with Paul," Mr Kelleher said.

"In addition to his position as manager of Killarney Outlet Centre, he is hugely active in Killarney Celtic FC, Killarney Rotary Club and so many other local organisations yet he always found time to do the job for us and to do it very well.

"Paul put his heart and soul into the organisation of the St Patrick's Festival in Killarney, leading by example all the time and the town and its people owe him an enormous debt of gratitude for ensuring we have had such a wonderful spectacle to enjoy every March," Mr Kelleher stated.

Paul Sherry said the St Patrick's Day parade in Killarney has always been a success because, in some shape or form, community activists freely give of their time and effort to their club, their organisation and their community.

"The St Patrick's Festival is a celebration of our place, our history and our heritage and I want to thank everybody for being part of it over the years," he said.

"The spirit of community and volunteerism is alive and well in our town and that is clearly evident by the magnificent display we saw on our



Cllr Marie Moloney, Mayor of Killarney, and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Paul Sherry, seated, with Fiona Crowley, Brian Teahan (Kerry County Council, Cllr Niall Kelleher, President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, and Bernadette Randles, at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

streets on St Patrick's Day. Without this overall community effort, there would be no parade," he added.

Paul Sherry has spent the past five years as voluntary chairperson of the St Patrick's Festival – even though it was suspended during the pandemic – and, prior to that, he was assistant chairperson during Anne Marie Kennelly's three-year term in charge.

"I feel that, in order for the festival to grow and progress, it now needs fresh input from somebody with experience in international marketing to promote Killarney further," he said.

"Much as I have enjoyed working on the festival, between the demands of family, work and other commitments, I will no longer be able to allocate the time necessary to do justice to what is required to run this event," Mr Sherry added.

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone within the Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland who have helped and supported me with the festival and I have no doubt that, with fresh leadership and commitment, St Patrick's Festival Killarney will go from strength to strength," he said.

MINISTER FOLEY ADDRESSES IRISH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP GATHERING DURING ST PATRICK'S DAY VISIT TO BOSTON



The Minister for Education Norma Foley TD today addressed the Irish American Partnership during her visit to Boston as part of St Patrick's Day celebrations.

The Irish American Partnership connects the Irish and American communities directly with education in the North and South of Ireland. The Partnership has provided over \$33 million in support to primary schools, higher education institutions and community organisations on the island of Ireland over the years.

Addressing a gathering of the members of the Partnership Minister Foley said: "It is my great honour to be in Boston, the capital of Irish America, on this St. Patrick's Day. I know that for the past two years we have not been able to celebrate our national day and our Irish heritage as we usually would.

"As Minister for Education in particular and as a former teacher, the Partnership's focus on education, youth and wellbeing in Ireland, North and South, has special resonance for me.

"Today the 17th of March we gather to celebrate our Irishness. It is a time to pay homage to that sense of togetherness that connects 80 million people around the globe.

"Ireland is not just a place but a feeling, a tribal sense of belonging that we can never, or ever want to, leave behind. Ireland is a place that is privileged to enjoy democratic freedoms, handed down to us by previous generations."

The Minister added: "The events of these past weeks in Ukraine have shown us once again that community is a universal value that demands meaningful solidarity with our fellow human beings. As the tragic events have unfolded, we have worked with our EU partners and through our membership of the UN Security Council to support the people of Ukraine. "Today our national holiday is about solidarity rather than celebration."

Minister Foley attended Massachusetts State House and gave a formal address and met with the Mayor of Boston, Michelle Wu during her visit.





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Tá Scór na nÓg ar ais! (Scór na nÓg is back!)

There was a feeling of happiness and delight at the Mid Kerry venue of Glenbeigh/Glenbeigh, Sports Hall on Sunday March 20th last as the first County Scór na nÓg finals held since 2019 were blessed with a terrific days entertainment for the large attendance present where the standard of competition was absolutely top drawer.

District Boards taking part were; North Kerry Hurling, North Kerry Football, East Kerry, South Kerry, Tralee/St. Brendans, West Kerry, Castleisland District and Mid Kerry. When proceedings got underway the on stage of M C duty of Suzanne Ni Laoire and P J Mulvihill introduced the Figure Dancing category and from there to the final event of the evening the Set Dancing, the huge and appreciative audience were treated to a tremendous evening of the very best of Music, Song, Dance, Drama and Storytelling by very talented performers. Then when the adjudicators made their final deliberations it proved a very successful evening for the East Kerry Board with Glenflesk winning Ballad Group and Recitation; (Gobnait Ni Chroinin) along with the overall Club on the evening presented to their Club Cultural Officer, Rosie Healy. Spa were the Set Dancing champions while Saoirse O'Sullivan from Dr Crokes was successful in Solo Singing. South Kerry Board were winners in Novelty Act by Reenard and the Figure Dancing went to Waterville. North Kerrys Listowel Emmets completed the days activity claiming the instrumental



Spa GAA Set Dancer who won the Co. Final of Scór na nÓg at the weekend. Included with Spa Scór Officer Eileen Aherne are Roisín Ní Shuilleabhain, Isibéal Ní Uaitéir, Gráinne Ní Conchubhair, Aoife Ní Donnchú, Dara Ó Brosnachain, Diarmuid Ó Donnabháin, Colm Ó Conchubhair, Oisín Ó Shuilleabhain and Laura Fleming.

Music. Both young and old were then in for a surprise as invited guest Kerry footballer, Gavin White was on hand to present both winners and runners up with their medals and as each member came forward they received a great ovation from everybody present.

Oifigeach Cultúra, Criostoir O Cillín in his address was delighted with the nights activities and stated that the talent on show was of top quality and went on to thank everybody present; the competitors and their tutors, Adjudicators, the Sports Hall Committee and anybody who helped in any way to make the evening a huge success.

All the winners will now advance to the Munster Finals with the winner in each of the seven categories going forward representing their Club and County in Halla na Feile, Cashel, County Tipperary on Sunday April 3rd getting underway at 2 30pm. Prior to the stage event Tralee Parnells who were crowned Quiz County Champions earlier and they too will be hoping for success at the Quiz Munster finals and this is pencilled in for 12 noon sharp.



Saoirse O'Sullivan from Dr Crokes was successful in Solo Singing

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FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE A GREAT SUCCESS

A fundraising Afternoon Tea Event took place at the Killarney Royal Hotel on Saturday afternoon last raising much needed funds for the Red Cross with all money raised going to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

Guests at the event enjoyed a sumptuous afternoon tea in the beautiful surroundings of the hotel and were very well taken care of by the wonderful staff at the hotel.

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JACQUI WALKS 9000 STEPS A DAY

As part of the Daffodil Day fundraising drive, Killarney breast cancer survivor Jacqui Tangney is walking 9000 steps a day in the March Challenge.

The Irish Cancer Society's steps challenge, which sees people doing 9,000 steps each day. The number 9,000 is significant because it symbolises the number of lives lost to cancer each year.

"I'm doing the 9000 steps challenge to help raise much needed funds for such a great cause, a cause very close to my heart as a breast Cancer survivor", Jacqui told Killarney Outlook.



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CELTIC EXTEND WELCOME TO UKRAINE

With over 10,000 refugees arriving in Ireland from war torn Ukraine.

Community based club Killarney Celtic have reached out and want to play their part by helping anyone arriving from Ukraine to settle into our community.

In a social media post they said: "We see every week, the joy that sport brings into the lives of our players, both young and old. We cater for both girls and boys from 4 years up. We would like to invite any Ukrainian refugees who are in Killarney to train and play with us free of any registration or training fees charges until end of the 21/22 season.

Please get in contact with Jane on 086 224 3435

What a Seachtain na Gaeilge in Pres Castleisland-Mol and óige agus tiocfaidh siad



Staff members Tracey Dooley, Mairead Lane Cronin, Martina Dairo, Dayna Hurley and Deirdre O'Brien preparing for the staff riverdance at the whole school Irish dancing event in Presentation Castleisland

Seachtain na Gaeilge was more than just a cúpla focail in Pres from the 9th to the 16th March with this years motto: **Cleachtadh a dhéanann máistreacht or Practice makes perfect.** It is fair to say that the promotion of Gaeilge and an chultúr Gaelach wasn't confined to ranganna Gaeilge. The week started ar nós na gaoithe with 'La na greamáin'-sticker day. You could be forgiven for thinking Pres was a Gaelcholáiste as class groups battled it out to earn a prize for the most gremáin for talking Irish. Staff dusted off their old Leaving Cert Irish oral books and also got awarded stickers for their efforts by the students. Much to their disgust, Muinteorí Gaeilge were disqualified from this event!

Giving us a flavour of the events of the week muinteoir Gaeilge, Annette Leen said "Every day there was a whole school competition called Cad é/Cé hé on the intercom where clues were given as Gaeilge for everyone to figure out who or what students were talking about. A kahoot quiz for 1st and 2nd years brought out the competitive nature in all involved followed by an amhrán Gaeilge to send us all home ag canadh on Friday. The strong Sliabh Luachra traditions of ceol and rince were not neglected. The school trad group entertained at lunch time and students had a ceardlann rince in

the school hall where students learned the Cor beirte and Fallai Luimní. International students were taught the cúpla focail and many could be heard practicing their Irish in the days that followed. They are delighted to be able to take this insight into Irish traditions back to their native countries at the end of their stay with us. Other activities included seanfhocal an lae, pop up Gaeltacht and teaching dogs to suigh síos!" The climax of the week was the whole school rince Gaelach in the yard on Wednesday 16th. In keeping with the motto for the week students practiced in PE classes and staff practiced after school in the days leading up to the event culminating in a showcase which could have been mistaken for Riverdance! Music was provided by local Sliabh luachra traditional musicians: Con Moynihan, Denis O Connor and Anne Mc Auliffe along with music teacher Deirdre O'Brien and members of the Pres trad group. Former Presentation student and Ireland rugby captain Ciara Griffin visited the school and raised the Irish flag while Amhrán na bhFiann was beautifully sung by first year student Amanda Gleasure.

Our plans are already being formed for a bigger and better Seachtain na Gaeilge next year-Go mbeirimid go léir beo ar an am seo arís.



Katie Cotter, Joanna Moynihan and Fiona Brosnan enjoying a pop up Gaeltacht at Nana Beas in Castleisland



Emma Buckley, Erin Mitchell and Muireann Walsh enjoying the whole school Siege of Ennis at Presentation Castleisland

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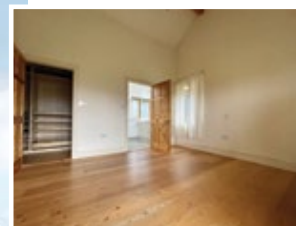
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Rd1 March 30th Spa v Austin Stacks (7pm, away); Rd2 April 6th Spa v Legion (7pm, home); Rd3 April 13th Spa v John Mitchels (7pm, home); Rd4 April 20th Spa v An Ghaeltacht (7pm, away); Rd5 April 27th Spa v Keel/Listry (7pm, away)

>EAST KERRY ALL STAR AWARDS

Congratulations to our Spa players nominated for the East Kerry All Stars - Niall McCarthy, Brian Lynch, Dan O'Donoghue, Mike Foley and Ryan O'Carroll. The East Kerry All Stars Awards are on this Friday March 25th at the Gleneagle Hotel & tickets are available from our Spa Chairman Michael Cronin (085 8213027). As well as the 2020 All Star team, the Senior Player of the Year and the Young Player of the Year will be announced. Gneeveguilla's Johnny Barry will be inducted to the East Kerry Hall of Fame while Glenflesk's Seamus Healy is the East Kerry Person of the Year.

>COMMISERATIONS

Commiseration to the Sem team and management on their Hogan Cup final loss last Thursday. A highly competitive game with some outstanding quality football, but unfortunately fell just short to Naas CBS.

>SPA GAA ACADEMY

Our Spa GAA Academy continues every Saturday morning from 10am - 11am for girls and boys from u5 to u9. In Spa we cater for independent 3 year olds and upwards, and membership is FREE for u5s and u6s. We would like to extend a warm welcome to any girls or boys from the Killarney area who would like to join Spa GAA, just come along any Saturday morning. For any further information we can be contacted at 087 1385612 or at spacoistenanog@gmail.com

>2022 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open on www.spagaa.com or the registrars will be at the clubhouse again this Wednesday March 23rd from 7pm-8pm. All players (senior & juvenile), Scór competitors etc must be registered before training, playing games or using the gym. *Registration deadline is March 31st*

>KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

Tickets for the Spa GAA Killarney Club 7s are on sale online on www.killarneyclub7s.ie. Open to everyone, this will be a huge event at the Spa GAA grounds over the June Bank Holiday weekend (June 4th & 5th) with mens and ladies teams from around Ireland competing and live music each day as well as a Rockshore marquee. To be in with a chance to win entry tickets and accommodation for 4 people in Killarney that weekend, visit the website and social media pages (killarneyclub7s) for details!

>CO LEAGUE RDI SPA 4-11 BALLYMAC 1-10

Spa travelled to Ballymacelligott on Sunday afternoon for Rd1 of the Co League and with the aid of a strong breeze in the opening half and three goals in quick succession, we secured our first two points of the year. We are home to Legion in Rd2 on the weekend of April 2nd/3rd (fixture details TBC). Spa team: James Devane, Eric O'Donoghue, Eoin Fitzgerald, Brian Lynch, Conor Stack, Shane Cronin, David Spillane (1-0), Michael Foley, Gary Vaughan, Mikey Moynihan (0-1), Evan Cronin (1-4(2f)), Niall McCarthy (1-1), Mike O'Donoghue (0-1), Cian Murphy (1-2), Cian Tobin (0-1). Subs: Thomas Cronin, Donagh Fahy (0-1), Rian O'Neill, Eoin O'Riordan, Brendan Lynch

>DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE / SENIOR B

Our senior B team have their first game next Saturday March 26th in the new development league and they play Listowel Emmets in Listowel at 5pm. Best of luck to manager Timmy Fleming and his team and management.



Spa senior team who played Ballymacelligott on Sunday in Rd1 of the Co. League



Spa members who received a warm welcome from Crossmaglen GAA club last weekend

>CO MINOR LEAGUE

Spa hosted Ballyduff on Saturday afternoon in Rd3 of the Co Minor League. A free-riden game that Ballyduff won out by 2-11 to 0-9. Spa are away to Listowel Emmets at 4pm next Saturday in Rd4.

>SCOR NA NOG

Spa are the 2022 Scór na nÓg Set Dancing Co. Champions. Well done to our dancers Roisín, Isibéal, Gráinne, Aoife, Dara, Diarmuid, Colm, Oisín and Laura and to coaches Triona & Mairead Mangan and our Spa Scór Officer Eileen Aherne. Munster Finals take place in Cashel, Co. Tipperary on April 3rd.

>KERRY LADIES

Well done to Cassandra Buckley and the Kerry ladies team & management on their Div2 semi-final win over Monaghan on Sunday. They are due to play Armagh in the National League Division 2 Final on Sunday April 10th (details TBC).

>NATIONAL LEAGUE

Well done to Dan O'Donoghue, Dara Moynihan, Arthur Fitzgerald and the Kerry team & management on their Rd6 National League win over Armagh on Sunday to secure their place in the 2022 League Final. Best of luck this Sunday March 27th against Tyrone in the final round (1.45pm, Fitzgerald Stadium).

>SPA LOTTO

Spa lotto results 14/03/2022: Numbers drawn 2, 15, 17, 26. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Bridie Hickey, Ian Aherne, Tara & Anissa Fleming and Paul Herlihy. This Monday's jackpot is €4,000 and tickets on sale on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckcross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto.

>SPA KILLARNEY HANDBALL CLUB 1-WALL TOURNAMENT

Best of luck to Spa Killarney Handball Club and all players competing in the 1-Wall National Tournament this Saturday 26th of March. This is a very proud day for Spa Killarney Handball Club to host a national tournament as the handball club was only established in 2018. Big names on the day to play are Spa Killarney members Aoife Walsh and Sinead Moriarty who were tournament winners in Tyrone recently. Spectators are welcome on the day. Competition starts from 12noon on Saturday and admission is free (address is Tullig, Killarney V93 KN53). Any questions please contact the tournament director Eoin O'Donoghue on 087 3324792.

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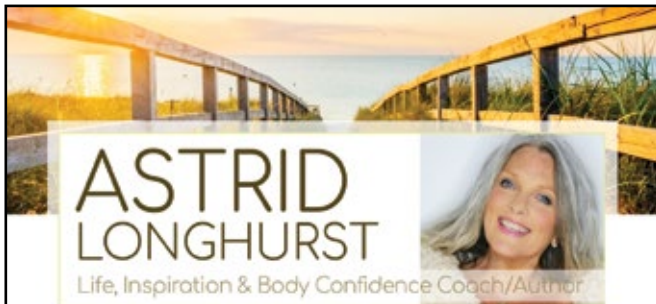
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For the next week, start actively looking for what is good and right about your day. This might be that you notice the sun is shining, the birds are singing or that there are new buds on the trees. The fact that you have a bed, somewhere to live, people who love and care about you is a wonderful thing. You might focus on how blessed you are to be alive and that every breath you take is a gift.

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Many people worry that viewing a screen can damage their eyes. There is no evidence of this. In fact, because you can alter the size, brightness and contrast of the display, it can be easier and more comfortable to see on a screen compared with looking at things on paper. However, some people find that looking at a screen for a long time is tiring and may find wearing glasses for computer use helpful.

Special protective coatings can be put on glasses lenses to help against eye fatigue from digital screens. Such coatings include blue light blocking lenses. These can help reduce glare for more comfortable and relaxed vision, create better contrast perception, offering a more natural colour experience

Here are some ways to look after your eyes while using your screen:

- Apply the 20-20-20 rule – every 20 minutes look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds. That will give your eye muscles a rest.
- Try to blink regularly. Focusing on a screen may make you blink less, which may make your eyes dry and

uncomfortable.

•Position your computer screen so that: it is between 40 and 76 centimetres (16 to 30 inches) from your eyes.

•the top is level with, or slightly below, your eyes.

•it is tilted away from you at a 10- to 20-degree angle.

•there are no distracting reflections, e.g. from a window.

Once you have adjusted your screen, adjust the font size so it's easy to read.

Use document holders for reading or reference materials. Place them close to the screen at the same distance from your eyes. This will enable your eyes to remain focused as they move between the screen and the documents.

Use a character size that is easy to see. The character size is an important factor since it determines the distance at which you prefer to view the monitor

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The Europe Hotel & Resort will host its Mother's Day Buffet Lunch this Sunday, March 27th and all proceeds will go to those affected by the devastating humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine.

The event, which is now fully booked will welcome 300 guests on the day to celebrate Mother's Day at The Panorama Restaurant. Proceeds will go to The Irish Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal and to

the MSF | Doctors Without Borders to help with financial aid. The Ukrainian flag is also flying outside The Europe Hotel & Resort to show the hotel's support and solidarity. 'We are devastated by the events that are unfolding in Ukraine and hope that our donation will help alleviate suffering within the extraordinary humanitarian crisis' - Michael Brennan, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Collection

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CHOCOLATE ORANGE JAFFA CAKE CUPCAKES

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- 50g cocoa powder
- 70ml warm water
- 3 eggs
- 175g @leestrandofficial butter
- 150g caster sugar
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1 tablespoon of orange juice
- 115g self raising flour
- 1 pack of jaffa cakes
- Leestrandofficial Double cream

Method

- Preheat the oven @180 fan
1. Sift the cocoa powder into a bowl and add the warm water
2. Add in the eggs and mix
3. Add in the soft butter and sugar and mix
4. Then add in the zest of 1 orange and 1 tablespoon of orange juice and mix
5. Sift in the flour and mix until smooth
6. Spoon the mixture into the bun cases in a muffin tray and place in the oven for 15 minutes, the mix will make 12 cupcakes
7. Whip the double cream
8. When the cupcakes are cool, spoon some cream on top of the cupcake then place the halved jaffa cake on top



LISTRY

➤COUNTY CLEAN UP DAY

This year County Clean Up Day is being held on Saturday April 2nd 2022. The Listry Tidy up group are asking the people of the Parish to get involved in given the place a good clean up. Bags will be available at the community centre and the litter collected can be left in the car park. SO, PLEASE EVERYBODY GET OUT AND DO YOUR BIT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.

➤LISTRY WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW RESULTS

Numbers Drawn: 6, 10, 25, 27. No jackpot winner. €100: Patie Sugrue, Lissivane. €50 x 2:Tena Myres c/o Phil Ahern. Celia O Shea, Ahane. €25 x 2:MI McCarthy c/oTim. Gay Gallagher, Listry. Next Sunday Jackpot €5,400. Thank you all for your continuous support with our Lottery draw.

➤CO LEAGUE DIV 2

Well done to our Listry Senior team and management in Credit Union County Senior Football League Division 2 Round against Laune Rangers

on St. Patrick's Day. Listry 1.06 Laune Rangers 0.07

➤MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Congratulations to our Minor Keel/Listry team and management, great win over Kenmare Shamrocks in Minor County League Div 1 Round 3 last Sunday. Keel/Listry 1.09 Kenmare Shamrocks 1.07

Fixtures: Keel/Listry (away) v Kilcummin, next Saturday 26th at 4pm

➤EAST KERRY ALL STARS

Congratulations to our two Listry players nominated for East Kerry O'Donoghue Cup 2020 All Stars Award Danny Wrenn and Jimmy O Leary. Gala night held on Friday March 25th in The Glen Eagle Hotel at 7.30pm

➤DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE ROUND 1

Best of Luck to our Listry B team V Laune Rangers C on Saturday 26th at 5 pm in Laune Rangers GAA pitch. Please come and support.

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

GLENFLESK

➤SCOR

Huge congratulations to our Scór competitors at the Scór Chiarraí County Finals this evening in Glenbeigh winning the Ballad Group and Recitation categories and finishing 2nd in the Music Group category. Glenflesk GAA also won the best overall Club award. Well done to all of our competitors and to our Scór Officer Alison O'Sullivan. Ballad Group: 1st Place Abby Cronin, Muireann Healy, Eilis Mullane, Aoise O'Donoghue and Molly O'Donoghue. Recitation: 1st Place Abby Cronin. Music Group: 2nd Place Colleen Angland, Grace Angland, Olivia Angland, Sean Angland and Brendon Bearss. Best Overall Club: Glenflesk GAA

➤Lotto

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 21/3/22 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot was €6,600. The numbers drawn were 1, 5, 22, 27. There was no winner. Consolation prizes of €50 1. Eoin Linnery, Four Roads, Co. Roscommon. 2. Kerry Way (Sellers' Prize). 3. Fionnuala Kelly (online Ticket). 4. Liz Switzer (Yearly Ticket). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 4th April. Jackpot will be €6,800. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

➤COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 3 RD. 1

Renard 1 – 10 Glenflesk 2 – 11 Early goals and clever use of possession at the end, helped secure Glenflesk the two points from their trip to Waterville, as they held off Renard's determined challenge, in round 1 of Division 3 of the County League. Glenflesk got off to a flier, with early ball into the full forward line causing Renard trouble. Dylan Roche's shot was blocked, but the rebound was gobbled up by his brother Ian, who made no mistake as he clinically buried his shot to the back of the net. Tommy Bowler knocked over a free to continue Glenflesk's impressive start. Renard started to settle, with wing back Brian Sugrue prominent in many of their attacking raids. Two well struck points from Centre forward Tommy Sugrue, got his side off the mark. Glenflesk, however, were able to open up the Renard defense again soon after. Kevin Bowler and Dylan Roche combined well, before Roche's hand pass found a flying Patrick Darcy, who fisted home from close range. Renard responded with a superb goal of their own. Robert Wharton was the man to provide the finish, finding the top corner with a well struck strike. Another Sugrue free

from long range brought Renard within a point as half time approached. Glenflesk finished the half stronger though with Jeff O Donoghue accurate from frees, and Dylan Roche stroking over two effortless points, to leave his side five ahead at the break.

Chris O Donoghue increased the lead further, cutting across the ball with his left foot, and seeing it curl in beautifully inside the post. Michael O Leary got a much needed score for Renard, as they began to see more ball. Corner forward Sean Teahen then fired over two efforts from distance, as they tried to claw back Glenflesk's lead. Kieran A O Donoghue kicked two superb points from out near the right hand sideline to increase the lead back to four points. Glenflesk then dealt well with Renard's late effort's to create a goal chance, with good interceptions from Kieran A and Jeff O Donoghue proving crucial. They kept the ball for over two minute's in the elongated injury time, until finally ref Brendan Twiss put the whistle to his mouth.

➤DIVISION 5 SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE RD 1

Glenflesk 3.06 Asdee 1.11

➤MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE Glenflesk 3 – 8 Moyvane 2 – 14

➤LOTTO

Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 21/03/22. Jackpot will be €6,600. Tickets can be bought online at: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor

➤REFEREE'S

We are very lucky to have two senior referees in our club but there is still a shortage in the county to run games in all competitions. If any club member is interested in doing a foundation refereeing course, which enables them to referee games from U13 to senior. Please contact Pádraig on 0870530384

➤GLENFLESK LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

Our Senior Ladies are in division 4 of this years Donal Curtain Cup, fixtures are as follows: Rd1 March 20th: Glenflesk vs Rathmore B (away). Rd2 April 10th: Glenflesk vs Southern Gaels B (away). Rd3 April 24th: Glenflesk vs Dingle (home). Rd4 May 8th: Glenflesk vs Beale (away). Rd5 May 15th: Glenflesk vs Kerins O Rahilly's (home). Rd6 May 22nd: Glenflesk vs St Pats (home). Rd7 June 26th: Glenflesk vs John Mitchell's (away)

Written by: Seamus Healy

BEAUFORT

➤SYMPATHY

The parish and beyond were saddened with the passing of Jack Coffey last week at a young age. Jack played juvenile and junior football with the Club. He was one of its greatest supporters, following all Club teams. He was also a great Kerry football supporter. We extend our sympathy to Tim, Mary, Jo, Cliona, Seán and all the extended families. May he rest in peace.

➤LOTTO

No winner on Sunday, 20th March. Numbers: 2, 8, 22, 28. Consolation Prizes: €80 Eileen O'Shea, Shanara. €50 Moss and Oisín Foley, Kilgobnet, Aoife O'Sullivan, Ballyhar, Breda Cahill, Shanara. Next draw for jackpot of €7,200 will be on Sunday, 3rd April. Tickets available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

➤FIXTURES

Beaufort senior men will be home to Laune Rangers B, Sunday, 27th at 11.45am, in round 7, Mid Kerry League, Minor men away to Knock/Brosna in Knocknagoshel, Sat, 26th 4pm in round 4, Co League.

➤MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Please go to www.foireann.ie or www.beaufortgaa.ie to pay membership or contact Patie at 087 2515311.

➤RESULTS

Beaufort 3.07 Annascaul 1.03 in Senior Co League, Div. 2. Beaufort 1.12 Gneeveguilla 1.13 in Senior Co League, Div. 6. Beaufort 5.12 Fossa 0.07 in Minor Co League, Div. 6A

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>KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

County clean-up day takes place on Saturday the 2nd of April 2022 and KLG are calling all parishioners to get involved in this annual litter collection. Rubbish bags can be collected from the Rural development office prior to April 2nd or on the morning of between 10 and 11.

Text or ring Tony at 087-6258641 and bags can be delivered around the Parish. Full bags can be dropped at the Rural Development or collection can be arranged. Please help to spread the word and get involved. 'Ní Neart go cur le chéile' For more information see our Facebook page 'Kilcummin Looking Good'

>KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kilcummin Comhaltas will hold a meeting on Thursday 31st of March at 8.30pm in the Rural Development Office. All Welcome.

>KILCUMMIN NS OPEN DAY

The Kilcummin N.S. Open Day for prospective Junior Infant pupils is due to be held in the school on Thursday, 7th April 2022, from 2.15pm-4pm. Parents and pupils are invited to attend. If you know of any child who intends starting school in September 2022, please advise them to contact Kilcummin National School by email at kill43163@gmail.com. Enrolment application forms are now available on our website at www.kilcumminns.com. Please watch out for updates on our Open Day and our new Pre-School.

>FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

A fundraising concert hosted by the Moriarty School of Music and Dance in aid of the people of Ukraine will take place on Saturday 2nd April in the Killarney Avenue Hotel commencing at 8pm. Fear an Tí for the night will be no other than the legendary Seán Ó Sé. Performers on the night include Patrick O'Sullivan along with his son Conor, Elle Marie O'Dwyer, Alan Finn and friends, Conor Moriarty and the Kilcummin Set Dancers. Tickets which will be limited are €20 per head and will be on sale at the

East Avenue Hotel and from John at Kilcummin Rural Development Office. Raffle on the night. All proceeds will go to Trócaire for the Ukrainian fund. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY CARE

Kilcummin Community Care continues every Tuesday from 10.45 to 1.00pm at the GAA Club house. New members are always welcome. For more information please contact the Rural Development Office 064 6643357.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

FIXTURES: Senior Co League Div 2 Kilcummin V John Mitchells Sunday next 27th March at 11.30 am.

MINOR CO LEAGUE: Minor Co League Kilcummin V Keel / Listry in Kilcummin next Saturday March 27th at 4pm

HOGAN CUP FINAL: Hard luck to St Brendans College and in particular our Kilcummin contingent but well done for reaching the final and distinguishing themselves during the campaign. Dara O Callaghan, Cian Folley (0-3) and Mark O Shea (1-0) played in the final but Colm Kelleher, James Williams, Oisín O Leary, Dara O Shea, and Cian Murphy were valued squad members.

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

SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ: 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.

GAA LOTTO: There was no winner on Monday 14th March 2022 of the Jackpot for €4,750. Numbers drawn were 15,17,18,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Denny Donnelly, Coom Gneeveguilla, Damien O'Leary, Bobby Curran, Dunrine, Declan O'Riordan. Next Draw is Monday 28th March 2022, for a Jackpot of €5,000.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

There was no Jackpot winner on Friday 18th March. Numbers drawn were 11,14,19,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Eilish O'Laoire, c/o Bertie, Diarmuid O'Neill, Mastergeehe, Ulick O'Sullivan, Anablaha, Joan & Rea Kate Devane, Mastergeehe. Next draw Friday 25th March. Jackpot will be €3,200.

Written by: John Moriarty

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

>RATHMORE GAA CLUB

Play online or at local shops. Yearly tickets: Those who pay in full for a yearly ticket will be entered into two special draws the first on April 18th for a cash prize of €1,000 and a second draw on July 18th with a prize of two All Ireland Tickets plus two return train tickets and one nights accommodation at a City Centre Hotel. Tickets can be purchased from our Lotto Officers: Donal O'Connor, Kieran O'Keeffe or George O'Keeffe. Payment can be made by cash or cheque. Also see social media for further updates & information on yearly ticket renewal.

>THE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP youth members would like to sincerely thank all those who supported our Cake Sale for the Ukraine last weekend. Thanks to all those who baked, donated and helped in any way to organise the event. A total of €5315.59 was raised. This money will be sent to Trócaire's partners Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland to help the Ukrainian people

>PARADE

Rathmore's Grand Marshall Dermot O'Keeffe and His Wife Shelia invited Guests of Mayor of Killarney Cllr. Marie Moloney on the Grand stage at the St Patrick's Day Parade in Killarney. Rathmore was represented at Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade by Michael O'Mahony East Kerry Board PRO with his

wife Catherine on the grandstand

>WEST CORK RALLY

We wish Pat Cashman a speedy recovery from a recent accident. Pat is vice chairman of Rathmore community Council.

>NOTES

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



Rathmore was represented at Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade by Michael O'Mahony East Kerry Board PRO with his wife Catherine on the grandstand

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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Athletics Ireland National Juvenile Indoor Championships was held last weekend in Athlone and Killarney Valley AC had some superb performances. On Saturday, Jason O'Reilly came 3rd in the U17 400m final with a PB of 53.77sec. Karl McCarthy missed out on a medal coming 4th in the U19 400m final with a new PB of 51.85sec. On Sunday, Keelan Veerasoo came 3rd in the U17 Triple Jump with a PB of 9.95m. Oisín Lynch came 3rd in the U17 800m with a PB of 2min 03.30sec. Anna O'Shea came 4th in the U15 Pole Vault with a PB of 2.30m. Conor Gammell came 4th in the U19 200m with a PB of 23.25sec. Sam Griffin came 4th in the U19 Long Jump with 6.21m while Dara Looney came 5th in the same competition with a jump of 6.04m. Congratulations and well done to all.

There are still some spaces left on our Kids Easter Fun Multi activity Camp which can be booked online via our website. The camp is open to both members and non-members ages 5-12.

Email killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com for any queries.

BADMINTON NOTES

A Big Thank You to the Tralee Sports Complex for holding the Kerry Division 1,3 & 5 Mixed Doubles Championships on Bank Holiday Friday 18th March.

In Division 1 Listowel pairing Deina Vesko and Fergal Hannon beat Moyvanes Saorcha Fitzgerald and Eric Nelligan from Castleisland 21/16 21/19

Division 3 saw Carmel Hudson Moyvane and Arthur Chute Listowel take on Jeab Workman Killarney and Cian Liston Listowel with Jeab and Cian winning 21/16 21/18

The Division 5 Mixed Final was the Match of the Evening, Killarney pair Saoirse Murphy and Stephen Cotter taking on Tralee's Stacey McCoy and Kyle Reidy from Ballyheigue. Stacey and Kyle took the first set comfortably but Saoirse and Stephen were not giving up that easy and took the second set. A great battle ensued in the third set and Stacey & Kyle finally hit the winning score. 21/13 19/21 22/20

Thanks to everyone for taking part, Kerry Badminton Association and especially our sponsors Lee Strand and CPC.ie

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL**SENIOR NEWS****Basketball Ireland National Cup Masters**

On Sunday next Killarney travel to the capital for the next round of the Masters O50 Cup against Dublin Masters in Inchicore. A hard earned win 84-74 last month over Fr Mathews in Killarney sets up the trip to Dublin, John Teehan, Eugene Bowler and Alan Flynn were all in top scoring form last time and more will be required on this occasion to advance against one of the tournament favourites.

JUVENILE NEWS**Kerry Airport Leagues****U14 Girls****Gneeveguilla 22 Killarney Cougars 45**

The Cougars U14 Girls travelled to Rathmore on Monday evening for an important Div 2 league game and came away with a great victory against a determined Gneeveguilla outfit who



Tralee Manor West Bicycle Club donate proceeds of the 2022 Lacey Cup to the Red Cross - Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

Ruth O'Sullivan General Manager Manor West Hotel, Tomas Kenny Chairman Tralee Bicycle Club, Matt Lacey, Tricia Nolan Red Cross, Pat Sullivan joined by Tralee Bicycle Club members.

started the game well to take the first quarter. Cougars upped their performance levels in the 2nd & 3rd quarters and with some strong defence forcing turnovers leading to some excellent baskets, outscoring their opponents during this period to lead by 15pts entering the final quarter. An excellent all around team performance secured the win with a comfortable winning margin, top scorers on the night, Eva O'Shea, Roisin McAuliffe, Grace Cox and Sadbh O'Driscoll.

U13 Girls**Killarney Cougars 28 Kenmare Kestrels 22**

Killarney Cougars hosted Kenmare at the Sem Gym and secured the win coming from behind a very entertaining game with the Kestrels.

The visitors led by 5pts after the opening quarter thanks to good scores by Grace O'Shea. A good second quarter saw Cougars tie the game by halftime with Faye Lynch impressing with some great baskets. Isabelle Lyons gave Cougars the lead for the first time in the third quarter with a couple quick baskets as they lead going into the final quarter 22-16. Strong pressure by the Kestrels was met by good defence by Tara O'Sullivan and Naoise O'Connor as the teams went basket for basket in the final quarter with Cougars just about holding on to the lead at the finish. Kenmare's best performances came from Grace O'Shea 6pts, Roisin Ni Liathain 8pts, Ava Harrington and Ella Healy Best for Cougars on this occasion were Faye Lynch 13pts, Isabelle Lyons 6pts, Kate Lyons and Naoise O'Connor.

U18 Girls**Killarney Cougars 60 Rathmore Ravens 51**

A well contested game at the Sem Gyn saw little between the side as Cougars strong second half performance eventually secured the win. Cougars led 14-13 after the first quarter with Ravens edging the second to lead at half time 27-25. A high scoring third quarter saw Cougars regain the lead to lead 45-42 by the end of the third quarter. Cougars grew in confidence and worked hard to maintain the lead with the trying hard until the final buzzer in an excellent contest. Best for Cougars were Alison Butler 19pts, Oliva Gaffey 16, Aimee Coffey 12, Chloe

McCarthy 10pts with Ravens were well served by Grace Murphy 10pts, Muireann Hughes 13pts Michelle Cronin 19pts

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB**RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

The MRC Race Night fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, April 22 at 8.30pm in the Killarney Oaks Hotel. All are welcome. The event can be supported in three ways. Race sponsorship is open to businesses for €200. Race horse entries may be purchased for €20, with a chance to win the race prize fund if your horse comes in first place. On the night, you may fancy a flutter with a chance to bet on the winning horse in each race. Sponsorship cards are available through club members. The club will also be donating a portion of funds raised to the Irish Red Cross in aid of Ukraine.

MUCKROSS HOR

After a most promising long-range forecast, it seemed as though the stage was finally set for the running of the Muckross Head Of the River on its rescheduled date of Saturday last, March 19. However, the wind was once again to steal the show forcing the event's cancellation on safety grounds. The Lagan Scullers HOR event in Belfast was also cancelled. Two more events falling victim to weather conditions in a worrying pattern of weather for competitive flatwater rowing in Ireland. A special word of thanks to everyone who offered their time to volunteer on the day and helped with the organisation in advance.

REGATTA SEASON

Skibbereen RC will host a 1km regatta for junior crews at Drinagh lake on Sunday, April 10. Limerick Regatta follows on Saturday, April 23 at O'Briensbridge.

KILLARNEY RFC NEWS**PARADE**

Thanks so much to everyone who marched with us in the wonderful St. Patrick's Day parade last Thursday. A wonderful turnout and we made some noise as we went through the town, Thanks to Liam Murphy and Ger Moynihan for

organising again this year, the kids said it was the best day ever! Thanks to Kevin Moynihan of Moynihan Scaffolding for the use of the truck and a huge congrats to the organising committee headed by Paul Sherry for an amazing parade after the Covid hiatus.

MINIS

Tomorrow our Minis continue training however our U11/U12 are invited to Abbeyfeale for matches on Sunday. Details will be sent out to parents so keep an eye on the Whatsapp. We can't wait to travel to West Limerick to take part in a blitz for the first time in many a year. Minis Training continues at Aghadoe tomorrow at 10am.

U18 GIRLS IMPRESS IN WATERFORD

A very well done to our U18 girls team who made the long road trip to Waterford last Sunday to play Waterpark in the U18 Girls Development Bowl, and winning well on the road. A cracking

match with some wonderful displays and a player of the match award going to out half Kayleigh Moriarty. The Coaches were thrilled with the performance and we look forward to our next match. Well done one and all!

RESULTS:

U18 Girls:
Waterpark 21 Killarney 63
U16 Boys: Highfield 23 Killarney 5
U14 Girls: Waterpark 30 Killarney 13
U14 Boys: Killarney 19 - 24 Mallow



Killarney RFC U18 girls who won in the U18 girls development Bowl in Waterford at the weekend.

FIXTURES

U14 Boys: Killarney Red V Tralee (West Munster CupFinal), Castleisland, Sat at 1:30pm
Seniors: Youghal V Killarney, Youghal, Sunday at 2:30pm.



OP NBA skills coach Drew Hanlen

BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC FOR KILLARNEY

OP NBA skills coach Drew Hanlen will host a clinic in Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre next month and this will be a rare opportunity for all basketball

enthusiasts, coaches and players to learn from the best and see Drew demonstrate his high level skill development techniques.

Killarney native and Irish senior ladies head coach James Weldon has organised this special clinic and the presence of such a prolific figure like Drew Hanlen is a huge attraction.

Drew Hanlen is well established and widely recognised in the USA as an NBA Strategic Skills Coach, Performance Coach, and CEO of Pure Sweat Basketball, a training firm with a growing list of NBA players. His high profile clients include Joel Embiid (Philadelphia 76ers), Jayson Tatum (Boston Celtics), Zach LaVine (Chicago Bulls), Bradley Beal (Washington Wizards), RJ Barrett (New York Knicks), Tyler

Herro (Miami Heat) and countless other NBA stars as full-time clients.

Celtics wingman Tatum and fellow St. Louis, Missouri native has been working with Hanlen since he was 13 years-old:

"Drew Hanlen is a big reason I am the player I am today," Tatum said about the NBA trainer. "He has really improved my game since I was 13, and continues to find ways for me to improve and always get better."

NBA All-Star forward and powerhouse Joel Embiid has also benefited from Drew's coaching: "Drew has taught me a lot. He really breaks down my game and always finds ways to help me get better."

Learning, dedication and consistency started at a young age for Drew Hanlen. Michael Jordan was his hero growing up. He would record every Chicago Bulls game and study every move Jordan made. Then he'd go out to the court and practice every single move! This discipline helped him develop his basketball IQ despite physical limitations. And, it was the first glimpse into the immense mental strength and discipline he would continue to build. He would wake up every morning at 4:59 and shoot 1,000 shots before classes. He only missed four days of that routine in four years!

As a senior point guard for Belmont University in 2011-12, Drew averaged 10.8 points and 3.9 assists a game. Once Hanlen realized he was never going to be tall enough to play in the NBA, he became obsessed with learning the micro nuances of the game through film study. Drew has watched and broken down every single made field goal in the NBA over the last eight NBA seasons. He has studied close to a million video clips of game film. That's some dedication!

Since the 2012 NBA Draft, Drew has helped more than 30 players get drafted, including at least one lottery pick in each of the last seven drafts.

"My ultimate goal is to help as many players (as possible) reach the level of success that

they dream of and take them beyond what they even think is capable. That's my mission statement and my personal belief."

Ireland Head Coach and former St. Paul's Killarney superleague player James Weldon is delighted to be hosting the event and bringing such a high profile basketball coach to Killarney.

"We have hosted some very successful basketball camps over the years and they have been huge learning opportunities for all participants. The presence of Drew Hanlen at this event is massive considering his close association with some of the greatest players in the NBA and all those attending should really benefit from his expertise and knowledge," he said.

Apart from working with his clients through strategic workout programs to improve specific aspects of their game as well as film and analytic consulting, Drew also travels around the world hosting clinics and seminars and Killarney Sports Centre is one such venue for this on Sunday April 24th at 6.00 pm. This will be a seminar style event with on court demonstrations by Drew Hanlen and some other players and coaches. Further information about booking a place at the Killarney clinic is available from James Weldon at 087 2907455.



Drew Hanlen with Zach LaVine (Chicago Bulls)



Drew Hanlen with Jayson Tatum (Boston Celtics)

Warriors overpower Marian to set up another semi-final date with Éanna

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**GARVEY'S TRALEE WARRIORS 88
UCD MARIAN 71**

Garvey's Tralee Warriors will take on DBS Éanna in the InsureMyVan.ie Mens Super League semi-final this weekend following their 88-71 defeat of UCD Marian at the Tralee Sports Complex on Saturday night. The Warriors always maintained the upper hand in the contest, holding a double-digit lead from early on before going on to clinch their spot in the last four of the League.

The Warriors intentions were clear from the outset and an impressive early scoring run had Marian at sixes and sevens. Eoin Quigley and Daniel Jokubaitis were in range from distance to open the Warriors account and by the time Quigley hit his second three after a double from beyond the arc from Aaron Calixte the Marian Coach Josko Srzic had to call a timeout with the hosts leading 23-9. Marian shooter Jonathan Jean cut the gap with a couple of three pointers but Kieran Donaghy and Keelan Crowe added from inside to see the Warriors lead 27-14 at the end of the first quarter.

Marian point guard Jonathan Jean found a gap to lay up the opening score of the second quarter but a quick double from Brandon Cotton kept the Warriors lead in double digits. Darragh O'Hanlon and Calixte were on the mark to keep the pressure on the visitors, but a number of Warriors defensive fouls allowed UCD to shoot from the line and Srdjan Stojanovic, Jean and Neil Baynes took advantage to keep the college side in the game. The UCD bench were then hit with a technical when questioning a refereeing call and their indiscipline spilled onto the court with Donaghy and Calixte obliging with free throws to round out the first half with the Warriors leading 42-27.

The Warriors looked like cutting loose early in third when Jokubaitis got an open look for a three followed by a floated effort from inside. However, it only served to kickstart something of a UCD revival as Mariusz Markiewicz, Conor Meany and Jean combined to reel in the Warriors lead to 10 points at 52-42. But the Marian run was brought to a halt when threes from Donaghy and Jokubaitis again had the home crowd in full voice. Donaghy and Cotton inflicted more pain on the visitors before their veteran shooter Conor Meany who was impressive throughout fired in a typical three-point effort to leave 16 between the sides at 64-46 at three quarter time.

An eye-catching cameo from Marian substitute Eoin McCann early in the final quarter saw him add 8 points from inside and out but Cotton and Quigley replied to keep the sizable gap intact. However back-to-back effort from Jean had the gap down to 11 at the midway point in the quarter. In the decisive moment of the game Marian's Dan James was called for a foul

on Aaron Calixte and he displeasure with the call was rewarded with a technical and when Conor Meany also voiced his annoyance, he also received a technical call. Aaron Calixte was left to inflict maximum damage hitting four from four from the line to cement the Warriors advantage. A late three-point shootout added some gloss to a contest that never quite took flight. Calixte, Quigley and Fergal O'Sullivan fired in from distance before Meany and Jean responded to keep the score reasonable. It was left to Kieran Donaghy to run in an uncontested lay-up to see out the 88-71 win and set up next week's winner take all semi-final against keen rivals DBS Éanna in Colaiste Éanna,

Scorers: Garvey's Tralee Warriors: Aaron Calixte 28, Eoin Quigley 14, Kieran Donaghy 11, Daniel Jokubaitis 11

UCD Marian: Jonathan Jean 28, Conor Meany 21, Eoin McCann 8

The dream of a League and Cup double is alive as next up for Garvey's Tralee Warriors is a trip to Colaiste Éanna and another semi-final date with DBS Éanna, the team the Warriors overcame in the semi-final of the Cup. Another win will see them back in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght on the following weekend where either C&S Neptune or Tradehouse Central Ballincollig will be waiting for them.

Action across the various age groups in the KABB Leagues

Women's and Girls action:

Anne's see off Bridget's in the Senior Women: We start this week with the Senior Ladies Conference A game where St Anne's defeated St Bridget's 59-40 in Farranfore. Like all local derbies this one was hotly contested with the Farranfore side (St Anne's) making the better of the starts in the final game of their regular season. They went 19-7 ahead thanks to 7 points each from Orla O'Sullivan and Laura Quinn.

The Currow side, led by Marie Keane, Derval Sheehy and Breda McMahon fought back and only trailed by 5 points at the break 29-24. But the home side regained the upper hand in the

final two quarters to take the win.

For St Anne's Laura Quinn hit an impressive 24 followed by Orla O'Sullivan on 12 and Suin Riordan on 11. St Bridget's had a wider spread of scorers with 9 getting on the score sheet led by Breda McMahon and Megan McCarthy who hit 8 each and Michaela Breen who ended with 7.

All St Paul's clash in the 14's Girls: In the Girls u14's Division 3 the all St Paul's clash was a cracker with the A's just winning by the narrowest of margins from the B's as it ended 19-18. Both sides defences were very hard to breach on the night with the game going right down to the final buzzer.

For the A's Ava Moore hit 11, Ciara Foley 5 and Abbie McGuire 2 while for the B's Megan O'Reilly had 8, Amelia Counihan 5 and Daisy Cremin 2.

Overtime needed in St Mary's Falcons clash:

The crowd in the Community Centre in Castleisland were treated to a thriller when St Mary's took on Glenbeigh Falcons in the u14 Girls Division 2.

The visitors took the opening quarter by three points with Emily O'Sullivan and Magsie Quirke impressing while Ali Cronin, Moya McAuliffe and Ciara Kerins were giving their all for St Mary's. And it was St Mary's that enjoyed the better of things in the second quarter where they opened up a 6 point lead 23-17.

But the Falcons hit back in the third outscoring their hosts 12-6 to see the sides go into the final period level. Emily O'Sullivan and Sinead Clifford had a big quarter for Falcon's with Barbara Dolata fighting hard for St Mary's and the sides were level on the final buzzer on 43 points each.

In the end it was the home side that just came out on top by three points led by the impressive Barbara Dolata who ended with 21 points followed by Ciara Kerins and Chloe O'Donoghue who both shot 8 points. Emily O'Sullivan and Magsie Quirke ended with 20 and 15 points for the Glenbeigh side followed by Sinead Clifford on 8 points.

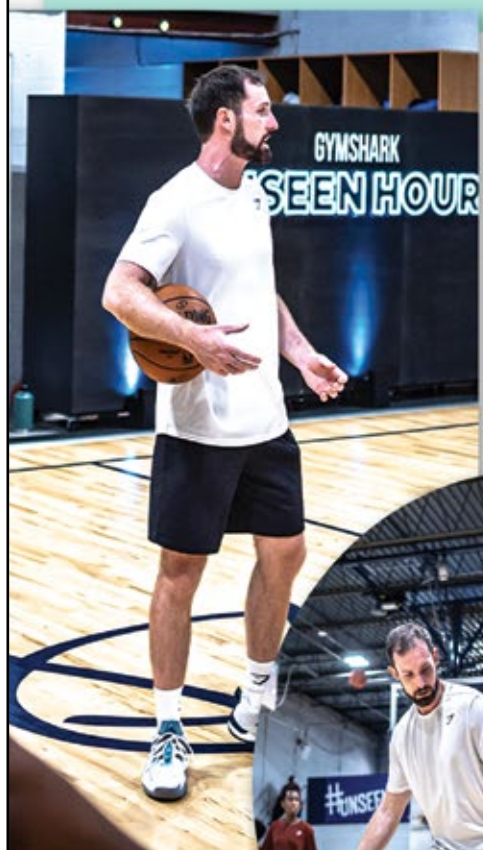
Boys Round-Up

St Mary's take a narrow win: In the U12 Boys Division 1 St Mary's were 32-28 point winners over St Brendan's in a game where there was nothing between the sides for most of the



Aaron Calixte lays up for Warriors

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games. St Mary's led 8-6 early on thanks to six points from Olly O'Shea with Danny Lane hitting four for the Tralee side. There was only one point between the sides at the half before St Mary's offence found their range in the third quarter to open up an 8 point gap. St Brendan's tried hard in the final period and managed to half the deficit but the Castleisland boys held on for the win. Harry O'Donoghue led the St Mary's side with 9 followed by Olly O'Shea on 7 and both Darragh O'Sullivan and Aidan Griffin on 4 each. Danny Lane and John Horgan both ended on 8 each with Rory Bowler and Padraig O'Connor both ending on 5 points for St Brendan's. St Paul's come from behind to win in Tralee:

The St Paul's u12's Cadets made it two in a row with a come from behind win to defeat the Imperials 18-16 in Tralee. After a tight opening two quarters the home side led 6-4. Into the third quarter and the game was out to 12-8 but the Killarney boys hit back in the last 1 minute 30 to level the game and they took the fourth quarter by 4 points. Imperials go down narrowly to Kestrels: The u12 Boys Division 1&2 clash of Tralee Imperials and Kenmare Kestrels was another tight affair with the visitors just taking the win 33-29. The home side led by one point at the end of the first quarter but by the half the Kestrels were in front 18-9. Imperials had a big third quarter under both boards and overcame the deficit to lead 23-21 going into the final

ten minutes. However it was the Kestrels that finished the stronger and took the win by four points. Rian Tuohy and Callum Lacey both hit 8 for the Imperials with Tom Dawson ending with 7 points.



FAR AWAY FROM THE UKRAINE

By Nicky Barry



With Dudley and Eunice gone, there was still a lot of wind,
Which kept me off my bicycle, missing my daily spin.
The last winds of winter, still brought branches to the ground,
So I had to bide my time, till springtime came around.
It dawned on Tuesday morning, when the air was like champagne,
So with joy I jumped on board, and hit the road again.
I hadn't been round Muckcross, for a week or so,
But there it was in all its glory, putting on a show.
Daffodils were blooming, and families were out walking,
Happy out without their masks, and everybody talking.
Buds appeared on branch tips, and bird song filled the air,
Kids were riding Santa's bikes, without a worldly care.
Putin with his tanks and guns, was so far away,
But Ukraine was in my head, as it had been for days.
Bad and all as Boris is, I don't think he'll invade us,
But nowadays in politics, there aren't too many you can trust.
What would those poor Ukraine folk, not give to be in Muckcross,
Where spring peace was palpable, far away from rockets.
It's a hundred years now, since we fought a civil war,
When all wars are over, kids ask what were they for.



Emma and Doireann O'Connor, Chloe and Luke Nott, Fossa GAA Club, Most Original Entry Award, with Cllr Marie Moloney, Mayor of Killarney, at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night. Standing from left are Tom O'Connor, Gemma and Eric Nott and Cllr Niall Kelleher, President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Caoimhe O'Neill and Katie May Jeal, Killarney Scorchers Cheerleading and Gymnastics Club, Most Entertaining Award, with Cllr Marie Moloney, Mayor of Killarney, St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Paul Sherry at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The International Hotel on Tuesday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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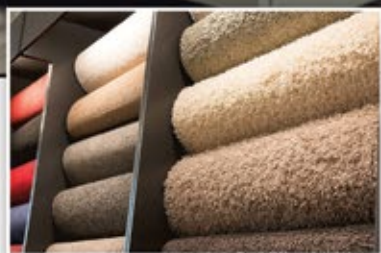
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U12 REGIONALS

Killarney Athletic 1 Regional United 2

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Second Half Athletic started how they finished the first half .. and got the break through with ten mins to go from Cian Hegarty.. from here you could only see one winner but Regional who had lots of quality themselves got a goal with few mins remaining. Great effort from the athletic lads and a performance to be proud of..

U14 CUP RESULT

Killarney Athletic v Tralee Dynamos

U14 CUP

Killarney Athletic 4 Tralee Dynamos 1

Goals for Athletic 1st half: Liam O'Brien, Szymon Jasiński, Cillian Coffee. 2nd half: JJ O'Donoghue

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BUSY WEEK IN THE KSBGL LEAGUES:

SFAI Boys Inter Leagues

12's

Kerry South 1-4 West Cork

13's

Kerry South 7-1 West Cork

SFAI South West Regional ¼ Finals

12's Girls

Regional United 3-1 Inter Kenmare

12's Boys

Killarney Athletic 1-2 Regional United A

Pike Rovers 6-1 Killorglin

14's Boys

St Brendan's Park 1-3 Holycross AFC

16's Girls

Broadford United 0-1 Killarney Celtic

John Murphy 12's Cup Last 32

LB Rovers A 5-3 LB Rovers B

Killarney Celtic C 0-6 St Brendan's Park

Killarney Celtic B 3-4 Castleisland D AET

Ballyhar Dynamos B 1-5 Ballyhar Dynamos A

Listowel Celtic B 0-4 St Brendan's Park D

Castleisland E 7-0 Camp Juniors B

MEK Galaxy A 1-2 Inter Kenmare A AET

Camp Juniors A - St Brendan's Park A

Mastergeeha C 1-2 Inter Kenmare B

MEK Galaxy B 0-7 Ballyheigue

John Joe Naughton 13's Cup

LB Rovers B 1-0 St Brendan's Park D

Tom Hayes 14's Cup

Killarney Celtic A 4-0 Ballyhar Dynamos

Killorglin A 6-0 Killarney Athletic B

Ballyheigue A 0-6 MEK Galaxy A

Mastergeeha B 1-4 Camp Juniors

Listowel Celtic 5-2 LB Rovers

Killarney Athletic A - Tralee Dynamos A

Boys Leagues

13's Premier

Killarney Celtic 3-1 Tralee Dynamos

15's Premier

Tralee Dynamos 3-1 Mastergeeha

16's Division 1

St Brendan's Park 1-2 Ballyhar Dynamos

Girls Leagues

12's Division 1

Castleisland 2-1 MEK Galaxy B

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16's Division 1

St Brendan's Park 1-2 Ballyhar Dynamos

Iveragh United 2-7 Killorglin B

SFAI INTER LEAGUES

The Kerry 12's and 13's South sides began their Inter League campaigns at the weekend with West Cork the opposition for both teams.

The 13's were first into action in Georgie O'Callaghan Park and they enjoyed a good win over the visitors thanks to goals from Mikey Corridan, Jack Daly, Evan Lyons, Billy Noughton 2 and Sean Clifford with the Kerry side also benefitting from an own goal in a 7-1 win.

The 12's South game took place at Celtic Park in Killarney and it was the visitors that made the best of the first half as they led 3-0 at the break. The Kerry boys battled hard in the second half and got a goal from Tony Desmond but the visitors took the win 4-1.

KILLARNEY CELTIC REACH REGIONAL SEMI-FINALS

The boys and girls teams that reach the Open Draw (Last 32) of the SFAI National Cups also qualify for their Regional competition with six teams in all the age groups in the South West region which is the region the KSBGL are in.

Killarney Celtic's Aine O'Sullivan scored the only goal of the game as their u16 Girls won 1-0 away at Broadford United in their quarter final.

Killarney Celtic will be at home in the semi-final when they will welcome St Pats from Clare.

Inter Kenmare 12's Girls have had a great run on the national stage but they went out in the SFAI South West Regional quarter final going down 3-1 to Regional United in Limerick. Niamh Healy got the goal for Inter Kenmare.

There was no joy in the 12's Boys quarter final with both KSBGL sides losing out. Cian Hegarty scored in the second half for Killarney Athletic but they went down 2-1 at home to Regional United.

Killorglin had Ciaran Casey on the mark from the penalty spot but they went out to Pike Rovers.

In the 14's quarter final St Brendan's Park lost out 3-1 at home to Holycross AFC in Christy Leahy Park. Majick Kubick pulled the Park level in the first half but the visitors went ahead again before the break and sealed the win early in the second.

PLACES IN THE LAST 16 OF THE BOY'S 12'S CUP UP FOR GRABS

The round of 32 for the 12's Boys John Murphy Cup took place this week with the winners going into hat for the Last 16.

LB Rovers were definitely going into the Last 16 as their A's and B's met in what turned out to be an exciting encounter. The A's were 3-0 up at half time and added two more with their goals coming from Shane Mason 3 and Evan Mannix 2. However the B's hit back three times thanks to 2 from Thomas Scanlon and one from Evan Murphy before they ran out of time.

It was the same for Ballyhar Dynamos as both of their sides were also drawn against each other. The A's progressed thanks to goals from Jack Kelly, Dylan Fitzgerald, Sean O'Leary and Ryan Quilter. Alex Finn replied for the B's.

Castleisland D's Daniel Collins completed his hat trick in extra time to see his side defeat Killarney Celtic B after extra time. Se O'Donnell got their other goal in a game that finished 3-3 at the end of normal time. Tristan Murphy 2 and Luke Clancy were the Celtic scorers.

Castleisland E have also progressed with goals from Charlie Tarrant, Kevin Brosnan, Adam O'Connor, Jack Hobbart, Ryan Clifford, Aidan O'Connor and Kealan Burke in their win over Camp Juniors B.

St Brendan's Park C proved too strong for Killarney Celtic C and are into the Last 16 thanks to goals from Kian Cronin, Blake Bowler, Nathan Anthony, Eoghan O'Driscoll and Shea Gilligan.

Killarney Athletic U12's



Killarney Celtic U12 Gold squad who played in the U12 Cup recently.



Inter Kenmare came from behind to defeat MEK Galaxy after extra time. Eoin Casey put the home side ahead but Inter equalised before half time through Kevin Tuohy. The winner came in the first period of extra time from Jack Moore.

St Brendan's Park A secured their place in the next round by defeating Camp Juniors A in Camp. Shane Griffin 3, Calvin O'Sullivan 2, Fionn Clancy, Joseph Fields and Tom Slattery were the Park's scorers.

BOYS LEAGUE REPORTS POINTS SHARED IN THE 12'S PREMIER

Goals from Pa McCarthy and Daniel O'Sullivan saw Killarney Celtic earn a share of the points from their away trip to Listowel Celtic. The game ended 2-2.

SECOND HALF GOALS IN 13 PREMIER

All the goals in the Killarney Celtic versus Tralee Dynamos 13 Premier game came in the second half. Two from Iggy Truchon and one from Samuel Scroope saw Celtic go 3-0 up before Danny Lane pulled one back for Dynamos.

Home advantage counts in 15's Premier Tralee Dynamos made home advantage count as they defeated Mastergeeha 3-1. Adam Prendergast, Naode Derege and Mathew Rogers got the Dynamos goals. Farath Miah scored for the Kilbreen side.

Away win in mid-week in the 16's Division 1 Goals from Fionn Coleman and Damien O'Connor saw Ballyhar Dynamos enjoy a 2-1 win over St Brendan's Park B in Christy Leahy Park on St Patrick's Day.

On Sunday in the final game of the weekend Iveragh United welcomed Killorglin B with the visitors taking the points thanks to goals from Darragh Lynch 3, Darragh Clifford, Cian O'Brien, Tadgh Gosney and Ryan O'Connor. Borja Mendora got both goals for Iveragh United. Girls Leagues

HOME WINS IN ALL THE GIRLS DIVISIONS

In the 12's Girls Division 1 Castleisland won a narrow encounter over MEK Galaxy B at Georgie O'Callaghan Park. Sophie Fleming got one for the home side with the second being an own goal. Ava Harty replied for MEK Galaxy B. MEK Galaxy were 3-1 winners at home to Inter Kenmare in the 14's Girls Premier. Naoishe O'Donoghue scored twice and Keeva O'Riordan the third for the home side with Erin O'Sullivan replying for Inter.

Two goals for Alisha Deady saw Fenit Samphires

win 2-0 at home to Castleisland in the 14's Division 1. Iveragh United were the other home winners in this Division thanks to two from Vilte Paulauskaite and one from Emma O'Connor. Goalkeeper Amie Kelly also saved a penalty for the winners.

KILLARNEY CELTIC CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,5,18,26. No jackpot winner. Match 3 received €50. Next jackpot €3,200 on Monday March 28th. Tickets available from Hegarty's Park rd, The Dungeon, online at Clubforce.com and from club members.

MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP 5TH ROUND

Hibernians FC Waterford 1, Killarney Celtic 3 Stephen McCarthy 2, Wayne Sparling Celtic qualified for the last 8 of the Munster Junior Cup following on from this win in Waterford last Sunday. Stephen McCarthy opened the scoring before Wayne Sparling added a 2nd to leave Celtic 2up at the break. Celtic scored a 3rd through Stephen McCarthy to give Celtic an advantage that Hib could only reduce by 1 to leave Celtic 3-1 winners on the day.

YOUTHS LEAGUE

Killorglin AFC 5, Killarney Celtic 0 U14 CUP

Killarney Celtic 4, Ballyhar Dyn 0

Cillian Slattery 2, Patrick O'Brien, James Kelly 0-0 at halftime but aided by the wind Celtic proved too strong in the 2nd half.

U12 PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 2, Killarney Celtic 2

Pa McCarthy, Daniel O'Sullivan Killarney, backed by the strong wind, led 2-0 at the break but Listowel pulled 2 back to leave both teams taking a point each.

U12 CUP

Killarney Celtic White 3, Castleisland D 4

Tristan Murphy 2, Luke Clancy Killarney Celtic Gold lost to St Brendans Park C

GIRLS

U16 SOUTH WEST REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

Broadford United 0, Killarney Celtic 1

Aine O'Sullivan

Another tough win on the road for the u16 girls means they now have a regional semi final to



Members of Killarney Athletic AC pictured at St Patrick's Day Parade..

look forward to in the near future. The girls go to Lakewood Athletic for the national cup last 8 game this weekend.

CONGRATS to Ryan Downing U13 who made the KSGI Team of the Week and to Ellie Mai Nugent and Michaela O'Meara who were on the Girls Roll of Honour this week.

MANY THANKS to all who helped or marched in our group for the St Patrick's Day Parade.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

Our U7s, 8s & 9s concluded their Saturday morning get-togethers on Saturday last. Many thanks to the boys/girls, their parents, coaches & those that helped out with any function. Special mention to Gerry, Mike, Adrian, Eugene, Rob & Dan.

On Friday last Both our U12 teams, blue & white met in the last 32 of the John Murphy u12 cup. Played in fine conditions at murt scott park the White squad Defeated the Blue Squad on a 5-1 scoreline with Ryan Quilter, Jack Kelly, sean o'Leary Griffin & Dylan Fitzgerald hitting the back of the net for the Blues while Alex Finn was on target for the white squad after good approach work by Adam Fleming. Overall it was an enjoyable outing for both squads with Killian o Sullivan ,Emma Harrington, Gearoid Moynihan, Ryan Vickers, Daithi Allen, Noah Browne, Brandon o Sullivan, Noah Browne & Player of the Match Fionn Clifford putting in excellent efforts for their squads. Our U14s Travelled to Killarney Celtic on saturday in the first round of the Tom Hayes U14 cup where after a

scoreless first half we were defeated 0-4 in a game that our boys put in an excellent display with Eoin o Mahony, John Henderson, Anthony Cremin, Tom Costello, Jonathan Galvin, Marcus Clifford & Jamie Quirke to the fore in a good squad effort. Our boys now go into the shield section of the Competition. On St Patrick's morning our U16s travelled to tralee & came away with a great 1-2 away win to St Brendans Park. We trailed 0-1 at half time but a Fionn Coleman strike brought us back into the contest & Damien o Connor struck the winner late on and with Pdraig Regan playing well between the posts & with each of the outfield players giving it their all, the squad picked up this backto back win.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its sympathies to the Riordan family, Longfield & the O Sullivan, Coolick on their recent bereavements.



Ballyhar Dynamos U14s who were defeated away to killarney Celtic in the Tom Hayes U14 cup.



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

HOGAN HEARTBREAK FOR ST. BRENDANS

Hogan Cup Final:

Naas CBS 3-14 St. Brendans 2-15

No-one could have asked any more of any of them, every single player, all of a completely unified management, the school itself that backed them all the way, or the droves of supporters who turned out in style to do both the team and themselves proud.

It took a great team to beat them. And let there be absolutely no begrudgery there; that was a genuinely great Naas team. They were class all the way. As a matter of fact, it may have been the best Hogan Cup Final I have ever seen – it's a final where tension tends to make the play somewhat stilted and defensive more often than not. That didn't happen in this case, far from it. Both sides played positive, front foot football. They trusted their players to go man on man. No precious hoarding of possession. They took each other on, drove forward, and went for scores. Much has rightly been made of a superb flash of skill by Luke Crowley in the second half with a behind-the-back hop to fox a defender (I was even more taken by the way he spun neatly between two attempted tacklers seconds later) – it typified the approach of both sides.

That skill and daring was evident from the very start. Naas' dangerman Kevin Cummins was narrowly wide but after gathering from Jack McKevitt he confidently opened the scoring – I suspect that he was considering a goal attempt. One number fifteen clearly had a whiff of danger – the other quickly showed that he was just as lethal, with Will Shine evading his marker with ease and coolly firing over two points to put the Sem in front. The aforementioned Crowley was denied by a brilliant block by Robert Fitzgerald (that was a great duel all through, just about edged by the outstanding Glenflesk man), and instead Gavin Thompson landed a long range monster to level matters at 0-2 apiece.

Naas were winning that bit more possession, helped by the incredible distance in their goal kicks – David McPartlin was able to bypass midfield entirely and land missiles down on the Sem's half backs. The defence handled the pressure well, though, and it was Cian Foley who drove forward to kick the next score.

Danger always threatened, though. Kevin Cummins fumbled a good goal chance, Cian Lynch doing well to clear his lines, but it was a bit like King Canute fighting the tide. Forward again came Naas, and this time Cummins made no mistake after gathering from Cian Boran, slotting adroitly past a hapless Aaron O'Sullivan.

The Sem upped their game considerably, but could only convert two out of five chances, Shine and Foley on target. Level pegging.



Sem players look on as Naas CBS celebrate victory

Given that Naas had the benefit of the wind, the Sem would have had been fairly happy with that. Unfortunately, in the end of the first half, it was the Leinster champions who found an extra gear and extracted full benefit. Niall Dolan slotted over to put them back in front. The Sem almost got in for a goal, but Mikey Moriarty's goal effort was blocked by the outstanding Fitzgerald, with Darragh Fleming's '45 trailing just wide.

Naas exploded into life, scoring a rapid 1-2 in as many minutes. Superb combination play by Dara Crowley and Colm Dalton teed it up for Fionn Cooke, who again gave Aaron O'Sullivan no chance. That goal sandwiched two points, 1f, from the irrepressible Kevin Cummins, who carried a scent of danger every time the ball came near him. Gavin Thompson swung over another point after a good turnover – a strong feature of Naas' play – and suddenly there was broad daylight between two teams who had been deadlocked not long before. Cian McMahon did swing over a free after good work by Alex Hennigan, but the Sem were definitely in real trouble here.

Half-time Naas CBS 2-6 St. Brendans 0-6

The Sem needed to get a grip on things early in the second half if they were to force their way back into this. To their credit, they did exactly that, hunting down possession and driving forward at every opportunity. They got a deserved reward when a Naas defender deflected a long pass from Killian O'Sullivan into the path of an alert Will Shine – the Sem's most lethal finisher promptly struck it to the net and there was just one score between the sides. Cian Foley and Kevin Cummins traded well-taken points to make it 2-7 to 1-7. Unfortunately, the Sem couldn't quite direct other scoring opportunities on target they maybe deserved a bit more reward for their efforts. A foul on Colm Dalton saw Gavin Thompson shoot over but Charlie Keating won

a similar opportunity converted by Shine. Luke Crowley, who was outstanding all through, cut the gap back again to just two points and it felt like the Sem were beginning to take over. Kevin Cummins pointed a free – I hope it's not subconscious bias, but I honestly thought it was more a case of the forward running into the defender than the opposite. Cian McMahon replied after Luke Crowley won a free, but Niall Dolan replied with a good score. 2-10 to 1-10.

Luke Crowley kicked one of the scores of the day, but Colm Dalton replied and Seán Broderick nudged the gap to four points. Cian McMahon (2) and Luke Crowley cut it back to one. The Sem had the edge in possession now, but in fairness Naas always looked like scoring whenever they attacked, and the unstoppable Cummins proved it once again. 2-13 to 1-14.

Will Shine once more cut the gap to a point, but then Naas struck for a hammer blow. Unsurprisingly, it was the man of the match (it was always going to be between the star corner forwards on the day) Kevin Cummins who struck, audaciously lobbing Aaron O'Sullivan for a goal that would be sublime in any circumstances, let alone an All Ireland Final. Seán Broderick made it a five point game with just a few meagre minutes left on the clock. The Sem never gave up – they never do – and were rewarded when Mark O'Shea pounced on a loose ball and fired it to the net, but the sands of time ran out with Naas still leading by two points and worthy All Ireland champions.

Not the ending to the journey that any of us had anticipated, but what a magnificent journey it was. The Sem did themselves as proud in defeat as they had in their many victories along the way. Comhghairdeas to Naas CBS, who lost the 2019 decider, on becoming the first Kildare school to lift the Hogan Cup. Nobody could begrudge them, they were absolutely brilliant on the day – and they were made to prove it.

A hard day for the Sem, but they showed pure

class all the way (I was especially proud to see the whole panel on the field to applaud the presentation to the winners, that takes real character and I expected no less. They will be back.

KERRY SHOW THEIR STEEL AGAINST ORCHARD COUNTY

National Football League:

Kerry 1-13 Armagh 0-13

The chances of Kerry losing out on a place in the League Final were already mathematically slim as Kerry headed to the Athletic Grounds, and the Kerry management may have had half an eye on that when they picked a team that was missing a few big names. I suspect that there was a deeper message being sent, though. This was an Ulster county who have been quietly flying in the National League and have arguably had the best player in the country in recent months in Rian O'Neill. This was always going to be a battle, a test of character as much as skill. I had no problem with how Armagh played the game – they danced on the edges quite a few times and Kerry players were made fully aware that there were opposing players present even when the ball wasn't – look, no great harm in it. I'd call it tough rather than dirty, and the truth is that you have to be able to take that at this level.

Kerry not only took it, they gave plenty of it back with interest. Good. Skillful shrinking violets aren't going to be much use when championship games go to the wire.

Kerry made the better start, looking organised and hungry – and wayward in their shooting. In fact, we had three wides on the board, all scorable, before Tiernan Kelly opened the scoring for Armagh.

Astonishingly, it was going to be their last score for no less than 24 minutes, and Kerry's defence can take all the credit for that. There was an element of scepticism when it was initially announced that Paddy Tally would be coming on board as a selector, but the Tyrone native seems to have done his work well in adding a new confidence and surety to our team defending. Jason Foley went head to head against the talented O'Neill and acquitted himself very well. Tadhg Morley yet again was understated excellence, eschewing the spectacular in return for clinical efficiency. Dan O'Donoghue and Gavin White are surely automatics on Kerry's first fifteen for the championship, but Dylan Casey and especially Brian Ó Beaglaíoch have shown that they are very much in the mix. The number five jersey was viewed as a straight contest between Paul Murphy and Mike Breen – Graham O'Sullivan showed that he is a real option too. Like Paddy Tally, Jason McGahan has obviously been doing his work very well in the background too. Three of Kerry's most effective defenders, though, aren't technically defenders. We almost expect it of Paudie Clifford at this stage, so effective has he been, and this was him at his best. Stephen O'Brien also seized his chance with both hands, ranging the pitch and doing trojan and often unseen work. Another hero who has been very much unsung is Jack Barry, who along with

Adrian Spillane gets through an amount of hard work in the trenches; I thought he had one of his best games in a long time.

Killian Spillane will be disappointed with his showing before departing at half-time, but he set up Jack Savage for our opening score. Diarmuid O'Connor grabbed the kick-out – Kerry pressed Armagh very well on their kick-outs – and set up Paudie Clifford to double our tally. Diarmuid ruled the midfield roost with an iron hand and a foul on him saw Jack Savage make it 0-3 to 0-1, before Diarmuid split the posts himself. Tony Brosnan (selected on the Sigerson Team of the Year this week) won and converted a free. Jack Barry won the kick-out and set up Stephen O'Brien for a fine score. Kerry did leave a few scores behind them with the strong wind, but they could be well pleased with the focus and intensity of this display; this was high tempo football and Kerry were relishing the contest. When Jack Savage kicked his third point in the 26th minute, Kerry were 0-7 to 0-1 ahead and could be well pleased with their performance so far.

Rian O'Neill was drifting out the field by now in search of possession (I'm a traditionalist when it comes to having your top scorers in scoring positions) and it fell to Tiernan Kelly to take his and Armagh's second point. Jmaes Morgan, their full back, soon added another. Brian Ó Beaglaíoch burst through for Kerry's final score of the half. A foul on the impressive Jarlath Ó Burns saw Rian O'Neill open his account from a free. Jemar Hall did kick the ball into the Kerry goal soon after, but the whistle had already sounded for a free out – again, good cohesive defending by Kerry. The first half action ended on something of a surly note, with a number of players getting involved in scuffles that saw Jack Savage picking up a black card. I have no problem with it, there were no punches thrown and no real risk of injuries. A bit of argy bargy without malice is no great harm; if Armagh were trying to rattle Kerry (as I would have done in that situation) they got a firm and decisive answer.

Half-time Kerry 0-8 Armagh 0-4

Four points wasn't a huge lead, given the strength of the wind, and it was quickly reduced to a goal by impressive Armagh substitute Stefan Campbell. Paudie Clifford replied though, with arguably the score of the day, a long range beauty off his left leg. Greg McCabe pulled another one back. Dylan Casey carried the ball well up the wing before being tackled much too late after off-loading. I did think that there was a little bit of cynicism in that one, and Casey needed treatment afterwards. Kerry were already swinging into action, though, Stephen O'Brien spotting Kerry's big half-time substitute in the danger area and threading a quick and accurate pass to him. David Clifford one on one in front of goal? It wasn't actually his most clinical finish; I thought he stubbed it a little bit, but the result had a feeling of inevitability about it. Even this far from home, they all know what David does with chances like that! 1-9 to 0-6.

Armagh have steel in them, though, and had no intention of folding. Rian O'Neill pointed his second free and then took a mark to make it 1-9

to 0-8. This was an absorbing contest now.

There was no doubt about the classiest operator on the field. David Clifford, as the late and great Jimmy Magee was wont to say, is "different class", and he fired over from a tight angle. Rory Grogan pointed a free in response. Jack Savage opted to take a point when he had the option of slipping it to the intruding Stephen O'Brien. Given that it put five points between them with fourteen minutes left, I think it was the right decision.

Rian O'Neill pointed another free after Tadhg Morley was penalised for over-carrying. It's no big deal, but it was clearly the Kerryman who was being fouled. Armagh were piling on the pressure now, but Kerry were closing down on their shooting opportunities, and they were missing more than they were scoring. The next score felt like it would be crucial, and it came Kerry's way. Our speedy transition from defence to attack was a key weapon in our arsenal, and a good ball out of his own half by Paul Geaney found David Clifford, who once again split the posts. Rian O'Neill won and converted a free in reply, but time was starting to run out.

Kerry were struggling a bit on Shane Ryan's kick-outs now under a hard Armagh press, and one wayward effort saw the Rathmore man make amends by standing tall against a rasping shot – I thought Jason Duffy could have directed it lower and wider, but he had to snatch rapidly at the chance. An Armagh goal at that stage would certainly have let a fox loose in the henhouse!

As it was, a foul on Stephen O'Brien, my overall man of the match (I thought Stephen should have been a contender for Footballer of the Year in 2019, this was reminiscent of that form) saw Jack Savage close out Kerry's scoring with his fifth point. Jarlath Ó Burns, more impressive as an auxiliary attacker than in his own half, pulled one back and Armagh pressed for an equalising goal, but again Kerry soaked up the pressure with impressive composure.

KERRY PIPPED LATE BY DOWN HURLERS

National Hurling League:

Down 1-19 Kerry 0-20

Kerry had the wind in the first half, and also had most of the hurling, with the trinity of Michael Leane, Mikey Boyle, and Fionán Mackessy really driving them forward and Pádraig Boyle and especially Shane Conway, as always, giving an exhibition of the poacher's art. He opened Kerry's account, with Michael Leane adding another from long range. Paul Sheehan, Down's most dangerous hurler, pointed two frees and Tom Murray had them leading by 0-3 to 0-2. Pádraig Boyle restored parity and Fionán Mackessy and Shane (f) had us back in front. Paul Sheehan with two points (1f) squared things up at 0-5 apiece. Kerry, who were hurling very well now, even if they were leaving a few chances go astray, powered into a big lead through Shane Nolan, Shane Conway (2f) and Pádraig Boyle. Paul Sheehan hit back with two frees but Conway and Leane again picked off good scores. Sheehan and Daithi Sands kept Down in touch, but Kerry closed out the half

with a flourish, Paudie O'Connor pointing and Padraig Boyle hitting a superb brace.

Half-time Kerry 0-14 Down 0-8

Down needed to start the second half with a bang and did exactly that, Conor O'Keeffe picking up a black carded and Conor Woods blasting home the resultant penalty. Mark Fisher added a point and suddenly the gap was down to two points, while Down had that strong wind behind them.

Colin Walsh settled Kerry nerves with a good point, but Piers Óg McCrickard replied. Down were taking control now, outscoring Kerry by 0-5 to 0-1 (a Shane Conway free won by Colum Harty) to go into a one point lead, 1-14 to 0-16. Colum Harty drew us level – he was Kerry's best hurler in the second half – before Matt Conlan and Shane Conway (f) exchanged scores. Oisín McManus and Conor Woods (f) had Down in front by 1-17 to 0-18. Harty brought it back to a one point game and Kerry had two goal chances, but couldn't capitalise on either. Maurice O'Connor finished off a great team move to draw Kerry level.

Unfortunately Down shaded the dying minutes. Oisín McManus converted after a free was brought forward (rightly) and, while Kerry pressed for an equaliser, Jordan Doran drew a free that saw McManus slot over the final score. This result puts Down into the League Final, while Kerry are away to Westmeath (we will be favourites but it's certainly not a banker – they beat us well, 3-15 to 1-15, in our earlier meeting in the League). Interesting times ahead!

KERRY LADIES BOOK LEAGUE FINAL

**Ladies National League:
Kerry 1-14 Monaghan 1-11**

No prizes for guessing who was Kerry's talisman as they saw off a tough challenge from a brave Monaghan to book their spot in this year's Division Two Final! Louise Ní Muircheartaigh is as good a footballer as ever came out of Corca Dhuibhne – that's not a thing to say lightly – and she showed all her class with here with an array of scores and repertoire of skills. She opened Kerry's account with three frees, while Monaghan's Jodie McQuillan did likewise. That was the score at the water break. Monaghan's Jayne Drury put them in front with the first score from play, before Kerry lost Ciara Butler to the sin bin and Jodie McQuillan slotted the resultant penalty. 1-4 to 0-3; things were looking a bit ominous!

Erica McGlynn kicked a good point that seemed to settle Kerry, with Niamh Ní Chonchúir and Louise Ní Muircheartaigh firing over. Great response by Kerry. Jodie McQuillan and Louise swapped frees before Monaghan veteran Muireann Atkinson, another great footballer in her own right, had the last score before the break.

Half-time Monaghan 1-6 Kerry 0-7

Kerry had the wind now in the second half and used it well, pressing up on Monaghan. Louise picked off another two frees and Danielle O'Leary popped over from play to give Kerry a one point lead, 0-10 to 1-6. Jodie McQuillan squared matters, but Aishling O'Connell put

us back in front. Then came the game's crucial moment as Kerry once again pressured the Monaghan kick-out. Ní Muircheartaigh had long since established herself as the most dangerous player on the field and once she darted to intercept a short ball out, she coolly lifted it over the hapless Orna Kelly for a goal of stunning brilliance. A free from the same player had Kerry five points to the good, 1-12 to 1-7, at the second half interval.

Monaghan deserve credit for battling back. Amy Garlan and Muireann Atkinson picked off points, while Kerry lost Niamh Carmody to a yellow card. Louise sewttled any potential nerves, though, with another free and Danielle O'Leary split the posts again. Jodie McQuillan and Jayne Drury pointed to keep it a one score game. Kerry were reduced to 13 when Julie O'Sullivan became our third player into the sin bin, but thankfully Niamh Carmody was re-emerging at that stage. Try as they might – and they most certainly did – Monaghan just could not get the goal they so desperately needed and it's Kerry who advance to their second League Final in a row.

RUGBY IRELAND TAKE THE TRIPLE CROWN

Six Nations: Ireland 26 Scotland 5

The triple crown might not have the same currency it did in the amateur era, but Ireland will be well pleased overall with their Six Nations, and a bit of silverware isn't going to dent any players' confidence. They essentially needed a bonus point try against Scotland and eventually came good with Conor Murray getting over late in the game to secure it.

Scotland were unfancied – it's been a tough campaign for Scotland and an awful one for Wales – but the same team that shocked England are always capable of a performance. In fact, Scotland made the better start, but significantly they couldn't break down the Irish defence. Ireland still seemed that little bit more capable of something, as typified by one great break by Jamison Gibson Park, one of the players of the tournament. The breakthrough arrived courtesy of good work by Iain Henderson to put Dan Sheehan in, and Johnny Sexton did as Johnny does with the conversion. The body may not be quite what it was, and personally I'd have preferred more game time for younger kickers, but Johnny's game management is still second to none. Sheehan was again instrumental in our second try, with Can Healy powering over, and again Johnny obliged to make it 14-0. The game wasn't over, though, as Scotland pulled one back through Pierre Schoeman. Did he ground it? Ah, yeah, there's no controversy there. 14-5 then at half-time.

They very nearly got in for a second one on the restart that would have really put the cat among the pigeons,

but Keenan got back to make a fantastic last minute tackle. Mind you, Hogg should have offloaded it – it hasn't been a good week for Scotland's captain, having been penalised for the shocking scandal of being a rugby player who went to the pub a week before a game. You'd think players are human, the way they carry on....

Scotland were feeling the pressure, and Josh Van Der Flier neatly sliced through a wide gap in their defence to touch down. Once more Johnny obliged and it was 21-5. Ireland were going to win this, but the burning question now was whether they could get the bonus try that would really put pressure on France for the Championship.

To be honest, I didn't think so. Ireland were tired now, justifiably so, and I didn't think the breakthrough would come. They kept applying the pressure, though, and James Lowe (another real standout of the Six Nations) kept cool head to pass to Conor Murray. Murray isn't the player he was – like Bundee Aki and arguably Sexton, the clock is ticking that bit louder – but these are the opportunities that he relishes and he burrowed over.

Triple crown secured. The championship itself came down to spellbinding France versus unpredictable England. That, again, was a tougher battle than most predicted, but France have been the form team all through and fully deserved to win. France look like the only Northern hemisphere team that will be genuine contenders for the World Cup – please don't think that Autumn Internationals are an indication of the Antipodean teams, they will still be the ones to beat.

BASKETBALL

The basketball season has drawn to a close and it has been a good one for Kerry overall, with a lot of young talent unearthed by teams and strong finishes to the playing season. Remember, it isn't that long ago that Kerry had almost no teams competing on the National stage – I still credit Kieran Donaghy and Tralee Garveys for spearheading a revival and St. Pauls for promptly taking up that baton.

St. Pauls themselves didn't finish with silverware, but one former member most certainly did. Tara Donnellan, daughter of Killarney Legion selector and well known sportsman Eoghan Donnellan and Kate Murphy, was a key player for Limerick Celtics U18 side who won the National Cup, beating Liffey Celtics 66-57 in a cracking final.



David Clifford scores the crucial goal for Kerry against Armagh. Photo by John C O'Shea



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FOSSA GAA CLUB

FOSSA SENIORS

FOSSA 0-10, DUAGH 0-06

Fossa seniors got off to the ideal start to their county league Division 4 clash with Duagh leading by 1 at half time. Fossa pushed on in the second half and with some very good kicking from Emmett O'Shea, Jack Clifford and Tadgh O'Shea who all lead the line along with some very good defending saw Fossa win by a score line of Fossa 0-10, Duagh 0-6. Emmett O'Shea 0-4, Tadgh O'Shea 0-2, Jack Clifford 0-2, Matt Rennie, 0-1, Harry Buckley 0-1.

CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 6A

Fossa: 2-19(25) Kenmare: 1-6(9)

Fossa goals scored by Eddie Moroney.

KERRY

Congratulations to Kerry seniors men and ladies especially Erica McGlynn, Anna, Paudie and David Clifford as they both have qualified to their respective league finals.

LOTTO

Date 20th March 2022. Numbers Drawn 24, 18, 26, 28. €40 WINNERS: DONAL O'SULLIVAN, GORTNABOUL KILGARVAN; SUSAN O'KEEFE, DROMIN FOSSA; STEPHEN MCCORMACK. CURRAGH AGHADOE; KATIE MURPHY, MANGERTON RD KILLARNEY; JOHN COFFEY, MILL RD KILLARNEY. Next weeks jackpot €4,800 tickets on sale from Foleys Spar Fossa the golden nugget and usual sellers thanks for playing.

LEGION GAA CLUB

SAINTS PATRICKS DAY

What the Club definitely doesn't lack when it comes to the St Patrick's Day parade is an abundance of imagination and effort. And this year was no different. The display and turnout of green and white on our Patron Saints Day was once again uplifting and the Club owes a huge debt of gratitude to the team behind the effort. Patricia and her little team of wonders at Scallywags Playschool were busy in the lead up with their brilliant art work while Sharon

O Grady, Orla Culloty, Desiree Crowley, Linda O Donoghue did sterling work. Ted Healy and Liam O'Toole made loveable chipmunks while Timmy O'Donoghue and wife Bernadette are never found wanting when it comes to effort. Well done all!!

HOGAN CUP FINAL

Hard luck to St Brendans College who just fell short to Naas CBS in an epic Hogan Cup Final encounter played in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day. The Kildare school led for the majority of the game by varying margins but the manner in which the Sem fought back in the second half meant there was only a point between the sides heading down the final furlong. But Naas hit an all important third goal and despite a late St Brendans response they went down by a two point margin, 3-14 to 2-15. Aaron O'Sullivan was an ever solid presence between the posts, Darragh Fleming had a fine game at wing back but it would be remiss not to mention the performance of Will Shine. He tormented the Naas defence, slotting 1-5 in the process and his goal would stand alongside any goal ever scored in the GAA HQ. Young Sam Benson was also in the panel and being eligible again next year he will have gained huge experience from his involvement.

AWARDS NIGHT

Our Awards Night takes place this Friday March 25th in the Killarney Avenue Hotel and we have unveiled our main recipients in the last few weeks. Our Clubperson of the Year is also a deserving winner. Tom Griffin has been Club Registrar since 2014 and in his time in the position he advanced the role, overseeing a big change in how membership was collected and data gathered. With the transition from an almost manual to a new computerised system Tom oversaw huge changes in the functions of the office but he did so in his usual calm and affable manner. With new guidance on how information is shared Tom was a most conscientious and responsible officer and was often seen as a guiding light and sound presence in the Club Executive. Humble by nature he may underplay the impact he had on the club but every one would be fully aware of it. Congrats Tom!!

SENIOR MENS UPDATE

Our Senior B team got their Division 6 campaign off to a flyer with a comprehensive win over Castleisland Desmonds B on Sunday March 20th in Direen. Fielding a nice blend of youth and experience they ran out 3-17 to 1-5 winners. Luke O'Donoghue and Finbarr Murphy lead the scoring with 2-3 and 1-3 respectively.

The Senior A Team begin their County League bid this Friday March 25th under the Direen lights where they welcome county finalists from 2021 Kerins O Rahillys. Throw in is 7.30pm.

U17 BOYS

Our U17 Boys were quick out of the traps in the first half of their County League tie against Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane as they led 2-6 to 2-3, thanks to some fine scoring from Liam Cronin, Oisín Fleming, Jason O'Sullivan and Alex O'Callaghan. But the more physical and stronger Mid Kerry combination with the aid of a stiff breeze drove on in the second half to win by 5-10 to 3-6. The lads are now away to Duagh this Saturday March 26th. Best of luck lads.

U13/15 BOYS FIXTURES

Our U13 Boys are competing in the top Division of the County League with their campaign kicking off this Sunday March 27th with an away game to Keel/Listry. They host Laune Rangers on Sunday April 3rd and John Mitchels on the 10th. The short trip to Spa on April 24th is followed by the even shorter trip to Lewis Road on May 8th. We are also fielding a second team and their fixtures are to be confirmed shortly.

Our U15 boys are also in Division 1 and they have two home games against John Mitchels on Wednesday March 30th and Keel/Listry on April 20th. Three away games are also in the offing with trips to Spa, Gallerus and Connolly Park on the agenda. Again we are fielding a second team and they are at home to Listowel Emmets on March 30th and Keel/Listry on April 20th with away trips to Kilcummin and Austin Stacks.

Just a reminder that all our teams fixtures and results, both boys and girls, are available on the fixtures tab at www.legiongaa.com.

LOTTO

We had a winner in our latest Lotto draw made on Sunday March 20th Annette Hickey originally from Edenderry Co.Offaly, and wife of Conor

FOSSA HONOUR THEIR PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Fossa Minor player Rian Colleran - thanks to The Golden Nugget Bar, Restaurant & Off Licence for hosting the event.



Congratulations to Fossa U18 player Jack Clifford thanks to The Golden Nugget Bar, Restaurant & Off Licence for hosting the event



Congratulations to Fossa Senior player of the year Dan O'Connell - thanks to The Golden Nugget Bar, Restaurant & Off Licence for hosting the event.



McNiece successfully matched 6,14,17,21 to carry the €3,400 Jackpot. Congrats to Annette.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

LOTTO

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place tonight (Monday, March 21st, 2022) where the jackpot will be €12,600. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets. Mile búiochas do gach duine for playing Milltown/Castlemaine Clubs Fortnightly Fundraiser, the money raised is vital to the day to day running of our club and your support is sincerely appreciated.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Credit Union County Senior Football League Division 2, Round 1

Milltown/Castlemaine 1-12 Listowel Emmets 1-09

Well done to the players and management on the win. They will travel to Annascaul for Round 2 in two weeks time and take on Glenbeigh/Glencair next Sunday in the Mid Kerry Senior Football League at 11:45am.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE ROUND 7 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine 'A' will take on Glenbeigh/Glencair next Sunday, March 27th in Round 7 of the Mid Kerry Senior Football League with the match starting at 11:45am.

COUNTY SENIOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE DIV 3 ROUND 1 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine 'C' will welcome Renard 'B' to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown next Saturday evening, March 26th for Round 1 of the new County Senior Development League. The match will throw-in at 5:45pm.

KEANES SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIV 4A ROUND 3 RESULT

On Saturday last, March 19th, Milltown/Castlemaine's Minors made it three wins from three games as they overcame Castleisland Desmonds away from home in a tightly contested affair. The final score was 2-08 to 2-07.

KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: ROUND 4 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine will host John Mitchels next Saturday, March 26th at the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown in Round 4 of the Keane's Supervalu County Minor Football League with a throw-in time of 4:00pm.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADES:

Many thanks to all our club members who got involved in the Milltown and Castlemaine St Patrick's Day Parades on Thursday morning last at 10:00am and 11:15am respectively. A great turnout, plenty of colour was on show and all around it was a fantastic occasion. Special mention also to the club committee members who took the time to organise the gathering and put together this year's float which looked really well.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL CLUB, ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CLUBS IN THE COUNTY:

GAA 4 All - Returns in April, date TBC

MC MINIS - Start date Saturday 26th March in



The Killarney Legion Under 14B team that played Inbheir Scéine Gaels B in Direen on Friday March 18th.

Back Row L-R: Alyson Hickey, Sadhbh O'Brien, Claire Lyne, Kaylee Smith, Lucie Smith, Emily O'Shea, Emily O'Neill, Isabel Doyle, Sophie O'Shea, Sophie Duke. Front Row L-R: Molly Cronin, Sophia Sharma, Béibhinn O'Donoghue, Eimir Kearney, Lauren McSweeney, Sinéad O'Leary, Kate Fleming (c).

Milltown Community Centre at 9:30am

Boys born 2017 and (2018 if accompanied by an adult)

Girls born 2016 & 2017 and (2018 if accompanied by an adult)

U7 Boys Start date Wednesday 30th March at 6:30pm at club grounds in Milltown

Born 2015 & 2016

U9 Boys Start date Wednesday 23rd March at 6:30pm at club grounds in Milltown

Born 2013 & 2014

U8 Girls Start date Monday 21st March at 6:15pm at club grounds in Milltown

Born 2014 & 2015

U10 Girls Start date TBC: Born 2015 & 2016

Any queries: MC Minis contact is Katie O'Sullivan 0873205344. U7-U10 contact is Liam Doherty 0860413593. GAA 4 All contact is Gillian Twiss 0877678108. If you are new to the area and you wish to join an older group, contact Ian Twiss (0872521053). New players welcome to try out to see how much they enjoy it!

RINCE SEIT / SET DANCING Winner: SPA - Roisín Ní Suilleabhain, Isibéal Ní Uaitéir, Gráinne Ní Conchubhair, Aoife Ní Donnchú, Dara Ó Brosnachain, Diarmuid Ó Donnabháin, Colm Ó Conchubhair, Oisín Ó Shuilleabhain and Laura Fleming

OVERALL WINNING CLUB Winner: Glenflesk

Congratulations to all

FIXTURES

The sponsored Frank Doran Safeguard Security East Kerry Senior League Finals Division 1: Legion vs DrCrokes. Division 2: Cordal vs Furies Will be played first Available Date

KERRY TEAM

Congratulations to Kerry senior & management & all players from East Region on they win over Armagh Allianz Football League Division 1 Rd 6 Full-time Score: Kerry 1-13 Armagh 0-13

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathies to families of Jack Coffey Beaufort Brother in law to Mary Ko Curran former Kerry Ladies Footballer & Coiste na nOg. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

EAST KERRY ALL- STARS GALA NIGHT held every year sponsored by The Kerryman, The Aquila Club & East Kerry GAA. Presentations to All Star players, 2020 senior, Young & players (U21), Hall of Fame Presentation 2020 & Person of the years Award 2020. On Friday 25th March 2022 at Glenagle Hotel. Tickets €30. Available from board officers & clubs officers.

DR. CROKES GAA CLUB

ON THE FIELD

CONGRATULATIONS TO Shane Murphy, Tony Brosnan, Miceal Burns and Kerry side that defeated Armagh. Kayleigh Cronin & Kate Stack on Kerry ladies side that reached National League Final defeating Monaghan.

CO. LEAGUES began last week with our 3 Senior sides in action Victory for Senior side with a comprehensive victory over Gaeltacht whilst the B & C team were defeated by Churchill and Rathmore B respectively.

Co. League Division 1 Dr. Crokes 5-12 Gaeltacht 0-14. "Goals win games" this was certainly the case in this instance. Played on Wednesday



March 16 we got off to a lightning start with goals from Mickey Casey & Jordan Kiely in the opening 5 minutes with early points from Michael Potts and Daithi Casey when John Payne got our 3rd goal in the 20th minute we led 3-03 to 0-02, further points from Casey (2) and Kiely left us leading at half time 3-06 to 0-05. On the resumption we added 2 further minors to stretch our lead but Gaeltacht began to find their mojo and added 5 unanswered points. Daithi Casey with a goal stopped the flow further points Mark O'Shea, Brendan Falvey and Casey (2) with a Harry Potts goal saw us run out comfortable winners. Scorers Mickey Casey 1-05 Jordan Kiely 1-03 Daithi Casey 1-01 Mark O'Shea 1-02 Harry Potts 1-00 Brendan Falvey 0-01.

ACADEMY

We continued on at the academy on Saturday morning. It was great to see such large numbers at all levels. I think everyone is delighted to be back. We continue ever Saturday at Lewis Road. Boys and girls aged 4 to 11 from the Killarney Parish. Hurling 10 until 11. Football 11 until 12. All welcome

ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

It was great to see such large numbers of our academy and their parents turn out to March in the St Patricks day parade. I think everyone really enjoyed themselves. Everyone was on good behaviour and enjoyed the fun of the day. Its a real rite of passage for our young members to march in this parade. Thanks to all who organised the float etc it really added to the occasion.

CHELTHAM BUSTER

We had a great turnout for this fund raiser and it generated great interest amongst the participants. After 4 days and 28 races the prize winners were 1st. €1,000 Paddy O'Donoghue, 2nd Timk O'Shea €300 and 3rd €200 Ronan McAuliffe daily winners receive €100 Tim O'Shea, Paddy O'Donoghue, Dan O'Loughlin and Michael Conway.

MEMBERSHIP is now due and maybe paid online at following link https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734

LGFA

Our Senior ladies had a comprehensive win in their opening game in the Donal Curtin Cup against MKL Gaels on Sunday afternoon last. Congratulations to Debbie Maye who made her Senior debut in Keel. Next round is a home game v Spa with fixture yet to be confirmed.

Our U16 girls have their opening game at home Tuesday, 22 March v Beale at 6.15pm and our U12s play Spa B at home on Wed, 23 March at 5.30pm.

SCOR

Congratulations to Saorise O'Sullivan on winning on in the Kerry Final. Anybody interested in taking part in Scór na bPáistí (Primary or National School Scór) in April contact Cultural Officer Rachel Foley 0879231091

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday commencing at 8:00PM, doors open at 6:45. EVERYBODY WELCOME!

LOTTO draw for €5,900 took place on

Monday March 21st Numbers drawn 3 7 19 26 11 patrons matched 3 number receive €40. Jackpot for draw on March 28th will be €6,200.

COMMISERATIONS

Commiserations to Cian McMahon, (Capt) Harry Byrne Liam Randles Charlie Keating Alex Hennigan Jack Lynch, Shane McAllister, Mark Clifford and Ronan Coffey Gavin White (Coach) JC O'Shea selector and St. Brendans College in Hogan Cup final.

CALINAFERCY ROWING CLUB

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We are holding our Table quiz Friday 25th March at 8pm in the Maine Valley Golf Club, Tralee Rd, Killorglin. Table of 4 €40. Loads of spot prizes. All welcome. As always we are grateful to our members and supporters who support us every year. Rowing training resumes for Adults and Kids you will be notified by text for dates and times.. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

KEEL GAA CLUB

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 14th of March. Numbers drawn: 3, 5, 10, 12. No winner of the jackpot of €5,100. Lucky dip: €50 The Carroll Family, Keel and €50 Tim Cooper Kilcummin. The jackpot will be €5,150 for the draw on Monday the 21st of March. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

The County Football Development League kicks off this weekend. The objective of the Development League is to give games to players who are not playing in the Senior County League and to bridge the gap from minor to senior football. Keel have been placed in Division 1 with Laune Rangers C, Listry B, Austin Stacks C and Kerins O Rahillys C. Keel B host Austin Stacks C this Saturday at 5pm in Keel. Best of luck to the team and management.

MID KERRY LEAGUE

Keel have a bye in the Mid Kerry League this weekend.

UNDER 17

Keel/Listry played Kenmare in Division 1 of the County League on Saturday in Listry. It was level at half time with 4 points apiece but Keel/Listry fought hard in the second half and ground out a good win over Kenmare Shamrocks on the score line of Keel/ Listry 1-09, Kenmare Shamrocks 1-07. Keel/Listry travel to Kilcummin on Saturday for round 4. Best of luck to the team and management. All support welcome.

UNDER 15

Keel/Listry U15s play their first challenge match of the year versus Laune Rangers in Killorglin



on Monday the 21st. Best of luck to all players and coaches.

UNDER 13

Keel/Listry U13s travelled to An Ghaeltacht on Sunday evening in their first outing of the year. Both teams had a good work out. Thanks to An Ghaeltacht for the game. They begin their County League next Sunday in Listry vs Killarney Legion. B game at 5:30 and A game at 7. Best of luck to all players and coaches.

UNDER 11

Thanks to everyone who attended our challenge game last Friday morning. There was a great turn out to support the teams. Both teams showed good skills and fitness. Training continues this Monday evening at Milltown primary school astro turf at 7.15-8.30. Thank you, from the U11 coaches.

UNDER 9

Football training continues Monday evening Milltown primary school Astro turf from 6:15 to 7:30. Please make sure your child has their gum shield and a drink.

UNDER 5 & UNDER 7 SKILLS ACADEMY:

This week's training session was held on a perfect Sunday morning for Fun & Games. Great to see some new faces join us. Training continues SUNDAY March 27th from 10:15 to 11:15am. Remember to bring a drink & a mouthguard. Training is open to girls & boys born in 2015, 2016 & 2017 who are members of the club. Membership can be paid on www.foireann.ie Details of how to do so can be found on the Keel GAA Facebook page.

SCÓR NA NÓG

The County Final of Scór na nÓg took place on Sunday in Glenbeigh hall. Mid Kerry will be represented by a number of Keel GAA members. Kyle Benson performed excellently in the Solo Singing and Saoirse Bonner, Kerry O'Shea, Tessa McGuigan, Saoirse Kennedy & Róisín Evans sang beautifully for the Ballad Group. Congratulations to the Ballad Group who came 2nd in the County Final. Well done to all our young performers for representing Keel and Mid Kerry superbly.

KERRY LGFA

Well done to Caoimhe Evans, Ciara Murphy and the Kerry Ladies team and management on their victory over Monaghan in the Division 2 National League semi-final on Sunday. Caoimhe lined out at centre forward and Ciara played at wing back. The final score was Kerry 1-14, Monaghan 1-11. Kerry will play Armagh in the Division 2 Final on Sunday April 10th. Best of luck to the ladies and their management.



KERRY GAA

Well done to the Kerry senior football team on their win over Armagh and commiserations to the Kerry hurling team who lost by 2 points to Down.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

We had our own St. Patrick a.k.a. Paddy, leading out the club in the Castlemaine St. Patrick's Day Parade. You can see a video and photo of the group across our social media. Well done to all the boys, girls, parents, and community for turning up and wearing the club colours! Thank you to everyone for supporting Keel GAA.

MEMBERSHIP

It is extremely important that all remaining membership is paid. 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.

KEEL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Keel Community Hall will be rocking to the country sounds of Eddie Lee and The Paudie Coffey Band on Saturday 2nd April at a 'Keel Goes Country' fundraising concert, to assist with funding for recent and ongoing renovations to the hall. The 'Keel Goes Country' concert is the first of many events planned to put the hall back at the centre of community activities in the parish. Music and dancing starts at 8pm on Saturday the 2nd April, refreshments will be available throughout the evening, together with a prize raffle. Tickets are €10 each and are available to order online from the Keel Community Facebook page and from Culloty's Electrical, The Mall Tralee, Hickey's Music Shop, Main St. Castleisland and all local shops in Keel and Castlemaine.

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees for 2022 are now due and everyone is advised to register as soon as possible as training and games are returning. The same as last year, 2022 membership registration will be online via www.foireann.ie. All players must be registered before playing or training.



LOTTO

Numbers drawn were: 4, 9, 27, 28. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Damian Keane, Crohane, James Casey, Furies, John W O Connor, c/o Bridie, Mgt Crowley, Dromore, Frank O Connor, c/o Bridie. Next weeks jackpot €8900

COISTE NA NOG

Academy Football Training returns to the pitch in Farranfore on Saturday 26th of March for Boys U7 & U9 from 10.30 to 11.30. U5 boys and Girls U6, U8 & U10 will return at a later date. All new players welcome. All players are reminded to bring their €3, Gumshields and water bottles. Remember No membership- No play.

FIXTURES

Minor Boys County League Rd 4 Saturday home vs Moyvane at 4pm

RESULTS

Senior Football League Div 3 Rd 1 Furies 2-13 St Senans 3-13

Senior Football League Div 6B Rd 1 Furies B 4-09 Dingle B 1-06

U14 Girls Furies 1-03 Churchill 4-09

UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

A word of thanks from St Senans to all the Furies Supporters at the County League Game on Sunday who contributed to the Ukraine Emergency Appeal at the game. And well done to St Senans who donated the full game gate collection to the appeal.

HOGAN CUP FINAL 2022

Hard Luck to St. Brendans Killarney who lost the Hogan Cup Final on Thursday against Nass CBS

in Croke Park. The team included Furies Senior Players Tomas Clifford, Brian McCarthy and Peter Cosgrave. The team was managed by Furies man Kevin Cronin.

CLUB REFEREES

Furies 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.furies.kerry@gaa.ie.

MKL

WELL DONE to Ciara Murphy, Caoimhe Evans and the Kerry Team who beat Monaghan in the semi final of the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 2 clash in Tuam on Sunday.

THANKS to all who joined us in Milltown and Castlemaine parades on St Patrick's Day.

WELL DONE to Saoirse McHugh part of the Kerry team that won the Munster final u13 badminton on Sunday.

2022 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATIONS are now open and can be done online via the GAA/LGFA portal <https://returntothegame.gaa.ie/>.

There are five options available:

- Adult Player (players born before 2004): €70
- Youth Player (players born 2004 to 2012): €55
- Family - 2 Youth Players: €100
- Family - 3 Youth Players: €140
- Non Player / Coach: €27

KENMARE WELCOMES BACK QUEST KENMARE TO KICK-OFF THE 2022 ADVENTURE SEASON!

More than 1,200 adventurer racers braved the wind and rain in Kenmare for the welcome return of Quest Kenmare, the first Quest Adventure Race of 2022.

Cycling and running around the stunning backdrops of Molls Gap, Bonane Heritage Park, Esk Mountain and Kenmare town, participants competed in three routes: the 28km Challenge route, 43km Sport route and 79km Expert route.

Despite adverse weather conditions, racers clearly enjoyed the day and were delighted to be back – and got into a the rhythm with a starting send off from Nick Bailey Drums. This is the first time Quest Kenmare has been able to take place since 2019, and its

absence has been keenly felt by adventure racers. The event was a super-fast sell-out as people grabbed the opportunity to get outdoors, take part in adventure events, and soak up some of the best scenery in the country.

Winners of the Expert route were Niall Davis and local woman Ellen Vitting, who defended her title successfully from 2019. Winners of the Sport route were Paul O'Brien and Niamh Cleary. Winners of the Challenge route were Brian Haugh and Aileen Crowley (see notes for full times and results).

Quest Kenmare will be back in 2023 with a provisional date of Saturday 11th March.



Two happy adventure racers at the Quest Kenmare finish line

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

CONGRATULATIONS to Marie O'Brien Scoring 29pts, Mary O'Reilly 22pts, Susan Graham 17pts in the Ladies Club Sponsored 18 hole Stapleford. Forthcoming Competitions: Club Sponsored 13 Hole Scramble (teams of 3) Fri.25th/Sat.26th. Sign in on BRS

SOCIAL GOLF

Wednesday (blocked off tee times) 12pm-1pm. Sign in on BRS. Draw for partners and times on Tuesday evening. The aim is to mix playing partners up each week. This is NOT a scramble or competition. Play your own ball in a relax and fun atmosphere. All members welcome.

LESSONS

Wednesday 11.00-12 noon. Saturday 10.30-11.30am.

GET INTO GOLF Commencing Monday April 25th 7-8.30pm. 8 week ladies beginner programme. Cost 65 Euro. Contact- Kieran 087 2748777. All Welcome.....

ROSS GC - GENTS CLUB

RESULT

On March 19th/20th we held the first round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with an 18 hole qualifying single stableford competition kindly sponsored by

John Cushkelly Painting & Decorating.

The winners were - 1: Anthony O Mahony 43. 2: Aidan O'Connor 42. 3: Peter Wickham 40. 4: Ger Flynn 37. 5: Virginijus Jonikiatis 37

On Friday March 18th we held a very successful St Patrick's 10 hole mixed scramble. There was a very large turnout and the scoring was very competitive.

A great day was had by all in good weather and the course was in fantastic condition. We offer our thanks to the Ladies Club for organising the event

FIXTURE

On Sat March 26th and Sunday March 27th we will hold an 18 hole qualifying single stableford competition.

If playing on Saturday there is a timesheet

available on the noticeboard. The online entry for Sunday will be available from 7pm on Thursday.

KILLARNEY GOLF AND FISHING CLUB - LADIES

SUNDAY MARCH 20TH KEANES JEWELLERS SPONSORED

SCOTCH MIXED TEAM OF FOUR

1st: Amy Arthur, Steven Broderick, Ciara O'Mahony, Emmet Scanlan (49 Points)

2nd: Meg Dalton, Michael Maher, Colm O'Shea, Sinead O'Shea (47 Points)

3rd: Tom Finn, Evelyn Courtney, Conor McNeice, Annette McNeice (46 Points - B9)

4th: Josephine O'Sullivan, Pdraig O'Sullivan, Maire Murphy, Sean Murphy (46 Points - B3)

KILLARNEY HEIGHTS GOLF SOCIETY

The Killarney Heights Golf Society had their first outing in a windswept Mahonys Point last Saturday. Denis Cronin returned a fine score of 35pts. in Donal Hickey's Presidents Prize which was kindly sponsored by Eddie Slattery.

RESULTS

Denis Cronin (16) 35pts. Eugene O'Sullivan (1) 34pts. James Collins (12) 34pts. Jim Sheehan (14) 33pts. Michael O'Neill (18) 33 pts. Dermot Foley (10) 33pts.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

Mixed Scramble hosted by the Ladies Club Friday 18th. A great turnout on a beautiful day for golf



Killarney Golf Club Junior Girls Captain Alicia Burke, Gents Captain Tommy Galvin, Lady Captain Anne Duggan and Killarney Golf Club President Junior Finnegan at the President's and Junior Captain's drive-in at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

1st: Marc Villa, John Fleming, Martin Hayes, Breda O'Farrell.

2nd: Bridie Brosnan, Maureen Crowley, Mikey O'Sullivan, Humphrey Kerins

3rd: Bridie Doyle, Tim Ryan, MJ O'Sullivan, Mike O'Leary

4th: Helen O'Donoghue, Seamus McCarthy, John O'Brien

COMPETITIONS

Club sponsored 9-hole single Stapleford competition on Friday 1st April and Saturday 2nd April. All Members welcome Tee times 10:30am - 11:00pm. Entry can be made on ClubV1 app.

MEET AND PLAY

Each Wednesday morning meet at 10.15am for 10.30am. All members welcome

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

ST PATRICKS HOLIDAY DRAWS

Results of these draws held last Thursday and Sunday. Thursday March 17th- Fourball Betterball- First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Dan Kiely 37, Gross: Sean Ashe & Robbie O'Brien Snr 49, Second Nett: Aidan O'Keeffe & Mark O'Shea 38 1/2, Hole In One: Betty O'Brien (6th Hole). Sunday March 20th- Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Sean Ashe & Sean O'Brien 37, Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Niall O'Loughlin 47, Second Nett: Sean Ashe & Aidan O'Keeffe 37 1/2.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Same again this Sunday at 9am and 10.45am. Entry €4 per draw, fee of €7 for both. Open to club members aged 15 or over.

MEMBERSHIP COLLECTION Will continue again this weekend in the clubhouse on Saturday from 1-2pm and Sunday morning from 11.30am-12.30pm. Rates the same as 2021.

CON CLEAR RIP

The club was saddened to hear of the death of former member Con Clear Junior in Nenagh last week. We offer our sincerest sympathies to his family, friends and the Riverdale club in Nenagh itself on his loss.



Killarney Golf Club President Junior Finnegan in full swing at the President's and Junior Captain's drive-in at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday. Included are Junior Girls Captain Alicia Burke, Gents Captain Tommy Galvin, Lady Captain Anne Duggan and club members. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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But for every hill, there is a valley, and after every high comes the low. And the effect of the low is crashing and destructive. Then, a choice – stay low, feeling rotten, or do it again to go high. This is how addiction works. It's an overwhelming temptation because of the effect that's felt - and we will deal with the crash after. Suddenly there is no more choice. It is a need that we now have to feed. And anything is better than feeling hopeless and lost. Very many people have endured difficult things in life. Abuse – be it sexual, physical, emotional or verbal; tragedies, accidents, and other traumatic events - often covered up, hidden away. All so painful that you think when you hear the stories – 'it's no wonder they drink or struggle with addiction – that was their way of dealing with the anguish.' These things were coping mechanisms for a time, but unfortunately the thing that may have helped you forget lost its impact and turned sour.

Friend, you and I were created by God. You are not a mistake. God knit you together in your mother's womb, and He created you to live a blessed, victorious life (Psalms 62:1-2; Psalms 139:13-18). But the devil knows this too, and has sought to bring destruction in any way that would derail you causing you to lose your joy. "The thief comes ONLY to steal, to kill and to destroy...." That is how he works. But Jesus said "I have come that you would enjoy your life in abundance." (John 10:10) Lot's of people who struggle are not enjoying their lives. In fact if truth be told they are miserable inside. And to make it worse, they may have indulged in blaming God, or others for their problems - entertaining unforgiveness, bitterness, even hate – a recipe for disaster. The first step is to acknowledge you need help by calling upon the One who created you and loves you. Jesus said 'whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved' (Romans 10:13). Let's pray aloud....Dear God, I confess I am a sinner. Please forgive me and restore joy to me. I want to know You. Lord Jesus, I need You! Please come into my life and take over as my Lord and Saviour. Heal me from the pain of my past, and deliver me back onto Your path for my life. Fill me and baptise me with Your Holy Spirit, teach me Your Word, and be my Friend to help me every day, in Jesus name I pray, amen (Psalms 119:50; John 15:14). Tune into our podcast on Spotify called 'My Comforter' for more.

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KILLARNEY LEGION OF MARY ROSARY; will be recited at the green area in Woodlawn Park, Killarney at 3pm on Sunday 3rd April. There will also be a general blessing of the homes in the area. All Welcome.

FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE: A fundraising Concert hosted by the Moriarty School of Music & Dance in aid of Ukraine will take place on Sat 2nd April in the Killarney Avenue Hotel commencing at 8pm. Fear an Tí for the night will be none other than the legendary Seán Ó Sé. Performers include Patrick O'Sullivan, his son Conor, Elle Marie O'Dwyer, Alan Finn and friends, Conor Moriarty and the Kilcummin Set and Irish Dancers. Tickets are €20 per head & are on sale at the Killarney Avenue Hotel and from John at the Rural Dev. Office. Raffle on the night. All proceeds will go to Trócaire for their Ukrainian fund.

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

There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my mother.

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

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

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Remember, dear Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou dost exercise to shield me from the justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee too by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in Heaven. Amen.

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Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.
Amen.
Say this prayer for three days. Publication of prayer and favour will be granted.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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ON 24TH MARCH 2021

As we lovingly remember and greatly miss Timmy on his first anniversary, his wife Margaret, children Nelius, Mairead, Timothy, Flora and John, son-in-law Stephen, daughter-in-law Helen, Siobhan, grandchildren, and extended family wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who extended their support, kindness, and sympathy on our sad loss. Due to Covid restrictions at the time we know many family and friends could not be with us in person, but we would like to say how much we appreciated the online messages of condolences, Mass cards, Perpetual Enrolments, messages, letters and phone calls sharing lovely thoughts and fond memories of Timmy. To everyone who visited the house and to all those who brought food and refreshments we greatly appreciated it.

We send our heartfelt thanks to all those who lined the road on Timmy's final journey from Aunaskirtane to Rathmore Church and to everyone who joined us at the church and graveyard, we were deeply touched by this, your support brought us great comfort.

Thanks to John D O'Keefe Funeral Directors for their kindness and guidance in arranging the funeral. Sincere thanks to Fr. Pat O'Donnell for the beautiful funeral mass and to Joan Collins for the lovely singing and music.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions

Timmy's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday the 27th March at 11.30am in St Joseph's Church, Rathmore.

*Your presence we miss,
Your memories we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*

Always loved and forever missed by
your wife Margaret and family.

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