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At her final concert in St. Brendan's College, much loved Music Teacher Mish O'Donoghue is pictured with past pupils Jonathon O'Keeffe, Donal Lucey, Peter O'Shea, David Payne, Jack Costello, Finn O'Suilleabháin, Joe Rudden, Cillian Hickey, Conor Brosnan, Chris Keary, Sean Cronin, Scott O'Meara, Liam Randles, Rian Colleran, Jake Casey and teacher Niamh O'Connell at the St Brendan's Liam O'Connor Concert in The Chapel, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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With a little rise in temperatures and a little more blue skies on the horizon we bring you a jam-packed magazine this week.

Much loved Mish O'Donoghue has called time on her teaching career, plans are in place for a coffee morning at The Dug-Out and the Killarney/South Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society have received much needed funds.

Killarney Rotary Club are celebrating 40 years of memories, Ladies health is on the agenda at HeartBeat and a Killarney Engineer has been honoured with a Fellowship.

There were celebrations at the Killarney Park Run when Cillian O'Leary completed his 50th run, a Killarney woman has been given a new chance of life thanks to organ donation and Philip takes on a 200km run for the Kerry Mental Health Association.

Election Fever is kicking off with June 7th firmly in the minds of all our local politicians who are hoping for a successful election day, a special tribute has been paid to a popular Killarney hotelier and there was a huge welcome for the news that Kerry has a new National Park.

Sliabh Luachra Boxers win All Ireland Gold, the Lions Club successfully teed off and a two year old swimmer has been honoured by the Water Babies.

With Jimmy taking a look at All Things Sport, Under 16 Basketball girls winning an All Ireland title and the launch of the Rally of the Lakes, I hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

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Rossbeigh Beach looking amazing.... captured perfectly by Philippa Knight.



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### €5,000 FOR THE ICS FOLLOWING DAFFODIL DAY COFFEE MORNING

hile the members of the Irish Cancer Society were out in force on Daffodil Day raising money for the charity, staff at Muckross House Garden Restaurant weren't left wanting!

The generous members of the catering team held a coffee morning on the day and raised an amazing  $\in$ 1,400. This was then topped up by the Trustees of Muckross by  $\in$ 3,600 and this week they gathered at the restaurant to present the cheque to the Irish Cancer Society, Killarney South Kerry Branch.

"We are so grateful to the staff and management at the Garden Restaurant and to the Trustees of Muckross House for their generous contribution to the Irish Cancer Society", Eugene O'Sullivan, Chairperson told Killarney Outlook.



Colin Baker Manager Muckross House Garden Restaurant presenting the charity cheque for €5000 proceeds of Daffodil Day Coffee Morning on behalf of the Restaurant staff and Trustees of Muckross House to Kathleen O'Shea Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch with (front) Eleanor O'Doherty Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch, Rozann Murray Muckross House Restaurant, Denis Reidy General Manager Muckross (back from left) Eugene O'Sullivan Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch, Sharon Harrington Muckross House Restaurant, Kathrina Breen Irish Cancer Society Killarney Branch, Claudina O'Shea and Jane Curran Muckross House Restaurant at Muckross House Killarney on Turesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

# **DUG OUT VENUE** for Hospice Fundraiser

The new surrounding of the Dug Out at the Tatler Jack on Plunkett is the venue for a coffee morning in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation on Friday May 3rd next from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Manager, David Looney is no stranger to fundraising, having undertaken a 170 mile run in memory of his sister in law Geraldine.

This time, David has decided to hold a coffee morning at the venue and

everyone is invited! David will undertake the fundraiser in aid of Palliative Care and in memory of his sister in Law Geraldine O'Connor who passed away on the 30th November 2021.

"Geraldine had a five year battle with cancer and she was patient of Palliative Care Unit in Tralee in the final months and weeks, where she was cared for by the most amazing staff. The care she received and the facilities provided to her and her family gave her loved ones great comfort in what was the most challenging time of their lives", David told Killarney Outlook.

"This fundraiser is a way of giving back and thanking the amazing staff at this great facility", David added.



Lucky ducks..... These guys made a pit stop at the Amber filling station on top of Ross Road around 2pm on Saturday last and not a bit bothered by all the traffic rushing for the big match in town. Photo: Brendan O'Mahony Muckross.

Pictured at the launch of a coffee morning in aid of The Kerry Hospice Foundation and organised by by David Looney are Pat Doolan, Kay Spillane, David Looney, Phylis O'Sullivan, Angela Curran and Cathal Walsh.

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Thank you for the music .... Mish brings the house down on her

### final concert at St. Brendan's

ne of the most popular teachers in St. Brendan's College in Killarney has produced her last concert at the school. Mish O'Donoghue was honoured by principal Sean Coffey at the Liam O'Connor Concert which is an annual event in the school. Mish has brought out the love of music in hundreds of boys throughout her time as the schools Music Teacher and some of these young men have gone on to perform on the world wide stage.

Guest of honour at the concert was former Irish International Soccer player Liam Brady who addressed the packed church on Thursday April 18th.

Principal Sean Coffey presented Mish with the Clann Bhreanainn Medal to mark her final concert and she was joined by present and former pupils on stage for a rendition of "Thank You For The Music" in a heartwarming display of the great love the students have for their teacher.

The concert was as always amazing with globally-renowned accordion maestro Liam O'Connor continuing to display his ability to attract top names to his annual Liam O'Connor Show with St. Brendan's college choir and music group at St Brendan's College in Killarney.

Guest speaker Liam Brady played 72 times for Ireland and his illustrious career included trophywinning spells with Arsenal in England and Juventus in Italy.

"It was a perfect night to pay tribute to our inspirational friend, music teacher Mish O'Donoghue, educator, mother and most caring person", Liam O'Connor told



Liam O'Connor performing with Tony Fitzgibbon at all who were touched the St Brendan's Liam O'Connor Concert in The Chapel, by her presence. St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Killarney Outlook. "Thank you from the O'Connor family and we are so delighted that Saoirse dedicated Elton's John's song "Your Song" to Mish, he added.

Niamh O'Connell music teacher in St. Brendan's paid tribute to her great friend Mish by singing an ABBA medley joined by the students and Past pupils.

"It was simply an amazing, emotional performance", Liam said.

Noel O'Sullivan musician, teacher and friend of Liam and Mish was at the concert and he said it was, as always, a moving, inspiring, and uplifting event and this year reached the same heights as previous years.

In a post on Social Media the school said:

Last Thursday night marked our school community's annual Liam O'Connor concert, a cherished tradition filled with unforgettable moments. This year, however, held an even deeper significance as we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of this special event. Amidst the familiar melodies and heartfelt performances, there was an added poignancy as we bid farewell to a beloved figure, Mish O'Donoghue, who graced the stage for the last time.

The evening was punctuated by surprises as past pupils emerged from the wings to serenade Mish with a moving rendition of 'Step It Out Mary', a song etched in our memories from their triumphant journey on Britain's Got Talent. Even the teachers, inspired by Mish's spirit, braved the stage to belt out 'The Auld Triangle' in honuor of their beloved colleague. To Mish, we extend our deepest

gratitude for the music, the camaraderie, and the invaluable guidance she has bestowed upon us. The legacy she leaves behind, after 19 years of cultivating a love of music and the arts in St. Brendan's College, will forever resonate within the halls of The Sem and the hearts of all who were touched by her presence.



Final Call.....Sean Coffey Principal making a special presentation to Mish O'Donoghue of Clann Bhreanainn Medal to mark her final concert at the St Brendan's Liam O'Connor Concert in The Chapel, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Staff members Paul Bardan, Turlough O'Brien, Orna O'Shea, Haulie Clifford, Hugh Rudden, Niamh Sheehy and Mike Leahy singing the Auld Triangle with Mish O'Donoghue at the St Brendan's Liam O'Connor Concert in The Chapel, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Former Irish International Liam Brady guest speaker with teacher Niamh O'Connell, Sean Coffey Principal, teacher Mish O'Donoghue and Liam O'Connor at the St Brendan's Liam O'Connor Concert in The Chapel, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Teacher Mish O'Donoghue conducting the School Choir at the St Brendan's Liam O'Connor Concert in The Chapel, St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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## Killarney Rotary Club celebrates 40 years with a book of memories

### "A COLLECTION OF RECOLLECTIONS", a new book to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Rotary Club in Killarney.

Founding member and first president of Rotary Killarney, John O'Shea was joined by some of the Rotary club members, included new members Marie Keogh O'Sullivan and Conor O'Leary to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Rotary in Killarney at Brownes Bar in The Great Southern Hotel

"As part of our celebrations, and with only one of the original founding members, active in the club we decided to make a record of the events organised to raise money, for worthy causes, by the club members over the years", Barry Murphy, President of the club told Killarney Outlook.

"What started out as a leaflet, ended up being a book. We are grateful to the many contributors for taking the time to record their memories for this project", he added.

The Rotary Book Launch, a "collection of recollections" is on Wednesday 1st of May at 7.30p.m. in the Great Southern Killarney, and promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

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Pictured at The Rotary Lunch at the Great Southern Hotel are Barry Murphy, President Killarney Rotary Club, Marie Keogh O'Sullivan, new member, John O'Shea, Founding Member, Conor O'Leary, new member and Michael Jacobi, CEO Hayfield Collection.

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### PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR KILLARNEY ENGINEER

A Killarney Engineer has been honoured with a fellowship by Engineers Ireland.

Niamh Cronin from Aghadoe, Killarney received the award from Edmond Harty, President of Engineers Ireland, at a recent conferring ceremony in Cork.

Dr. Edmond Harty, who is a past pupil of St. Brendan's College, presented the award which is the most prestigious and senior professional title within the engineering profession and is awarded to highly skilled and experienced leaders in the engineering industry who are shaping, influencing and inspiring both engineers and the wider industry. Niamh was recently appointed as Director of Punch Consulting Engineers.



Niamh Cronin receiving her prestigious award from Dr. Edmond Harty.



# If you go down to the woods today.... WOODLAND WALK PLANED FOR THIS WEEKEND

To celebrate Bealtaine, Fossa Climate Action Group will host a woodland walk along the Fossa Way this Saturday 27th of April. This walk will be guided by the ecologists from Killarney National Park Education Centre that will be willing and able to answer any questions on our native Flora and Fauna. This time of the year is spectacular for nature as woodland flowers are in full bloom on the forest floor and leaves are unfurling high above in the canopy. The walk will begin at 10am and will be over by 12 midday. To accommodate everyone, please contact Paul O' Raw if you are planning to attend. Book your free place by texting Paul on 0872317204. TO ADVERTISE CALL EMMA 087 6593427 | E: sales@outlookmags.com



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# Ministers announce **Ireland's first Marine National Park**

his week, Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD along with Minister of State for the Office of Public Works, Kieran O'Donnell TD, have confirmed the establishment of Ireland's first Marine National Park - Páírc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí,

The new Páirc, which is centred around Corca Dhuibhne in Co. Kerry, will unite some of Europe's most ecologically valuable places in celebration of nature across 70,000 acres of lands and seas.

It brings together new acquisitions by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, such as the Conor Pass, the Owenmore River catchment, lands at Mount Brandon and the sand dune system at Inch Peninsula, along with sites already under State ownership, such as the limestone reefs of Kerry Head Shoals and the waters around the Blasket Islands.

Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí will be a flagship for the protection and restoration of these incredible places and the globally important array of wildlife that they are home to. The Páirc will also honour the island and coastal communities who live alongside it by ensuring that their unique tapestry of cultural and natural heritage is central to the future story of this special place.

The landscapes, islands and seas of this region are of enormous significance for biodiversity. Starting in the majestic uplands of Mount Brandon and Conor Pass, we find active blanket bogs and heaths, with famed alpine flora, providing valuable habitats for the Peregrine Falcon, Otter and Marsh Fritillary butterfly. Nestled among them is the pristine Owenmore river, one of the last remaining refuges of the Freshwater Pearl Mussel. Down at the coast, we can see some of the finest sand dune systems in Europe, which are home to the Natterjack Toad, before heading out to sea to encounter the shallow bays, which are important breeding sites for sharks and rays, and an extensive and biologically rich marine limestone reef system. The islands speak for themselves, with entire populations of rare and endangered seabirds such as Puffin, Storm Petrel, Gannet and Razorbill, as well as unique communities of lichen and other flora.

Equally, the area's cultural and archaeological value cannot be overstated. The UNESCO World Heritage property of Sceilig Mhicíl, an island of



Niall Ó Donnchú, Director General of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), centre, with Declan Murphy, Failte Ireland and Adam Brennan, Commisioner of Irish lights, as Ministers announce Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí. Ireland's first Marine National Park includes the Conor Pass, sites at Inch Peninsula, Mount Brandon and the Owenmore River. The Páirc will celebrate and protect some of Ireland's most valuable places for nature and heritage in Co. Kerry. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

global importance, is at the heart of the Páirc's cultural heritage. The seas that surround it, meanwhile, were the routeways of the past and the last resting place of many historic wrecks. They include the Spanish Armada vessel of Santa Maria de la Rosa, which was lost off Blasket Sound in 1588. On the mainland, the landscapes of the Páirc document the history of settlement in the region, with archaeological monuments and traces of people over the millennia, including those who etched ogham script on the ancient standing stone at Araghglen on Mount Brandon, a National Monument.

Diarmaid Griffin, the Green Party Candidate for Killarney Municipal area has welcomed the Ireland's newest National Park: Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí. The National Park is Ireland's first Marine Park with 70,000 acres of protection with most of that in marine areas.

'The announcement is bigger and better than expected' says Green Candidate, Diarmaid Griffin 'It is great day for Nature and for Kerry.' While it will be hard to beat Killarney National Park, this one should attract even more visitors to the Kingdom and will hopefully translate to longer stays. Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí is an invaluable addition to the offering in Kerry and will promote sustainable tourism in the region.'



launch of Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí in Dingle on Monday



Diarmaid Griffin meets Minister Malcolm Noonan at the At the Conor Pass, Sarah Uí Bhroin, Assistant Principal, Nature Conservation Directorate, William Hunt, District Conservation Ranger, NPWS, Minister Malcolm Noonan and Minister Darragh O'Brien. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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

With Anne Lucey

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



### Third Anniversary of the great fire - time to clear out the deadwood fuel

As the third anniversary of the fire which almost destroyed Killarney National Park is marked - an international conference in Tralee put Killarney fires centre stage.

It heard how the extent of wildfires here are being underestimated. And how they are set to increase as we get more drought periods. The landscape around us is "flammable. More management is needed including grazing and maintaining land, the impressive conference heard. We tend to overlook just how flammable all the grasses and furze and undergrowth actually is, said Ciarán Nugent of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. He is this country's international representative reporting to the EU, the US and Australia on the situation in Ireland.

As the craze for rewilding gains traction, forest engineer Ciarán points out how the biggest fires in the UK last year were in rewilded areas. Traditional methods of controlled burning so there was 'a mosaic of landscapes' were being encouraged in Portugal. A return to this form of land management was to be encouraged here too, Ciarán said. Simply leaving the landscape to rewild would encourage rather than prevent

fires.

"We have some of the best growing conditions in Europe for vegetation,' said Ciarán who co-ordinated the International Association of Wildland Fires event in Tralee. The "fast moving fire" which engulfed a third of the Killarney national park in late April 2021 after a dry spell had been fuelled by 30 years of untreated vegetation - particularly grasses and other material. 'People in Ireland won't accept the word fuel - they say vegetation, but to a fire it's all fuel,' he said.

This year's wet spring meant there had been no controlled burning, and this vegetation would be fuel for a fire either later this year or next year whenever the next drought would arise. Soil moisture monitoring was now undertaken here to anticipate drought periods, the conference heard.

My own concern is the amount of fallen trees in the national park after this very wet winter/ spring when so many trees were uprooted. The timber is simply left, in the misguided belief this will be of benefit. The dead trees should be removed, and the timber given away or sold.

### Páírc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí

Will the new national park for Kerry be a rival to Killarney? The new park is bigger but only

on paper and it is less of a unit. One can't help thinking that it is political pressure rather than an integrated whole that is behind the move. The important aspects - Skellig, Derrynane and Inch are already highly protected under Unesco as well as EU conservation legislation. The jostling behind the scenes about this announcement was huge - the Greens were out first for the credit and were doing much of the running to the media corrs. But the man with the cheque book was Darragh O Brien, the Fianna Fail Housing Minister who brought it over the line - with 12 million euro buying parcels of land amounting to 4,500 acres.

Mind you, I have to take my hat off to Darragh and to Malcolm. They make for a good energetic team and are friends to Killarney. I saw them in action in April 2021 when they took it upon themselves to visit the burnt park and lend a supportive shoulder to what was a worrying issue.

Keen walker Fine Gael councillor Cosaí Fitzgerald who was behind a greenway on the Conor Pass before anyone else said nothing much will change now. But developing walkways from the Conor Pass to Dingle and to Mount Brandon along the old green road should be a lot easier because the land is owned by the State.

Meanwhile Killarney has to be careful resources are not diverted. The real proof of the pudding will be the employment of extra personnel and boats to patrol the fragile coastline in the Páirc.

As with Killarney, the new Páirc has lots of water - lakes, canoeing rivers as well as sea sites. Licensing as well as pricing and even allowing a tendering system for commercial activity on State owned waters and islands such as the Skellig are issues that will have to be fully addressed. Will the new plan for boating and other activity, commercial and leisure on lakes as well as on sea trips to Skellig and Blasket impact on Killarney?

No News is Not Good news

There is little doubt now but the news industry is in crisis. To such an extent the media commission is looking at grant aiding court and council reporting in the regions. Kerry Sinn Fein TD Pa Daly last week praised the traditional media, or at least "some of it". When Sinn Fein are holding up the traditional fact based media balanced and fair, we are all in trouble! The party has relentlessly pursued newspapers, suing, complaining or getting organisations they control to complain and make life difficult for individual journalists. Being targeted by Sinn Fein and their minions is not pleasant, believe me. I like Pa Daly and have always found him fair and co-operative as a solicitor in the courts and so on, so I exempt him from his party's witch hunt of journalists.

On the broader front, it is not so much the demise of local papers as the demise of nuts and bolts reporting that is the issue. Until recently, most papers in Kerry- and I include the Examiner and the great regional page two of the Irish Times along with the Indo, along with the locals - delivered regular hard news meeting reports, information about grants and schemes of public interest in Kerry and counties outside the big cities. This was a two hundred year tradition of newspaper reporting which as much as education did, raised the standards of living everywhere. The house that did not buy a newspaper was a backward house!

We tend now to look at media as colour, as wholly sensational rather than also informative. Or as depressing. Irish news broadcast and print these days is dominated with cheap news off the wires about very selective war zones - which no-one here can do anything about anyway. So we get all upset about Gaza, but we care nothing for Darfur. And we are taken by surprise when small businesses in Killarney are asked to pay €750 to rent a space to put their bins! We are already beginning to rue the dearth of relevant reporting.

It is an established fact that modern civilization grew with the spread of news. What is to become of us all swooning over manipulated images on tik-tok, and being fed on one-sided press releases from the powerful, while knowing less and less?



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The launch which took place in Beech Road offices last week brought together many of the clubs and organisations that received sponsorship amounting to  $\in$ 35,000 last year. Killarney Credit Union is very proud to have sponsored numerous events and each initiative highlighted in the report publicises the impact made on the communities they serve.

"At the heart of our credit union lies a deep-seated commitment to people, not profits. This report encapsulates our unwavering dedication to social responsibility, financial inclusion, sustainable growth and community development." said Joy Vaughan-Clifford, Chairperson, Killarney Credit Union. "Killarney Credit Union aims to prioritize our members' needs. Our focus on our members is strengthened by personalised service and a strong sense of community."

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report include Volunteerism, Strategic Plan Implementation, development of an Environmental Sustainability brief, green product development, access to financial services and credit, member awareness programmes and benefits of being a member.

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### LADIES HEALTH ON THE AGENDA AT HEARTBEAT MEETING

It's Ladies Night at the next HeartBeat meeting on Tuesday 30th April @8pm at the Parish Centre, Park Road, next to the Church of the Resurrection . There will be 4 Speakers along to talk on different aspects of Ladies Health. Among the subjects being covered are Perimenopause and treatment options, symptoms of menopause, and the long term effects without the hormone Oestrogen. Bone, Brain and Heart Health as well as Gynaecological concerns, and other female issues will be looked at.

To cover these and other issues HeartBeat has invited Dr Marie Cleary and Nurse Triona Casey from the Mna womens health clinic, together with Claire Hynds Physiotherapist Advanced Clinical practitioner who will talk about pelvic health, and Nurse Anna O'Donoghue who will cover women's symptoms/heart attack etc. There will be a QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION after the talks.

This is a once off opportunity not-to-be-missed! It's a FREE meeting open to ladies of all ages. A problem is a problem no matter what age you are and our speakers offer a big welcome to the young and more mature ladies to be there. A Blood Pressure and Pulse Clinic will operate from 7.30 until 8pm and again after the meeting if required. As always, Tea, coffee and chat will be available afterwards compliments of HeartBeat









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A young Killarney athlete has achieved the amazing accomplishment of completing 50 Park Runs in Killarney House. Cillian O'Leary's performance is all the more special as he is one of 232 people globally who has been diagnosed with the rare genetic disorder Hao Fountain Syndrome (USP7 deletion).

On Sunday last Cillian was presented with with his achievement band for 50 junior parkruns.

"Cillian has completed all 50 here in Killarney House junior parkrun" his dad Michael told Killarney Outlook. "We are so proud of him on this outstanding achievement", he added.

While Cillian's diagnosis is so rare with symptoms that include speech & language impairment, hypotonia/low muscle tone, gross & fine motor delays, abnormal gait, epilepsy and intellectual disability, none of these hold Cillian back when it comes to his weekly junior parkrun on a Sunday morning. "It is ideal for Cillian as he gets to run around the track at his own pace & distance and he meets all the wonderful volunteers who cheer him on all the way through from the warm up right to the finish line. It's wonderful to have such an inclusive amenity on our doorstep every Sunday morning and all the other kids are extremely kind to him", Michael added.

It was very fitting that Cillian completed his 50th park run on 7th April, which also happened to be Hao-Fountain Syndrome Awareness Day.

The weekend was a busy one for the O'Leary family who also celebrated Cillian's Confirmation at Our Lady and St Brendan's Church Tralee with his fellow students at St Itas and St Joseph's School Tralee.

### CILLIAN MAKES IT 50 PARK RUNS ON A VERY SPECIAL DAY



Cillian O'Leary taking part in his 50th Park Run



Runners and organisers of the Killarney Park Run celebrating with Cillian O'Leary after his 50th Park Run.

# **Light a Candle** for the Children of Gaza

'Gael ar son Gaza', a Palestinian solidarity group are calling on communities throughout the country and light a candle in memory of the 14,000+ children who have been killed in Israel's siege on Gaza. 'Killarney for Palestine' will gather at the market cross at 7pm on Wednesday the 1st of May and walk the short distance together to the children's famine burial graveyard adjacent to the Tree of Light at St Mary's Cathedral.

This is a non-denominational event and is open to every member of the community. Everybody is welcome to bring along a candle to honor &

hold space for the beautiful Palestinian children who were loved and cherished



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# ORGAN **6** DONATION transformed Julie's life

### My future now holds hope, excitement, and immense gratitude.

woman who spent part of her life living in Killarney was at the official launch of Organ Donor Awareness Week 2024 (20-27 April) which was held at the Mansion House, Dublin 2.

Julie Egan is a kidney and pancreas transplant recipient who now lives in Donegal.

She underwent a simultaneous kidney and pancreas transplant at Vincent's Hospital last year after 4 years of dialysis treatment and over two decades living with diabetes and daily insulin injections. "Soon after



Julie Egan, double transplant kidney and pancreas recipient. Picture Andres Poveda

moving back from New York to Killarney, I was diagnosed with type one Diabetes. I was just eleven when my world was turned upside down. My life became a constant struggle. Hospitalisations due to complications with my diabetes plagued my youth, teenage, and early adulthood years. During her adult years, Julie suffered major health issues including partial blindness, low energy and battle debilitating kidney issues and suffered with little energy and frequent ICU visits.

"Even surviving COVID-19 was a challenge", Julie said. "I then contracted TB and endured rigorous testing, after which I was finally placed on the transplant list at St. Vincent's University Hospital for a kidney and pancreas transplant", she said.

In Spring 2023, I received a call for a simultaneous kidney and pancreas transplant, which was a total success. Waking up, I felt like a weight had been lifted. No more insulin injections and the four years of dialysis sessions which I had to undergo three times a week, leaving close to 2,000 hours on a dialysis machine behind me. I could finally live, not just exist.

The emotions overwhelmed me. Gratitude, relief, and disbelief flooded my heart. To think that someone's selfless act, their decision to donate organs, had given me a second chance at life. It's a feeling I struggle to put into words.

Now, I can dream again. Traveling was once a distant dream, but now it's within reach. In fact, I wrote this while away in Malaga for my studies. My partner and I talk excitedly about trips and holidays we want to take, and making memories that I never thought possible.

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### **ASSESS IRELAND RALLY OF THE LAKES** DETAILS REVEALED AT EVENT LAUNCH

Killarney and District Motor Club launched the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes at the Gleneagle Hotel on Sunday afternoon.

The 43rd running of the biggest rally in Kerry is set to take place on May 4 and 5.

Rally fans can expect an action-packed weekend, beginning with the nowtraditional ceremonial start on Main Street on Friday night.

-The rally returns to the Beara Peninsula on Saturday and the route will include classic favourites like Cod's Head, Ardgroom and the Healy Pass.

Sunday's route also features some new roads, as the rally heads to east Kerry with newer versions of old favourites on offer including a longer version of Gortnagane.

Returning too for 2024 is title sponsor Assess Ireland who are front runners when it comes to providing automotive and engineering inspection services. It provides a nationwide service through its network of engineers.



Raymond O'Neill, Kenny O'Neill, Ronald Riordan, John Hickey, Tony Murphy and Charlie Hickey at the launch of the Assess Ireland International Rally of the Lakes at The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Sunday .The rally will take place on May 4th and 5th. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

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### Red Carpet Reception for Billy Naughton Citroen Kerry at The Gleneagle Hotel

The Gleneagle, Killarney rolled out the red carpet for a super-stylish addition to its fleet: a brand new Citroen C5X. This exciting arrival marks the beginning of an exclusive partnership between the hotel and Billy Naughton Citroen Kerry.

With its blend of sophistication, comfort, and cutting-edge technology, the sleek Citroen C5X will play a pivotal role in transporting the hotel's VIPs and international stars to and from The Gleneagle.

"We are thrilled to embark on this partnership with The Gleneagle," says Jimmy O'Sullivan, Sales Manager at Billy Naughton Citroen Kerry. "At Billy Naughtons, we are committed to excellence and we believe this collaboration reflects our shared values and commitment to quality."

The Gleneagle is equally enthusiastic about the partnership, recognising the opportunity to enhance the guest experience and showcase the hotel's dedication to customer service and professionalism.

"We are delighted with this partnership and the opportunity to showcase Citroen. The addition of the C5X to our fleet reflects our ongoing commitment to providing our guests with the highest standards of innovation and customer service" says Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO of The Gleneagle.



Billy Naughton, (left), CEO Billy Naughton Citroen Kerry presenting Patrick O'Donoghue, (2nd left), CEO of The Gleneagle with the keys to a Citroen C5X earlier this week. Also pictured: Shane O'Driscoll, Head of Event Management and Operations at The Gleneagle and Jimmy O'Sullivan, Sales Manager at Billy Naughton Citroen Kerry. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

### PHILIP TAKES ON 200KM RUN FOR Kerry Mental Health Association

With numerous fundraising runs under his belt, mental health advocate Philip Kissane from Killarney has nominated Kerry Mental Health Association as the benefitting charity when he takes part in the 200km Kerry Way Ultra Marathon in September.

The event will be staged along the trails and mountains of the scenic Kerry Way over two consecutive days and through the night, the equivalent of 5 marathons.

All funds raised will go directly to Kerry Mental Health Association who help people in Kerry with mental health challenges, their families and carers.

To donate visit https:// www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/ PhilipKissane11.

Philip Kissane, the Construction Site Manager for Sisk at the new Killarney Community Hospital, said, "It's hugely important to look after your mental health and the workforce around you as well. It's being conscious [that] it's an ongoing thing and there's a lot of stigma around it. I myself am an ambassador for mental health within Sisk. We have an 'I am here' community which has ambassadors and tribesmen, so that allows you to look out for anyone that may be in trouble with their mental health on site."

The Kerry Way Ultra is conducted along The Kerry Way trail with the athletes running over mountain passes, green trails, boggy ground, wire-covered sleepers, country roads and a minimum of main road.

It will take place on Friday 6th into Saturday 7th September with the start/ finish line located at Killarney Racecourse.

Anyone wishing to support Philip and Kerry Mental Health Association can make a donation at https:// www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/ PhilipKissane11.



MENTAL health advocate Philip Kissane from Killarney has nominated Kerry Mental Health Association as the benefitting charity when he takes part in the 200km Kerry Way Ultra Marathon in September. The event will be staged along the trails and mountains of the scenic Kerry Way over two consecutive days and through the night, the equivalent of 5 Marathons. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.

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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Pictured here at the 2024 Water Babies Little Heroes Awards is Rachel Nolan with her parents Gavin and Catriona. Photo: Jenny Callanan Photography.

### Water Baby Rachel is a true Little Hero

A Killarney water baby has been coupled with her love for the songs and honoured at this year's Water Babies kills practiced in the pool, has not only Little Heroes Awards.

Two year old Rachel Nolan has emerged as a true Little Hero through her remarkable journey in the swimming pool. Rachel has been a regular water baby at the Aquila Club in The Gleneagle Hotel in Killarney, under the guidance of her beloved teacher, Louise since she was 3 months old.

With 11 badges earned, Rachel's swimming prowess is nothing short of extraordinary, as she confidently swims alongside older children. And Rachel has become a source of inspiration for her family, particularly her mother. Overcoming her own fear of water, Rachel's mother has gained confidence in the pool and they now enjoy swimming as a family. Rachel's infectious joy, coupled with her love for the songs and skills practiced in the pool, has not only transformed her own life but has also enriched the lives of those around her, making her a true Little Hero in every sense of the word.



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Celebrating his confirmation.... Cillian O'Leary pictured with his family, mom Caroline, dad Micheál, sister Aoibhínn, brother Ronan and Bishop Ray Browne. Cillian is a pupil at St. Ita's & St. Joseph's School in Tralee and the ceremony took place in Our Lady and St Brendan's Church Tralee



This magnificent work of art was created by Killarney Artist Joe Neeson and is situated on the Tralee Road near Gortaclae Bridge. Killarney Council have removed the overgrowth to let people appreciate what is a beautiful piece of art.



CastlemaineFamily Resource Centre at the Kinia Creative Tech Fest event which took place this weekend at The Foundry in Google's EMEA HQ in Dublin, and saw over 600 of Ireland's future engineering and digital change-makers gather for two key events as part of Kinia's Creative Technology Week. Kinia, an education focused non-profit organisation and social enterprise is empowering educators to equip young people with future-focused skills to unlock their full potential.



Teacher Eimear Buckley Organiser, student Benedict Stuikys, teacher Laura Hallissey Organiser and Caolan Mitchell presenting acharity cheque for €770 to Molly Nee for BodyWhys the Eating Disorder Association of Ireland with (front from left) students Tony Daly, Nathan O Connor, William Gaughran, Matthew Hegarty, Jamie Vousden, Elijah-Beau Keheo, Senan Cotter, Bobby Keane (back from left) Ronan Fahy, Allyn O Shea, Sam Clerkin, Eimear Buckley, Benedict Stuikys, Laura Hallissey, Molly Nee, Caolan Mitchell, Kacper Robak, Jack Rudden, Cillian Leslie and Sean Coffey Principal at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Killarney National Park taking the lead...A new Initiative for our four legged friends, organised by staff at Killarney National Park, at the Deenach Tea Room, Knockreer Estate on Friday, The Killarney National Bark day - an event to celebrate our beloved pet dogs and responsible dog owners. The importance of keeping pets on a lead and protect the native wildlife. Mike Neeson, doggie sitting for his family chatting with Shonagh Gray, Conservation Ranger, NPWS. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Sof Castleisland, stands as a beacon of excellence and community spirit in the Irish amateur boxing scene. Founded on the principles of discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship, the club has cultivated a legacy of success and camaraderie over the years.

Sliabh Luachra Boxing Club had an incredible weekend at the All-Ireland championships in Dublin, with three of their boxers claiming national titles. Pa Casey, Tommy Murray, and Jamesie Casey all demonstrated their skill and determination, bringing home gold medals for their club.

### Pa Casey Boy 1 35KG

Pa Casey's journey to becoming an All-Ireland champion in his debut championship season is a testament to his talent, dedication, and the unwavering support of his family and coaches. From his roots in Kerry, Pa's rise through the ranks of amateur boxing has been nothing short of remarkable.

Pa's championship season began with a walkover victory at the Kerry counties, setting the stage for what would be a series of impressive performances. His success continued at the Munster Championships, where he faced off against a formidable opponent from Riverstown BC in Cork. Despite the challenge, Pa emerged victorious with an RSC 2 decision, showcasing his skill and determination in the ring.

However, it was at the national stage in Dublin where Pa truly shone. Making his debut at the prestigious National Stadium, Pa seized the opportunity with gusto, dominating his opponents and earning a well-deserved place in the final. In a thrilling showdown against a talented boxer from St. Michaels Athy in Kildare, Pa delivered a masterful performance, clinching the national title with a commanding 5/0 victory.

Pa's success on the national stage is not just a testament to his own abilities but also a reflection of the dedication and support of his family, particularly his father and coach, James Casey. James's tireless efforts and commitment to Pa's training have undoubtedly played a crucial role in his son's achievements, highlighting the importance of mentorship and guidance in the world of amateur boxing.

Beyond his national title, Pa's season has been marked by an impressive string of victories, including triumphs at the Hull, Monkstown, and Barum boxcups. These successes underscore Pa's status as a rising star in Irish boxing, with the potential for many more titles and accolades in the years to come.

### **Jamesies Fifth National Title**

Jamesie Casey's stellar performance at the All-Ireland championships highlights his skill, determination, and strategic prowess in the ring. Competing in the J1 57kg category, Jamesie faced stiff competition throughout the tournament, but he rose to the challenge with remarkable composure and execution.

His journey to the national title began with a dominant quarter-final victory over the Ulster champion, securing a victory by RSC3. Jamesie's strategic approach and technical proficiency were on full display in the semi-final, where he secured a convincing 5/0 victory against a formidable

### ALL IRELAND GOLD FOR SLIABH LUACHRA BOXING CLUB



Boxing for glory: Jamesie Casey, Pa Casey and Tommy Murray pictured with their awards.

### opponent from Connaught.

However, it was in the final showdown that Jamesie truly showcased his talent and resilience. Facing off against a skilled boxer from Dublin, Jamesie delivered a masterful performance, earning a hard-fought 3/2 decision and clinching the gold medal. His ability to adapt to different opponents and execute his game plan with precision was instrumental in his success.

Behind Jamesie's triumph is the unwavering support of his family, particularly his father, James Casey, who goes above and beyond to ensure Jamesie has the best training and sparring opportunities available.

Jamesie's fifth national title is a testament to his consistency, dedication, and sheer talent as a boxer. His achievements not only solidify his status as one of Ireland's top amateur boxers but also serve as an inspiration to aspiring athletes within the sport.

### Second Title for Tommy Murray

Tommy Murray's back-to-back championship wins showcase his talent and dedication to the sport. His family and the support he receive from his brother John, both at home and in the club .Despite being in only his second year of competing,

Tommy's achievements speak volumes about his talent and determination. His victory in the semi-final, where he stopped his opponent in the second round, showcased his skill and tenacity in the ring. In the epic final showdown against a formidable opponent from Ban Bridge Boxing Club, Tommy emerged triumphant with a hardfought 4/1 split decision, securing his second consecutive national title.

In addition to the individual triumphs, Sliabh Luachra Boxing Club celebrated a collective victory, with a total of three gold, two silver, and one bronze medalists among the seven boxers entered into the championships. The club's success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and support of its members, coaches, and sponsors. The achievements at the All-Ireland championships follow a string of victories at the Munster Championships, where the club secured seven titles and four silver medals. The tireless efforts and commitment of the coaches, including new additions James Linnane and Mary Murphy, have played a crucial role in the club's success, ensuring that boxers receive the training and support they need to excel in the sport.

As head coach John Coffey and Sliabh Luachra boxing club looks ahead to the rest of the year, he does so with optimism and determination, fueled by the achievements of their talented boxers and the unwavering support of their community. They extend their heartfelt thanks to the parents, coaches, and sponsors, particularly Kingdom Truck & Trailer, for their invaluable contributions to the club's success. With a bright future ahead, Sliabh Luachra Boxing Club continues to inspire and empower the next generation of champions.

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Killarney Lions Club's annual golf fundraising event, played last Friday 19th April at O'Mahony's Point golf course, was a fantastic success with 38 teams playing on the day, an increase of eight teams over last year. This was the 41st running of the charity event and to-date it has raised over €400,000 for local charities. The money raised in this year's event will be donated to local and national charities over the coming weeks.

Supplies for the event were provided by O'Callaghan Fruit & Veg, Caraway Kitchen, Coca Cola, Carry Out Off Licence, Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company, Gala and Tim Jones Butchers. The top prizes were sponsored by National Tile Killarney, Muckross Park Hotel, Cahernane House Hotel, Hilliards, Quills, Dromhall Hotel, Dermot Healy, Synergy Golf, Killarney Outlet Centre, Healy Cornelius Design and Brian James. Tricel employees donated items for and prepared two large hampers that were raffled at the end of the day.

Denis Doolan, President of Killarney Lions Club, said "This year's golf event was very well supported, with the highest number of teams we've had participating in some time and all aspects of the event sponsored by businesses in Killarney. We would like to thank all our sponsors and Killarney Golf Club for their continued support, and of course all the golfers who took part to help make the event a success".

### Prize winners in the competition were:

1st Prize: The Laurels (Denis Nash, Colm Bowler, Jim Morris, Jimmy Smith – 102 pts)

2nd Prize: Tim Jones (Tim Jones, Pat O'Neill, John Doyle, Ronan Curtayne – 100 pts)

3rd Prize: Killarney Golf Club (John O'Mahony, Brian Fitzgerald, Mike McAuliffe, Tommy Galvin – 99 pts) 4th Prize: Lucey Transport (Kevin Lucey, Alan Brady, Tom Bolger, Gabriel – 97 pts) Nearest the Pin, 7th hole – Eamon O'Sullivan Nearest the Pin, 18th hole – Killian Rice

Long Drive Men: Ewan McIndoe Long Drive Ladies: Abigail Graham

The Killarney Lions club, through its members, assists various groups and individuals in and around the community. Lions do this through voluntary activities, fundraising and by holding various types of events in support of a great many local causes.

### LIONS CLUB CHARITY GOLF EVENT



Killarney Lions Club President Denis Doolan (r) presenting Mick Leahy with a hamper raffle prize prepared by Tricel employees at the Lions annual charity golf event



First prize winners, The Laurels team (I-r): Denis Nash, Colm Bowler, Jason Higgins, Jim Morris, Jimmie Smith

### Erin's Fury release new single "King Puck" -A Melodic Ode to Killorglin's Historic Puck Fair

"Erin's Fury," the dynamic Irish Celtic/folk-rock band, from the hills of Sliabh Luachra, in Cork north west, are thrilled to announce the release of their latest single, "King Puck." This exhilarating track pays homage to the beloved tradition of the Puck Fair, an iconic event deeply rooted in the history and culture of Killorglin.

With its pulsating rhythm and soaring vocals, "King Puck" transports audiences to the bustling streets of Killorglin, where music, laughter, and revelry fill the air during the annual festivities. The song's energetic arrangement, infused with traditional Irish instrumentation and contemporary rock influences, captures the timeless allure of the Puck Fair, uniting



past and present in a musical journey that honors Kerry's rich heritage.

Join Erin's Fury as they unleash the magic of "King Puck" upon the world. The single is now on prerelease and is available on all major streaming platforms, so don your finest attire, raise a glass, and let the music sweep you away to the enchanting realm of Killorglin. Erin's Fury will be performing their new single "King Puck" live for the first time at Fleming's Bar in Scartaglen this coming Saturday (27th April). Doors open at 8pm and tickets are available on Eventbrite.



Novice category:

The apple of Iryna's eye!

There were lots of faces with many different expressions were on view in Killarney Camera Club's 'Natural Light Portrait' competition. There was good mix of both colour and black and white photographs in the 21 entries, however it was Iryna Halaieva who captured the winner in the Novice category, with her photograph titled David the Gardener. Iryna told us that this photo was taken in her home country of Ukraine five years ago. "This was my first environmental portraiture experience. I was lucky with the model, as David, my son, is a professional model, who immediately understood his mother's idea for the photoshoot" she said. "It took us little time to create a beautiful story and show everything as I had planned and visualised it beforehand. Golden hour and good weather conditions helped us to relax and just enjoy the process." Top three in the Novice category.

2nd Place: Eric Jenkinson, Ticket Collector 3rd Place: Maryann Heidtke, Blue eyed girl All the competition photos are available to view on the Club's website www.killarneycameraclub.ie.

### 1st Place: Iryna Halaieva, David the Gardener

### Fashion and functionality combined in Student **Enterprise project at Pres Castleisland**

First year team, Carry Camán, from Presentation Secondary School Castleisland are building up to the National Final of the Student Enterprise Awards in Mullingar on May 9th. The team recently met with the Road Safety Authority to showcase their innovative idea, and the role it plays in improving road safety.

The young team comprising of Clodagh Buckley, Marguerite Herlihy, Seána Walsh and Lucy Matassa identified the dangers pedestrians and



TJ O'Connor of the Road Safety Authority meeting Seána Walsh, Lucy Matassa, Clodagh Buckley and Marguerite Herlihy at Presentation Castleisland. Seána and Clodagh are wearing their business enterprise innovation - their high-viz Carry Camán hurley holder.

cyclists face on the roads, and warn that many young people do not wear high-viz vests in the dark evenings and nights. Their business enterprise idea is a holder for hurling and camogie players to carry their hurleys on their back, freeing up their hands completely. In designing the holders, the students have incorporated high viz materials into the product ensuring that a player will be visible in the dark from both the front and back.

TJ O'Connor from the Road Safety Authority recently met with the team. He commended them for the great work they are doing, and the significant contribution they are making to road safety by improving the visibility of players traveling to and from training and matches. Mr. O'Connor highlighted "Young people very often are not inclined to wear high-viz jackets, they are not fashionable. What the Carry Camán team are doing is producing a product that is both fashionable and functional - players will be more visible without even realising it. A player at night is 300 times more visible when they wear high viz, and 4 times more likely to be seen during the daytime."

Business enterprise teacher in the school, Edward Clarke, commends the team also, "We know only too well the dangers on our roads, with 12 pedestrians and 2 cyclists among the road fatalities this year already. The Carry Camán team are inspired by their love of camogie, and passionate about player safety, while keeping the product user friendly and trendy." The community of Castleisland wish the first year girls the very best of luck as they represent Kerry in the junior category at the National Student Enterprise Awards in May.

### Minister Foley welcomes over €2.5 million in Local Road **Improvement Scheme Funding for Kerry**

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has welcomed the ⋮ Minister Foley said she is delighted to see funding of €2,569,237 being announcement that €2.5 million in funding will be made available for the upgrade of rural laneways and non-public roads in Kerry

The focus of the Local Improvement Scheme is on upgrading rural laneways and non-public roads which provide access to homes, farms and outdoor amenities.

The allocation of funds is for works to be carried out across 2024 and 2025 on these roads, which are not normally maintained by the local authorities.

allocated to Kerry under the Local Improvement Scheme.

"This allocation will allow for the sustained improvement, upgrading and enhancing of roads in rural communities and will improve vital access to rural homes and farms throughout the county," she said.

In total, €40 million is being provided for works under the local improvement scheme nationwide. This announcement brings to a total of almost €170 million that has been allocated to local authorities under the scheme since it was re-introduced in 2017.

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### **SPECIAL TRIBUTE PAID TO MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE** as staff honoured at O'Donoghue Ring Collection

mployees of the Kerry based hotel group the 'O'Donoghue Ring Collection' have received special praise and recognition for their commitment to excellence in the workplace, across the family-run portfolio of hotels, bars, restaurants, apartments and spa.

Attendees enjoyed a welcome drinks reception, a delicious gala dinner, followed by the announcements of the overall winners.

The winners on the evening were honoured to receive, crafted award plaques, handmade by Killarney native, James Purcell.

Special recognition was awarded to Micheal O'Donoghue on the night, former Managing Director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection. He was presented with a bespoke map of Kerry, titled 'The Kerryman', by longserving employees Denis McCarthy, General Manager of the Killarney Avenue Hotel, and Margaret O'Donoghue, Group Series Sales Manager, both of whom have been with the collection for over 30 years.

A proud Kerryman, Michael travelled the world, championing Killarney and Kerry. Through his exceptional communication skills and adept relationship-building, Michael's unwavering dedication serves as a testament to his commitment to promoting the county on a global stage. Managing Director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, Gemma Ring said: At our recent employee awards night, I was honoured to make a very special presentation to my uncle, Michael O' Donoghue.

Our incredible achievements to date across the collection would not have been possible without Michael's leadership, a man who pioneered the O'Donoghue Ring Collection.

Michael was honoured on the night and received special recognition for his outstanding accomplishments throughout his professional career. Denis McCarthy, General Manager of the Killarney Avenue Hotel and Margaret O'Donoghue, Group Series Sales Manager, both of whom have been with the collection for over 30 years, made the presentation to Michael. He was presented with a handcrafted map of Kerry, by local



LR Group Series Sales Manager Margaret O'Donoghue, wife of Michael O'Donoghue Mary, MD of O'Donoghue Ring Collection, Gemma Ring, former MD of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, Michael O'Donoghue and Denic Mc Carthy, GM, Killarney Avenue Hotel

artist James Purcell, titled 'The Kerryman'.

During his career, Michael travelled the world, promoting Killarney and Kerry and is very much a proud Kerryman. Michael's exceptional communication skills and relationship-building has been instrumental in promoting our town to both domestic and international businesses, and we owe him immense gratitude for his tireless efforts, his innovation, guidance and support.

### Kerry showcased for International Event Planners



Pictured at the Kerry Convention Bureau (KCB) showcasing Kerry as a globally recognised business events destination where inspiration, innovation, and excellence converge with the warmest welcome, to ten influential Meetings, Incentives, Conference and Exhibition (MICE) event planners, hailing from the United Kingdom, Germany, France, and Poland at the Killarney Brewing & Distillery on Sunday were L to R (Back): Miriam Ferriter, Sarah Williams, Sandra Lopez, Ann Shanahan, Marion Bracke, Michael Beyer, Maddie Clark, Michelle Murphy, Fiona O'Donoghue, Ricarda Merkwitz, Eberhard Merkwitz, Jenny Treglohan, Helena Mirandez, Denise O'Sullivan, Brendan Curtin and Becky Hargrove. In front, Maciej Jach, Izabela Jach, Elizabeth Mc Cooey, Bart Ryszytylo, Alice Thompson, Muireann King. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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Watch a child as they first encounter the world. Everything is a wonder and a delight to them. They are seeing things for the first time. As adults, we so often forget to notice the wonder that is all around us.

### Today's coaching action.

Just for a day, slow down and truly see what is around you, as if for the first time. Spend longer really living in the moment you are in. Feel the water on your body when you take a shower or bath. Listen to the sounds of the birds or the gentle rain falling outside your window. Feel the warmth of the sun on your skin. Taste the food you eat. Observe your breath softly rising and falling and wonder at it all.

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# Should I start with my Diet or Exercise first? Or both together?

This is a question that we get asked a lot. We always advise doing one step at a time. However everyone is different. So I guess to put it in easy to understand steps. We could categorise the answers into what level of client are you?

Level 1: Little or no exercise and diet needs a lot of work. So this level of client we would advise starting with simple exercise such as walking and would advise them to start all their attention into their diet. We believe getting their diet on the right path for a few weeks is essential as "you can't out train a bad diet". After they have started to feel results and are in a good routine then it's time to rev up the exercise and start adding in Personal Training sessions to show them the ropes and after a few weeks they may feel comfortable working out themselves in the gym or even joining a class.

Level 2: Diet ok but very lazy and unmotivated. Then this type of client needs to get moving. And start with exercise. Usually this type of person will kick the diet into gear when they start exercise so usually a few weeks of working 1 to 1 with a trainer and being accountable is enough to get them firing up and motivated to get going.

Level 3: Diet needs work and Exercising on and off but not consistent weekly. Then this type of client we would advise starting with a nutrition plan and exercise plan. Accountability of working close with a trainer until they are back in good consistent diet and exercise habits works best.

And finally the length of time it takes each level to reach goals or depends on the person. But we find most people get best results by investing in at least 4-6months of accountability Personal Training or Nutrition monitoring. But we have seen people achieve massive gains in as little as 6weeks too. So the message is don't try to do it all at once .... See which level you are at, and pick a plan that suits you. B well has a plan to suit at levels even advanced exercises. So please contact in 087-7643449 to find out your bespoke plan.

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There are two main types of blepharitis – anterior and posterior. Anterior blepharitis: When the front (anterior) part of the eyelids becomes sore, this can be caused by an infection, allergy or a general sensitivity to bacteria present on the eyelids. It can also be associated with some scalp conditions, such as very dry or oily skin and dandruff.

Posterior blepharitis: Also known as meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD) is when the glands that make the oily part of your tears become blocked. Both types of blepharitis can cause dry eye or make it worse if you already have it. Many people will have a combination of blepharitis, meibomian gland dysfunction and dry eye.

#### Risk factors

Blepharitis is more common in people over the age of 50, but anyone can develop it. This is often because the glands that make the normal tears, particularly the oily part of the tears, tend to become less effective as you get older. Symptoms

Blepharitis can cause crusting and white scales may stick to the roots of eyelashes. Your eyelid edges may become red and your eyes will feel gritty, burning, sore or itchy. If you experience these symptoms, make an appointment with your optometrist.

### TREATMENT

There is a range of products designed especially for treating blepharitis, such as sterile pads, individual moist wipes and separate cleaning solutions.

As part of the treatment, you need to remove all the crusting and debris from the edge of your eyelids and from between your eyelashes. You should use a special lid cleaning product. Treatment of blepharitis is a long-term procedure. You may not see any improvement for several weeks.

Continue the treatment twice a day for at least one month, then less often as it starts to get better. You will probably need to continue to clean your lids at least twice a week to help prevent the blepharitis from returning.

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Malcolm Noonan T.D., Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform and Darragh O'Brien T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Ministers announce Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí. Ireland's first Marine National Park includes the Conor Pass, sites at Inch Peninsula, Mount Brandon and the Owenmore River. The Páirc will celebrate and protect some of Ireland's most valuable places for nature and heritage in Co. Kerry. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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# Coffee Morning Raises Funds at KCC

Staff members at Killarney Community College, Anne Marie Murphy and Deirdre Fleming recently held a coffee morning for staff at the school to raise funds for Brú Columbanus, a charity which is close to their hearts. This week representatives from the charity, which allows people to stay close to their relatives who are in hospital in Cork came to Killarney to receive a cheque for  $\in$ 840.

Brú Columbanus is more than just a house or a facility, it is a home to the many families that stay here. Brú Columbanus, offers families the gift of time. Enabling them to be close and spend time with their relatives.

Pictured are from left: Stephen, Brú Columbanus, Deirdre Fleming, Anne Marie Murphy, Anne Marie, Brú Columbanus and Eilish O'Leary, Deputy Principal Killarney Community College.



### 67 NEW HOMES FOR CASTLEISLAND

ocus Housing Association and Co-operative Housing Ireland welcomed Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, TD, ClIr. Jim Finucane, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, and respected members of Castleisland Corca Dhuibhne's Municipal District, to launch 67 new homes this week.

These homes are being provided in collaboration between two Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) Co-operative Housing Ireland (CHI) and Focus Housing Association and its sister organisation Focus Ireland. The 67 homes at Riverside represent the first social housing development delivered in Co. Kerry by Focus Housing Association, and continued strong delivery in the county for CHI, which currently owns and manages 315 homes in Kerry, 250 of which have come under management in the last two years alone.

Pat Dennigan, CEO of Focus Housing Association and Focus Ireland, said "The 67 homes delivered here today means that 67 more families and individuals are moving off Co. Kerry's housing waiting list and will now have the most basic and fundamental need of their own roof over their head fulfilled, including some coming straight from homeless emergency accommodation and family hubs.

Proud Kerry woman Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, Founder & Life President of Focus Ireland, was also on hand to witness the launch.

Riverside comprises of 31 homes delivered by Focus Housing Association and 36 homes by Co-operative Housing Ireland. The homes were built and developed by Donald Lynch KPH Construction and designed by Meitheal Architects. Riverside was delivered with the support of Kerry County Council, the Department of Housing, and Local Government and Heritage, the Housing Finance Agency, and the Housing Agency.



Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien officially launched 67 new homes in Castleisland. CEO Focus Ireland, Pat Deenigan, Pearse O'Shiel, Chairperson, Co-operative Housing Ireland, new houseowners, Adran, Andree and their son Damian Berci, Minister for Education, Norma Foley, T.D., Lauren Treanor, Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council, Cllr. Jim Finnucane, Lauren Treanor, Ivana Karaivanova, Chief Executive Kerry County Council, Moira Murrell. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien officially launched 67 new homes in Castleisland. The With the Minister are new houseowners, Sorin and Melinda Moisa, CEO Focus Ireland, Pearse O'Shiel, Chairperson, Co-operative Housing Ireland and Pat Deenigan. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan


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#### **>KILCUMMIN DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP**

We wish to remind the community and beyond of all of defibrillator locations, please make yourself aware of your nearest defibrillator. See Facebook page "Kilcummin Defib Group". We will have some training dates and fundraising coming up shortly, so please keep an eye on the Kilcummin notes and our Facebook page.

#### **>TRIP TO KNOCK**

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 15th June. Booking presently @ P.O.

#### **STATIONS DATES**

Mastergeeha: Monday 29th April @7.30pm in Mastergeeha Clubhouse; Anablah:Tuesday 30th April @7.30pm in Anablah school; Coolick: Thurs May 2nd @ 7.30pm in Coolick school.

#### **COUNTY CLEAN UP**

Keeping our roads free from litter is a huge effort from all who live and work in our community. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in collecting rubbish on the roads in their area, and we would like to acknowledge the contribution of the CE participant's in this endeavour.

#### ≻KILCUMMIN GAA

#### **CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1: Kilcummin 1-08 Legion 0-11**

A fisted goal from Keelan O' Shea in the final seconds secured us a share of the points in this keenly contested local derby. Well done to the entire team though short a number of regulars they never gave up and will feel rewarded for their efforts. Mark O'Shea with five points stood out on this



#### Mastergeeha U16 Kerry Schoolboys Premier Division

occasion but James Williams, Dara Stack, Kevin McSweeney and Paul O' Shea were influential throughout.

Next game is at home to An Gaeltacht on this Sunday @ 2pm.

Our "B" game against Castleisland Desmonds was postponed due to a bereavement and the club offers its condolences to family and club. ≻MASTERGEEHA FC

#### U16 Premier Division Final: Killarney Athletic 1-1 Mastergeeha FC. Mastergeeha won 6-5 on penalties.

#### PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Massive congratulations to our U16 boys who made history by becoming the Kerry Schoolboys Premier Division Champions on Friday night when they defeated Killarney Athletic on penalties after an epic battle in Ferndale. A remarkable achievement given they had won the Division One title only twelve months ago. Back to back champions! LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 19th April 2024 of the Jackpot for €10,400. Numbers drawn were 1,8,27,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Mary McSweeney; Katie, Adah, Séamí & Éala c/o Donal Cronin; Ciara Nagle, Mastergeeha; Tríona Mangan, Kilbrean. The next draw will be on Friday 26th April for Jackpot of €10,600.

#### **GLENFLESK** Written by: Sean Dalv **CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE** Clonkeen. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 29th of **DIVISION 1** April 2024. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

#### Glenflesk 3-17 Dingle 1-17

On an April day where the sun shone brightly on Glenflesk GAA grounds, the team produced a performance of the highest quality, to get the better of an on form Dingle side, in Round 4 of Division 1 of the Credit Union County Senior Football League.

#### >RESULTS

Credit Union Senior County Football League Division 5B: Scartaglen 1-11 Glenflesk 0-07

Under 15's: Glenflesk/Kilgarvan beat Dr Crokes in Division 3A of the County League on a scoreline of 3-8 to 1-11.

Under 13's: Glenflesk boys put up a great battle but lost to St Marys/ Reenard/Valentia/Dromid/Waterville on a scoreline of 5-10 to 4-7

Under 11's: Glenflesk had their first outing of the year in Gneeveguilla. Great football on display by all.

#### >U16 ALL IRELAND BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Huge congratulations to local girls Abby Doherty, Cliona Moynihan, Clodagh O'Sullivan, Kate Healy & Muireann Healy who were part of St Pauls Basketball team who won the U16 All Ireland Club Championship with a 36-31 point victory over Kilkenny Stars. They received a great welcome home on Sunday night in Headford.

#### >LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 16/4/24 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €8,400. The numbers drawn were: 6, 15, 17, 20. Consolation Prizes of €50 1) Kay Healy, Old Bridge, Headford, 2) Murphy's Bar (Sellers' Prize), 3) Eileen McCarthy, Cools, Headford, 4) Malachy Scannell, **>KERRY SENIORS** 

Well done to Darragh Roche, Emma Dineen and the Kerry teams on their wins in the Munster Championship against Cork & Tipperary.

#### KERRY UNDER 20S

Congratulations to Cian Lynch, Luke Crowley and John Kelleher on helping Kerry to a 1-12 to 0-11 victory over Cork in the Eirgrid U20 Munster Championship.

#### >NATIONAL CUP SOCCER

Well done to Glenflesk players Kaitlyn and Shauna O'Riordan who won their Semi Final with Kerry soccer. They are now into the National Cup final. **>PRIMARY SCHOOLS GAME** 

Well done to Olivia Warren, Kinsale who lined out for Cork Primary Schools during half time of the Kerry / Cork game in Fitzgerald Stadium. Olivia's Dad, Jerry from Shronedraugh played with Glenflesk for many years. He recently received the Kinsale GAA Club Person of the Year award.

#### **>ACADEMY**

Have Fun, Make Friends, Learn to Play Football! Continues every Tuesday 6:15 to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field V93WF6F. Girls U6/U8 & Boys U7/U9. For further information please contact 087 2900476. Also anyone looking for information on joining U11 to U17 Boys and U10 to U18 Girls please contact the number.

#### **≻NOTES**

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#### BEAUFORT

#### **>FIXTURES**

Senior men will be away to Dr Croke's C in Co League, round 5, Div. 6B on Saturday, 27th at 7pm and home to Austin Stacks A on Sunday, 28th at 2pm in Division 2.

#### **≻RESULTS**

Beaufort 3.09 Ballymacelligott 2.16 in round 4, Co Senior league, Div. 6B. Beaufort 1.11 Gneeveguilla 0.11 in Div. 2, Co Senior league.

Beaufort 3.09 Southern Gaels 3.18 in round 3, senior ladies Donal Curtin Cup.

#### ≻LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of  $\in$ 3,400 will be on Sunday, 28th April in Galvin's Bar. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw. Thank you to everybody who support the

## lotto and our lotto sellers. >MEMBERSHIP

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the Beaufort players who were part of Kerry winning panels last weekend. Hannah and Fay O'Donoghue and Fiadhna Tangney with Kerry Senior Ladies. Seán O'Brien and Mike Breen with Kerry senior men. Keeva and Lily Riordan and Eabha McEvoy, Munster Under 16A final winners. Nessa O'Donoghue, U14A Munster final U14A championship. Clionagh Coffey was on the Primary Game team which played at half time against Cork at half time in the men's senior game in Fitzgerald Stadium

#### RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

#### >SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €205 and the winner was Geraldine Shanahan. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

> SYMPATHIES to Betty Casey & family, Clounts & extended O'Leary family on the death of her brother Jerry O'Leary & Pennsylvania.

To Eileen Moynihan & family on the death of her sister Elizabeth (Liz) O'Connor, Castleisland whose funeral took place on Monday 8th April.

To Teresa Carmody & family on the death of her sister Eily Mai O'Connor whose funeral took place on the 9th April in Scartaglen.

To Caroline O'Sullivan & family on the death of her mother Eileen Twomey Newmarket whose funeral took place on Wednesday 17th April in Newmarket. May Jerry & Elizabeth, Eily Mai & Eileen Rest in peace

#### >ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Chris Barron in Rathmore, and Knocknagree Fairfield Committee have already done much to make our church grounds 'a haven for pollinators and biodiversity' Kerry Diocesan Youth week encourages us to build on that work, by mapping our church grounds. In the weeks ahead we will seek to expand on what is already done. The avenue up to the Presbytery also offers wonderful opportunities in this regard. We encourage young people to read the information provided below, and forward their contact details to the Parish Office if you would like to become involved in this

#### project. (rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie)

>KILLAHA GRAVEYARD MASS Monday 10th June at 7.30pm.
>SCOIL PHOBAIL SLIABH LUACHRA CELEBRATIONS

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra (SPSL) celebrates the milestone of 25 years on Saturday, April 27th. School is open to everyone from 12 pm to 2 pm. A warm welcome awaits.

#### >SCOIL POBAIL SLIABH LUACHRA

Here in Rathmore Parish some students from Pobal Scoil Sliabh Luachra will become reacquainted with the historical links between Rathmore Presbytery and the Monks of Mount Mellary. On May 16th the group will travel to Mellary, to experience Monastic life, and to learn how much the Mount Mellary Monks still treasure their links with Rathmore.

#### >LADIES FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Danielle O'Leary, Rathmore with the Kerry Ladies on Saturday. Round one Munster LFA against Tipperary Danielle scored 8pts. Kerry 2-14 Tipperary-05. Congratulations to Management

CONGRATULATIONS TO KERRY SENIOR TEAM and to Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy on theirnwin over Cork. Final score: Kerry 0-18 Cork 1-13. Munster Final Kerry v Clare on Sunday May 5th, venue Tbc.

> WELL DONE to Paudie McAuliffe playing in Dennehys Bar, Rathmore last Saturday night. A great night held by all. Radio Kerry presenter Sean Reilly was also present.

#### >NOTES

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

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#### Written by: Leanne Cronin

#### SPA

#### **CREDIT UNION COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1 ROUND 4**

Spa were away to Ballymacelligott at John Mitchells GAA grounds on Sunday last. Both sides had three points going in to this round, having both lost a game, drew a game and won one. here was a lot to play for. Unfortunately, it was Ballymac that held their own on the day after extending their lead comfortably in the second half. The game ended Ballymac 1-16 Spa 0-13

In round 5 Laune Rangers will travel to Spa Sunday 28th April, throw in at 2pm

#### ≻KERRY FOOTBALL MINOR PANEL 2024

Congratulations to our own Joey McCarthy who has been selected as part of this years Kerry Minor Football panel. We wish him, his teammates and management the very best of luck for the season ahead. The Electric

Ireland Munster GAA Football Championship commences for this side when they play Cork in Austin Stack Park Tralee on April 30th at 7pm > KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

The countdown is well and truly on for this years Killarney Club 7s. A volunteers meeting will be held on Thursday 25th at 8pm in Spa GAA. All club members invited to attend. Volunteers needed in all areas again his year to ensure the continued success of this fantastic weekend.

#### LOTTO

Spa Lotto 22/04/24. Numbers drawn: 5, 8, 14, 22. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Denis Kissane, Online; Tucker Family, Woodlawn; Nora Howard c/o Village Inn; William & Breda Herlihy, Woodlawn Park. Next weeks draw is on Monday 29 April for a jackpot of €4,800

#### LISTRY

#### >LOTTO

Numbers drawn 6, 8, 9, 19. €100 Niall O Connell, Ballaugh. €50 Frances Arthur, Faha. €50 Marie Cronin, Sheheree

€25 Mike Nelligan c/o Tim McCarthy. €25 Kathleen Griffin, Lissavane west.

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>SENIORS

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#### FOCUS ON GOLF



The Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society recent outing at Waterville Golf Club was in memory of the late Denis Coffey, former member, player and officer . Pictured at the prizegiving function in The Speakeasy Bar Killarney were from left, Noreen Coffey, Keith McMahon (overall winner) accepting the Denis Coffey Memorial trophy from Aisling Coffey, Maurice O'Donoghue, Captain, and Catherine Coffey. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



At the presentation of prizes of the Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society outing at Dooks Golf Club on Friday were front from left, David Moloney (second), Gavin O'Donoghue, The Speakeasy Bar, sponsor, Matt O'Neill (overall winner) and Maurice O'Donoghue, Captain. Back from left are John Lynch, Shane Horgan, Vincent Casey, John O'Leary, Alan Kelly and Brendan Keogh. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

#### **BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (LADIES)**

**THREE FROM THREE FOR LAURA** 

While Nelly Korda is having a winning streak on the LPGA, Beaufort Golf Clubs very own Laura Furlong is also having a super start to the year with 3 wins from 3 competitions.

While the Beaufort Ladies enjoyed the glorious sunshine they held a 16 hole competition over the weekend of the 20th and 21st April. This competition was very kindly sponsored by Heather Restaurant, Gap of Dunloe.

The course was in great condition considering all the bad weather and it was fantastic to see all the hard work that Tadhg Clifford and his groundskeepers are doing to keep Beaufort looking so well.

Congratulations to the prizewinners. 1st: Laura Furlong (15) 30 points 2nd: Patricia O Connor (26) 30 points 3rd: Maeve Quirke (24) 30 points

#### CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

**RESULTS OF SCRAMBLE PLAYED SATURDAY 20TH APRIL** 

1st: Nora Long, Kay Spillane, Margaret McCarthy, 51-9 = 42 pts 2nd: Úna Moroney, Eileen Lucey, Josephine Nolan, 52-9 = 43 pts CB

3rd: Claire Horgan, Christine Murphy, Eilish 4th: Donie Broderick 18pts Culloty, Frances Flynn, 52-9 = 43 pts SOCIAL GOLF every Wednesday. Sign in on BRS.

#### ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

**RESULTS - ON APRIL 20TH & 21ST WE HELD** THE SECOND ROUND OF THE M D O'SHEA **SPRING LEAGUE** 

The winners were :-1: John Nolan (27) 39 pts 2: Dan Cronin (12) 38 pts.

#### **Division 1**

1st: David Macindoe (4) 35 2nd: John Cuskelly (11) 33 **Division 2** 1st: Damian Greer (18) 32 2nd: Johnny Brosnan (13) 31 **Division 3** 1st: Alius Brazeitis (25) 31 2nd: John Hurley (22) 24 **ON THURSDAY OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 9 HOLE COMPETITION** The winners were:-1st: Donal Doherty 20 pts 2nd: John Hurley 18 pts 3rd: Mike Casey 18 pts

**FIXTURES** 

On April 27th/28th we will hold the third round of the M D O'Shea Spring League . This will be a stableford round .

For Saturday players please book your tee time with the clubhouse and use the online system for sign-in and score entry.

For Sunday players the online system will be open from 7pm on Thursday.

#### **DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB**

**COUNTY MATCHPLAY** 

We had a great day as hosts of this event last Sunday as club members won three out of the four events held on the day. Although Damien Fleming was denied a fifth consecutive Senior Mens title at the fourth playoff hole by Tralee's Alan Hobbart, Daniel Kelly won an all club Intermediate decider with Noel Moynihan 5&4. Sean O'Brien won his third County Junior title in as many stagings at the club as he won the Junior Mens event over Tralee's Mark O'Regan in the final at the last hole 1up. Margaret C Looney won our third title on the day then with a 1up victory also over Tralee's Lisa O'Connor in the Ladies final. Our thanks to the Grounds Committee for getting the course ready in



Caption for Photo: Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club prizewinners at last Sunday's County Matchplay Championships of which they were hosts pictured as follows L to R: Daniel Kelly (Intermediate Mens Winner), Sean O'Brien (Junior Mens Winner), Noel Moynihan (Intermediate Mens Runner-Up), Damien Fleming (Senior Mens Runner-Up) and Margaret C Looney (Ladies Winner).



Pictured at the presentation of prizes for the Kerry Pitch & Putt Ireland County Matchplay Championships in Deerpark last Sunday were- Kneeling L to R: Alan Hobbart (Senior Mens Winner), Daniel Kelly (Intermediate Mens Winner), Sean O'Brien (Junior Mens Winner) and Margaret C Looney (Ladies Winner). Standing L to R: Mark O'Regan (Junior Mens Runner-Up), Noel Moynihan (Intermediate Mens Runner-Up), Damien Fleming (Senior Mens Runner-up), Christy O'Mahony (Kerry Pitch & Putt Chairman), Audrey O'Mahony (Kerry Pitch & Putt Competition Secretary) and Lisa O'Connor (Ladies Runner-Up).



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#### FOCUS ON GOLF

difficult circumstances as we thank all who helped out on the day as well.

#### WILLIE PARKER MEMORIAL

Please note that this event will now take place on the May Bank Holiday Monday May 6th. Further details next week.

## TIM SCANNELL MEMORIAL INTER-CLUB MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to our two teams taking part in this event which gets underway from next Tuesday night April 30th.

#### **MUNSTER MATCHPLAY QUALIFIERS**

Best Wishes to our club members involved in these this Sunday in Listowel.

#### MUNSTER SCHOOLS EVENT

Best Wishes to our club members involved in the St Brendans College teams taking part in this event in Fermoy next Friday May 3rd. DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club offers it sincerest condolences to our Vice-Chairman Ger O'Connor on the death of his father Tim last week along with Ger's family as well as his partner Norma. May he Rest in Peace.

## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

#### TIM JONES FAMILY BUTCHERS 18 HOLE LADIES SINGLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT COURSE ON 20TH & 21THAPRIL 2024.

Overall Winner: Carmel O'Brien (23) 37pts Back 9 2nd: Lorna O'Leary (22) 37 pts Back 6 Best Gross: Tracey Eakin 35 pts 3rd: Sharon Ormonde (14) 37pts



3rd Prize Winners Tommy Galvin, John O'Mahony, Mike McAuliffe and Brian Fitzgerald representing Killarney Golf Club at the Lions annual golf charity event

#### 4th: Susan Graham (43) 36pts Back 9

**NEXT FIXTURE** will be 27th & 28th April 2024 Killarney Park Hotel 18 Hole Single Stableford on Killeen Course.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Ladies Revive Active Fourball Team who were victorious over Dooks on Sunday 21st April 2024.

#### **ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB**

#### LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings May 15th to June 26th please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

#### RESULTS

#### 9 HOLE SCRAMBLE SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

A lovely morning of golf was had on Saturday with beautiful weather and a great turnout. Well done everyone.

Winners Kitty O'Grady, Susan Good and Mary Nash

2nd: President Betty O'Farrell, Karen Duggan and Lourda Kelly

3rd: Mary Moynihan, Noreen O'Mahony and Miriam Hickey

4th: Sarah Scanlon, Maureen Beecher Crowley and Doreen Brosnan.

#### COMPETITIONS

9-hole Single Stapleford qualifying Competition Saturday 27th April. Tee times from 10.00am. Enter via the ClubV1 app. All Members welcome WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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

#### **GOLF LESSONS**

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



Ross Golf Club Lady Captain Mary McCarrick pictured with the winners of the 9 hole scramble. Susan Good, Kitty O'Grady and Mary Nash.



2nd in the 9 hole scramble at Ross Golf Club pictured with Lady Captain Mary McCarrick are Karen Duggan, President Betty O'Farrell and Lourda Kelly.



3rd in the 9 hole Ross Golf Club scramble pictured with Lady Captain Mary McCarrick are Noreen O'Mahony and Miriam Hickey (missing from the photo is Mary Moynihan)



4th place in the 9 hole scramble at Ross Golf Clubpictured with Lady Captain Mary McCarrick is Sarah Scanlon and Doreen Brosnan (missing from photo is Maureen Beecher Crowley)





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*Cllr Marie Moloney pictured at one of the footpaths that need upgrading.* 

## Major funding need to upgrade footpaths

Major investment needed to upgrade footpaths in many estates in Killarney Town, according to Labour Councillor Marie Moloney.

I have been contacted by a number of residents with regard to the condition of the footpaths in their estates, others I have met on the canvass who have raised the issue with me, said Cllr Moloney.

Killarney Municipal District Council do the best they can with the amount of money they receive annually from the Department to carry out pavement repair works but it does not go a long way. Some estates have had lovely new footpaths put in while others are on the waiting list.

In many of the estates there are parents with babies and young children in buggies and in some estates wheelchair users, which makes bad footpaths awkward and in some cases even dangerous to use.

It has also been pointed out by residents that they are paying Property Tax for services and feel that the very least they expect is proper footpaths in their estates.

As Councillors we have been using our Councillors Allocations to help the residents Associations in the estates get repair works carried out, but this is only piecemeal to the overall works that needs to be done, said Cllr Moloney.

I have tabled a motion for next week's Municipal District Meeting to write to the Minister for further funding to enable major works to be carried out on the footpaths in estates. This matter will be discussed at the meeting and I am hoping that other Councillors will support my motion.



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## CALL FOR SURGERY FOR LIAM

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has raised the delay in a surgery date for a young Killarney teenager. Liam Dennehy Quinn from Crohane in Fossa is on the waiting list for a Scoliosis operation at

Crumlin Children's Hospital Dublin. Addressing the Taoiseach Simon Harris, Deputy Healy Rae said "I respectfully ask you to do something urgently for Liam Dennehy Quinn of Crohane, Killarney, 13 years old, he is waiting for his Scoliosis operation at Crumlin Children's

Hospital Dublin and is in terrible pain. The curvature on his spine has worsened so much that he will now need 2 surgeries rather than one. The curvature has gone from 35 degrees to 92 degrees and I will give you the pictures and the story before I leave here I will put it up on your desk. He has terrible reflux and difficulty eating and is in danger of mal nutrition because he cannot take food, has not been able to go to school since December. He also needs medical night nurse now but this has not been scheduled yet, it won't prevent the pain but would be of great benefit for his mother Pamela.



Billy Kelleher MEP pictured with fellow Fianna Fail members on the campaign trail in Killarney at the weekend.

This child is in terrible pain and needs to have the procedure scheduled without delay. His Father Stephen, Mother Pamela, his Grandmother Mary Dennehy whose brother works for me for over 40 years, this is very close to me and my home because they are practically family. I am asking you to deal with this urgently Taoiseach, as Taoiseach of Ireland I respectfully ask you to do that."





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## MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO CALL FOR MINOR ACCIDENT AND INJURIES CLINIC IN KILLARNEY

Cllr Martin Grady's motion "That we Killarney MD would write to the relevant Ministers expressing the need to develop a Minor Accident and Injuries Clinic in the Killarney area", was passed by Kerry County Council at a recent meeting and this week the Council received a reply from the Private Secretary of Health Minister Stephen Donnelly.

#### Key points included in the reply are:

In 2023, a National Injury Unit Review was undertaken by a HSE Working Group who undertook the review of the existing Injury Units and made a series of recommendations to mprove the service from Injury Units. This report was adopted by the HSE EMT and has been shared with the Department of Health. The aim of Injury Units is to provide unscheduled emergency care for patients with non-life threatening or limb threatening injuries, as conveniently as possible, while ensuring patient safety and equitable standards of care within an Emergency Care Network.



Two recommendations emerging from the 2023 National Review of Injury Units were: (1) to expand geographical coverage and prioritise locations for the provision of Injury Units; and (2) to expand all existing acute hospital

governed IUs to operate from 8am to 8pm. An implementation plan for the expansion programme is under development with the Implementation Group and the expansion of Injury Units will be underpinned by a safe model of care as recommended by the Emergency Medicine Programme. The criteria for

prioritisation of locations include population, existing Injury Unit locations, and gaps in geographical coverage for the entire population, with more detailed work ongoing to

#### confirm specific locations.

Speaking to Killarney Outlook, Cllr. Grady said "I believe Killarney's population has grown significantly over the past 2 years to justify a minor accident and injuries clinic in Killarney to cover the South Kerry area, confirmed by the HSE last year 42000 people past through A&E at University Hospital Kerry some people waiting several hours to be seen to, the staff are under serious pressure the over Health Care System is under pressure, the population is growing but the services aren't there to meet the demands. There's many suitable sites for the clinic with the closure of the District hospital as an example.

## WATER ISSUES IN BEAUFORT to be addressed

Uisce Éireann has responded to representations made by Kerry County Councillor, Michael Cahill with regard to regular water bursts that have been occurring in the Carnahone to Cappaganeen Upper area of Beaufort. They told the Fianna Fáil man that " The Asset Planning Department has confirmed that Uisce Éireann and Kerry County Council are working together to mitigate the outages in the area. Kerry County Council are working on the option of installing variable speed drives (VSD's) on the pumps which would regulate pressure within the network and eliminate surges. These surges in pressure are causing bursts." "I had made representations on behalf of the residents of Beaufort who have been putting up with burst water mains for some time now, causing interruptions in supply. I trust this solution will work in this instance and that it is put in place quickly" said Councillor Cahill.

"Earlier this year I was delighted to secure 75,000 euros for the Carnahone to Cappaganeen Upper Road and I have also requested Kerry County Council to engage with Uisce Eireann prior to the road being resurfaced" added Councillor Cahill.

## UPGRADE AT AGHADOE WELCOMED

Cllr. Brendan Cronin has welcomed the new total upgrade of the surface at the viewing area in Aghadoe. "Following a number of requests which I made to KCC, there has been a total upgrade to the surface of the access path and to the surface of the public viewing area in Aghadoe, Killarney", Cllr. Brendan Cronin told Killarney Outlook.

"This upgrade work has made this beautiful location easily accessible for people of all ages and abilities. I want in particular to thank the local voluntary group for their important support and to thank the Killarney MD staff who carried out the works to a very high standard", he dded. "I am delighted to have been able to allocate €5,000 to this important project. As the viewing area is on a very busy road I have also sought from the roads engineers that a designated crossing point be identified from the public car park to the entrance for public safety", Cllr. Cronin added.







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OUTLOOK BASKETBALL

## ST. PAUL'S GIRLS SECURE U16 ALL IRELAND TITLE

Gormanston Park will hold fond memories for the St Pauls U16 girls as they annexed an All Ireland title at the end of season AICC competition. Played over two days at the Co. Meath venue, they navigated through Saturday's group stages, playing four games, before qualifying for Sunday's quarter finals. Two further wins set up a final showdown where they had the toughest test of the weekend before eventually overcoming the Kilkenny Stars.

The weekend began on Saturday morning with a defeat to the Titans, 25-18 before they bounced back with a very comfortable win over the Limerick Sports Huskies. Given the busy schedule all twelve players saw court time, and this was again pivotal in their second win of the day over the Carrick Cougars. Kilrush were the final opponents on Saturday evening and another victory there set up a Sunday morning showdown with the Carrick Cruisers.

An outstanding second quarter showing was the foundation for a 43-21 win which duly set up a semi final joust with the Dundalk Ravens. Obviously the deeper you go in these competitions the opposition also steps up and that was certainly the case with the Co. Louth side. The first half was a ding dong affair with St Pauls holding a 23-18 half time lead. But the third quarter proved to be the moving quarter as a 14-6 scoring run was pivotal in the 43-30 triumph.

The stage was now set for the final where

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The victorious St. Paul's Under 16 Girls who claimed an All Ireland Title at the weekend.

the Kilkenny Stars lay in wait. They had an impressive win over Queens in the semi finals and that form carried into the first quarter where they held a 16-10 lead. A much improved defensive performance in the second quarter got them back in the game, holding the Stars to four points which whittled the lead down to 3, 20-17. Again the third quarter was the launchpad for victory and a strong defensive showing in the last period saw them run out 36-31 winners. On weekends like this it really has to be a full

squad effort and while you would be slow to single out anyone Ciara O'Sullivan finished the tournament as leading scorer, averaging over 13 points in each of her seven games. Special mention to Clodagh O'Sullivan who was amongst the most prolific from beyond the arc. But the coaching team of James Fleming, Christina Bartlett and wingman Vincent Barry will be at pains to point out it was a real team effort that delivered an All Ireland title to Killarney. Not forgetting to acknowledge the great work done by James and Christina in preparing the team and the parents who travelled for the weekend, providing massive support when the need was greatest.

Squad: Siofra Randles, Clodagh O Sullivan, Aideen Fleming, Ciara Forde, Kate Healy, Cliona Moynihan, Annie Brosnan, Laura Healy, Abby Doherty, Clodagh Clancy, Muireann Healy, Ciara O Sullivan.



After the heroics of the Girls last weekend, it's now the turn of the U16 Boys as they prepare for the All Ireland Club Championships this weekend. Helping them along the way is Noel from Maher Meats, who generously presented Oran Kennedy, on behalf of the squad, with a set of hoodie.

We wish the squad and coaches all the very best for the weekend.

Missing from photos is Oisin Spring(Assistant Coach)



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#### SPORTING FOCUS



Members of Killarney Badminton who finished the season with lots of success.

#### MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB SCHOOLS REGATTA

On Sunday last, many of our Junior 15-18 boys competed for St. Brendan's College at the Schools Regatta held in Limerick. Congratulations to Ronan Fahy and Adiel Cazacu, who won the Mens J16 Double in some style recording the fastest gualifying time of 24 crews and winning their final race. Ronan was also 2nd in the J16 Single while Adiel was winner of his heat in the same event. In the U23 Double, both St. Brendan's A and B crews qualified for the final. Daniel Fleming and Ian Coffey were 2nd while Cillian Leslie and Jack Murphy were 4th. Daniel Fleming was also 3rd in the U23 Single while lan Coffey was unlucky to miss out narrowly on a qualifying spot. Two St. Brendan's crews also qualified for the final of the U23 Quad. Well done to Sean O'Donovan, Ian Coffey, Cillian Leslie and Jack Murphy who took bronze and to Harry Bolger, Jack Donnelly, Sean Hurley Lyne and Daragh O'Connor in fourth. Our thanks to all the coaches and helpers across a busy day, especially to Sean Daly who towed the boat trailer.

#### **KILMACSIMON HOR**

The club's second event last weekend saw our Masters Men represented by a single crew at the Kilmacsimon Head Of the River on the River Bandon. Well done to the crew of Brendan O'Neill, PJ Walsh, Jeremy Kenny, Paul Kennedy and cox John Beazley who were second of three crews with Ring RC first and Galley Flash RC third. EVENTS

Skibbereen Regatta (rescheduled), Sat-Sun Apr 27-8th, NRC. Castleconnell Sprint Regatta, Sat May 4th, O'Briensbridge. Lough Rynn Regatta, Sat May 11th, Lough Rynn, Co. Leitrim. Lee Regatta, Sat May 18th, Cork Marina.

#### WORKMENS ROWING CLUB NEWS

Fantastic weather over the weekend which enabled all our crews to be on the water on several occasions over the weekend.

Well done to all our crews and coaches for their efforts over to weekend.

The postponed flat-water slider event at Skibbereen Grand League Regatta due to bad weather is now scheduled for this weekend on the 27th & 28th April 2024. We will be taking part in a few events over the weekend and our crews are preparing well and looking forward to the event.

Best of luck to all our rower for this weekend and we are also looking forward to the Castleconnell Regatta which is scheduled for Saturday May 4th.

Training continues as usual for all members.

#### **KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB**

Yesterday brings a close to badminton for Killarney Badminton Club, it was a wonderful season with much success. Finishing off the season division 3,4and 5 all Munster silver medalists, a great achievement.

Badminton will finish until September.

Thank you again & enjoy your summer

Don't forget to get your tickets for the social on 11th May in the Rose Hotel in Tralee from Kieran

#### **KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB**

Killarney Swimming Club had 25 swimmers competing at the Kingdom Invitational Gala in Tralee over two days of the weekend. Every swimmer achieved one or more personal bests. Congratulations to our swimmers who came in the top 5:

Aoife Coffey - 5th 100 FLY. Aoife Daly - 4th 50 Breast. Cathal Larkin - 4th 200 FLY, 4th 50 Breast. Cathal Mackey - 2nd 200 Back, 2nd 50 back, 3rd 50 Fly, 3rd 100 Fly, 3rd 100 Back. Ella Cremin - 1st 400 Free, 1st 200 Fly, 1st 50 back, 2nd 50 Fly, 2nd 200 Free. Emily Brosnan - 4th 50 Free. Evan O'Donoghue - 4th 50 Breast. Kate Daly - 2nd 50 Breast, 5th 100 Breast, 5th 100IM, 5th 200 Breast. Katie Riordan - 3rd 100IM, 5th 200 Free. Noah Keogh - 5th 50 Breast. Samuel O'Neill - 5th 100 IM. A huge Congratulations to 16 of our swimmers who have now qualified for the Munster Long Course Championships running at UL in May.

#### KILLARNEY RFC U18 BOYS WIN WEST MUNSTER CUP

A huge congratulations to our U18 boys team and coaches on winning the West Munster Cup



Killarney Swimming Club members with Head Coach Erin McNulty, Lara O'Brien Leahy, Ella Cremin and Darragh Larkin.



Katie Riordan, Killarney Swimming Club member

in Tralee last weekend against a very strong Rugbai Chorca Dhuibhne. Our tries came from Shane O'Sullivan, Mark Kennelly, Kris O'Leary Sacristan, Chris Doody and Gearoid Sugrue with 3 conversions from Bryan Walsh. A very fitting end to a great season by the lads. Congratulations again.

#### **U10'S PLAY AT THE AVIVA**

Last Sunday our U10's minis made the trip to Dublin to play in the Aviva National Minis Festival, taking part with 19 other teams from all over the country. They played on the hallowed turf of the Aviva Stadium in glorious sunshine against teams from Cavan, Ballyhaunis, Blessington and Dungarvan. What an experience and they even

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Killarney RFC U18 boys who won the West Munster Cup at the weekend

Killarney RF U10's who played at the Aviva in Dublin at the weekend.

got to hold the six nations trophy!!! A trip of a line very rally with nobody giving an inch. The games were set at first to 15 (games are normally

#### **U18 GIRLS WIN 7'S BLITZ**

Congratulations also to our U18 girls who won the pan Munster 7's festival at Fethard last weekend, topping off a super season for the girls. Well done all!

#### **GIVE IT A TRY**

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

#### **GLENEAGLE SQUASH CLUB**

The final competition of the Gleneagle Squash Club 2023/2024 season took place on Friday 19th April, sponsored by Keith Cronin of Torc Engineering. What entertainment we got from each division final on the night, following a knockout competition as is tradition to close out the season.

Bringing the curtain down on a great season were our Irish internationals and Division 1 finalists, Donnagh Crowley and Paul O'Brien, both out to claim the annual trophy. Donnagh was the defending champion and Paul was looking to knock him off the throne. The game set off at a blistering pace and was tit for tat

At the presentation of prizes of the Gleneagle Squash Club final monthly competition of the season sponsored by Torc Precision Engineering were front from left, Brendan Counihan, Tim O'Leary, Aoife Crowley, Connie Doyle, Donnagh Crowley and Mike O'Donoghue. Seated from left are: Hannah McCarthy, Noreen Tobin (Ladies Division Winner), Eoghan Lawlor (Division 4 Winner), Keith Cronin of Torc Precision Engineering (Sponsor), Paul O'Brien (Division 1 Winner), Ignacy Truchan (Division 3 Winner), Ruairi Counihan (Division 2 Winner) and Noah Counihan.

Standing from left are Mike Crowley, Arthur Murphy, Domagoj Rac, Joanne McCarthy, Niamh Lucchini, Ray and Mary O'Callaghan, Eamon O'Donoghue (Gleneagle), John McCarthy, Bernice Enright, Eamonn Bowler, Paula McElligott, Monika Brogowska, Maciej Truchan, Neil and Ryan Kavanagh, Maree Molan, Alan Sheehan, Evelyn Crowley, Norma Culloty, Mike McCarthy and David Gleeson. Picture: Eamonn Keogh in every rally with nobody giving an inch. The games were set at first to 15 (games are normally set at first to 11) so stamina was key on the night. Paul's determination got an early two nil lead. Donnagh then said enough was enough and went all out to bring it to 2-1, and with Paul getting a bit of knock at game point in the same game it looked like Donnagh would be retaining the trophy by default. But Paul was determined to get his hands on the Cup and dug deep and won the night 3-1.

For the first time in a few years we had a Ladies Division, and the final was played at a high tempo between Mags McCarthy and Noreen Tobin. Both ladies joined this fast-growing division after a few years off, with their final showcasing the excellent squash skills coming back to them. The match was a five setter and could have gone any way. Mags was the favourite going in but Noreen showed great stamina and took the ladies final 3-2.

New member Eoghan Lawlor took on the veteran John McCarthy in the Division 4 final. Eoghan got off to a bad start as John showed his skill and experience to take an early 2-0 lead. John had match point in the third but quite generously, after winning the point gave a let to Eoghan as he was not ready to return the serve, and Eoghan took the game back. Eoghan went on to win the fourth so a five setter ensued. John

again got to match point at 14-11 but lost to a determined Eoghan 15-14.

Division 3's Eamonn Bowler and Ignacy Truchan had a battle on their hands, with the youthful Ignacy taking off at a pace, going two up. Eamonn then got stuck in and took the third and looked like the tide was turning. The fourth game was neck and neck but Eamonn narrowly missed out on bringing it even and Ignacy won out.

The Division 2 battle was between two players who had just these past two months made a welcome return to the club. Mike McCarthy and Ruairí Counihan who both had other commitments in the past few years had a great battle and Mike took an early lead. Ruairí put the pressure on, and took the next two games. Mike went to try and pull the tie back in the fourth and pushed hard but Ruairí came out stronger in the end and won the night 3-1.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors over the season and of course the staff at the Aquila and committee of the squash club. Also we would like to extend our invitation to any new members to join us. All Welcome.

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#### **BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC**

#### TEAMS

The club u14s travelled to St Brendans park in the last eight of the Tom Hayes Cup. The Park led 2-0 at the break with two deflected goals giving them the lead. Gearoid Moynihan brought Ballyhar back into the game with a fine effort but it was the Park who qualified for the semi final on a 4-1 scoreline. On the night Daniel Duggan, Dylan Fitzgerald, Jack Kelly, Daire Cornally, Ryan Quilter & Ryan Vickers gave of their all. Ballyhar are still in the hunt for league honours with a number of fixtures to play.

#### TEAM OF THE WEEK

Well done to Lee Cirillo of the club u16s on being selected on the Kerry schoolboy league team of the week after some fine club performances. Lee and his Ballyhar U16 team mates will contest the Tucker Kelly shield semi final with a home fixture v Mastergeeha B at a date to be confirmed. The club will be hoping that O Mahony, Cremin, Clifford & Giles & the squad will make the shield Final.

#### **KILLARNEY CELTIC**

#### **CELTIC LOTTO**

Numbers drawn 4,19,24,28. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €7,600 on Monday April 22nd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop ( Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

#### U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON CUP

Killarney Celtic 0-7 St Brendans Park

#### **FINALS**

Next Saturday April 27th Killarney Celtic U9 Green and U9 White along with the U12 Green team will play in finals at Celtic Park. Please see our Facebook page for confirmation of Kick Off times. All support on the day for our young teams would be greatly appreciated.

**WELL DONE** to our girls who played for Kerry at U12 and U15 level in the Inter League Semi finals last weekend. The Kerry U12s were victorious in the Bowl semi final while the U15s were defeated in the Cup.

#### **DISNEY PLAYMAKERS**

Last Sunday saw the club host week 1 of Disney Playmakers. This is for girls only and all participants must be aged 4-8. Many thanks to RDO Peter Murphy for attending the opening session.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

#### Killarney Athletic 3 MEK 0

Goals: Shawn Kotowaroo, Mark Clifford, Harry Randles

In their final league game of the season the lads came out on top in a very competitive game against a good MEK team. Thank you to the boys for their commitment during the year and hopefully what they have learned this year will stand to them in the seasons ahead. Thanks also to MEK for a very enjoyable and sporting game U13 CUP. OUARTER-FINAL RESULT

#### Iveragh United 1 - 1 Killarney Athletic A.F.C

1-1 AET, Won 8-7 on Penalties.

Eric Corcoran

Our young blues made the long trip to Cahirciveen this evening to play for a place in the Semi-Final of the Cup.

We got off to a flying start after 4 mins when Max Moynihan low shot was saved, Eric Corcoran was fastest to react and finished from close range.

Iveragh started to dominate the game immediately, and got a deserved equaliser midway through the first half to leave it level going into the break.

In the second half, we found it very difficult to get the ball down and play our game This was down to a very good, determined Iveragh side who gave very little away. We created very little but we nearly won it in normal time when Daniel Quinlan hit a beautiful strike from the edge of the penalty area, only for it to hit the crossbar, only for it to be cleared away by the Iveragh defence.

#### Extra -Time

We played our best football in extra time, creating a good few chances but were unable to find the winning goal. Dreaded penalties beckoned. We held our nerve, scoring 8 penalties, with goalkeeper Leni Rujevcan saving a penalty to send us through to the Semi-Final. Thanks to Iveragh for a very good, sporting game

Well done to all the squad, not our best performance but found a way to win in the end. Well done boys. Also, thanks to the parents who made the long trip to support the boys **U16 LEAGUE FINAL** 

#### Killarney Athletic 1- 1 Mastergeeha AET Mastergeeha win on Penalties

Hard luck to our U 16's who lost the league final

after extra time and penalties.

This was always going to be a very tight game between two teams that finished level on points in the league.

Our boys had the majority of possession and chances against a very well organised Mastergeeha team that were difficult to break down.

We took the lead early in the second half from a fantastic free kick from Mark O Carroll but unfortunately conceded a goal on the break with twenty minutes to go.

We had a couple of great chances to win it but it just didn't happen on the night. Then comes the lottery of the penalties which this team seems to have no luck with as it is the second time this year they have come out the wrong side of penalties, exiting to Holycross in the National cup who are now in the semifinal of that competition.

Best on the night for us were Mark O'Carroll, Ben Kelliher Eoin Murphy and Sean Kiely.

It's a tough way for our boys to lose the league but they have to dust themselves down and regroup as they have the Cup Semi final next Wednesday away to Castleisland.

#### U15 DIVISION 1 RESULT

#### Killarney Athletic 2 - 2 Park B

Jayden Hurley

Our young blues welcomed Park to Woodlawn this morning and thankfully the Tralee side brought glorious sunshine with them.

The game started with Athletic on the front foot but conceded early from a free kick where the park player headed on goal unchallenged. 1-0 Park. Our boys settled into our passing game after and were playing some lovely football when we turned the ball over in midfield and park got in for a second. At this stage it was looking like a frustrating afternoon for our lads however we got a lifeline at the stroke of half time when Jayden stuck an indirect free kick to the park net. HT 1-2

The second half started again with Athletic on the front foot and controlling the game, creating a number of chances and we soon got parity when again a Jayden free found the net....



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14s who were defeated away by St Brendans park FC in the last eight of the Tom Hayes Cup.



Girls taking part in the Disney Playmakers at Killarney Celtic last Sunday morning.

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Our boys pushed and pushed and could easily have found a winner, with two balls cleared off the park line and the park keeper making two excellent saves. Park were dangerous on the break also with our back line holding firm. Both sides looked for a winner however in the end the spoils were shared FT 2 -2.

Everyone in attendance were treated to a great game of football between two good sides and

we wish Park all the best for the remainder of the season. Next up for our lads is a cup 1/4 final away to lveragh in 2 weeks time

#### U13 GIRLS PREMIER

#### Killarney Athletic 0 - 0 St Brendans Park.

On a beautiful Day in our Scenic grounds in Woodlawn the girls played their final League game v's St Brendans Park...In what was a fantastic sporting game both teams came away

with a point..we couldn't ask for more from our young blues who left it all on the pitch with fantastic personal performances by everyone... our final game of the season will be the U13 Cup Final TBC...thanks to the Park for a Sporting game..

## Castleisland Community College 2 in a row FAI Munster Soccer Champions !

Castleisland Comunity College won the U15 FAI Munster Soccer (small schools) Championship defeating Presentation Secondary School,Ballingarry. They won the U14 FAI Munster Soccer (small schools) Championship last year making it 2 in a row. Coach Aidan Joy (Coach) stated: 'A fantastic win with an outstanding performance at Douglas Hall, Cork. Aaron Mc Carthy was named Man of the Match with Jamie Nolan scoring the winning goal. The team will now play Grange Community College, Donaghmede, Dublin in the All Ireland Semi-Final later this month. A special mention to Divanes Garage, Castleisland who sponsored the U15 Boys jerseys. We are very grateful to them for kindly sponsoring these very smart and comfortable jerseys.'



Pictured are from left back: Ógie O Leary Griffin, Sam Mc Carthy, Mike Mc Carthy, Daniel O Sullivan, Cian Pembroke, Gearóid Joy, James Barry, Aaron Mc Carthy, Michael Curran.

Middle row from left: Graham West, Ryan Browne, Tadhg Mc Carthy, Jack O Connor, Dean Donoghue, Seán Scanlon, Podge O Sullivan, Cillian Moroney.

Sitting from left: Conor Ryan, Dónal Ryan, Jakub Surzyn, Ciarán Ryan, Aidan Joy (Coach) Glen O Sullivan (Captain), Teresa Lonergan (Principal), David Scollard(Assistant Coach), Danny Murphy, Cian Cahill, Shay O Connor.

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Rally Stages	Road Closing Times	Road Numbers	Details of Roads Closed
SS1 Molls Gap	07:00 to 10:50	N71	Starting 100M beyond entrance to Muckross house via Galway's Bridge, Molls Gap and finishing at Carrig East
SS2, SS5 Healy Pass	08:20 to 14:45	R574, L-4060	Starting beyond first entrance to Sibin Bar and from Sibin Bar to County Bounds at summit of Healy Pass
SS8 Kilmakilloge	14:45 to 18:10	R573	Starting at the entrance of R573 from south side via Kilmakilloge Pier, Coast Road, Tuosist to exit onto the R571
Sunday, 5th May 2024			
SS9, SS12 Gortnagane	09:00 to 16:20	R570, L-3014	Starting at Headfort, via Headford, Drom, Dooncarrig Beg, Dooncarrig More Gortacarrin, Shrone, Awnaskirtaun to the County Bounds

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SS10, SS13 Meentoges	10:00 to 17:00	L-11149, L-3012, L-7044, L-3013, L-7046, L-7045	Starting at Scrahanagullaun via Banard, O'Keeffe's Garage, Meentoges, Barraduff Upper, Lisbabe and finishing at Knocksheehan.
SS11, SS14 Ballintourig	10.35 to 17.40	L-11120, L-7019, L-11115, L-7017, L-3006	Starting at Leamyglissane via Liscahane, Knockrower East, Knockreagh, Ballahantouragh, John Richard's Cross, Knockacorrin, finishing at Anablaha

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#### KERRY PASS CORK TEST BUT DOUBTS REMAIN MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL Kerry 0-18 Cork 1-12

I'm old enough, just about, to remember when this game was the be-all and end-all for both sides. It was almost always the Munster Final (it was seeded) and even if it wasn't, the winner was practically guaranteed. It didn't always turn out that way - yes, I was in the Gaelic Grounds for that Clare game and Pairc Uí Caoimh some 28 years later, I wasn't in Fraher Field in 1957 but it always felt like it would. It was actually a time-worn cliché of Kerry football when I was growing up. You'd see a lad show well in a National League game or maybe impress for the U21s or even the County Championship and you'd be muttering about a prospect. Discussing prospects was the main point of going to League games, the established had the right to 'winter well' and the league was not hard currency. But ultimately, whether some-one was a prospect or not ultimately came down to one of the shrewder judges (every group of supporters had an informal and internal hierarchy and the inevitable question. "He looks good out there today – but what's he worth against Cork?"

Last Saturday didn't feel like the days of old. The build-up was relatively muted. Kerry have had too much of an upper hand for it to be called a rivalry any more. Having County League on the same weekend...well, I had as many conversations about my club's prospects this weekend (like every club, we are down a lot of bodies) as Kerry, and that would have been tantamount to heresy once upon a time. There was no great crowd expected. More than anything else, it isn't knock-out. And that is a killer for the provincial championships. As a Division One team, Kerry were always guaranteed a berth in that 'Super 8 group stage but we're definitely not calling it Super 8' thingy. Those, and realistically those, are when the championship starts. Frankly, I was far more curious than passionate in the Park last Saturday, and I actually think that's the best way to consider a game like this.

I enjoyed it. I actually enjoyed it an awful lot. Bigger crowd than expected – they announced an official attendance of around 17,500, but not a chance. My guess would be much, much closer to 25,000. I suspect that the figure got a bit muddled up with delays in scanning tickets. To be honest, I have a lot of sympathy for the Cork supporters arriving that bit late, considering that parking was at a premium, but as for Kerry supporters? It was a double-header, and anyone who didn't have smallies with them but opted for pints instead of supporting a Kerry Ladies' team? Don't be complaining to me.

Cork come at us fast and hard. Good hand in by Paul Murphy to knock it away for a '45. Powter picks out Corbett in space and that's the first score, should definitely have been a goal. Seán O'Shea inches wide at the other end, great effort. Back come Cork, Ian Maguire bursting forward....ooh, Kerry defence is badly caught. Paul Walsh to fist it home; even if he missed, Chris Óg Jones was also free behind him. That was well-taken, but we coughed up the chance too easy.

You have to admire Cork's approach here. No mass defence, they are breaking from half back, trusting their two midfielders, and looking for the jugular every time.

Seánie O'Shea gets Kerry off the mark with a free. A deft flick by Dara Moynihan sets Paudie Clifford free one on one with the keeper, but the finish skins the wrong side of the post. Kerry are pushing on Cork kick-outs and it looks a wise strategy.

This is more like it from Kerry. Dara Moynihan correctly opts to fist over the bar rather than waste the chance with more ambition (the goal wasn't on). Graham O'Sullivan finds Cillian Burke and the debutant steadies himself before shooting over. Tom O'Sullivan finishes off another good Kerry move and it's level, 1-1 to 0-4.

Except back come Cork. Seán Powter wins a free

converted by Brian Hurley. A fantastic break by Matty Taylor (my overall man of the match) sees him notch another. His confidence is growing, and Hurley is the one Cork scorer I have feared for years. Sure enough, it's soon 1-4 to 0-4.

David Clifford has been kept fairly isolated as Kerry are forced to commit bodies to the midfield battle (sorry, but that one was Cork hands down). He does get a ball from Dara Moynihan and fist over, but Chris Óg Jones replies – and that one also could have easily been under rather than over the bar. The loss of Jason Foley appears to have completely unnerved Kerry's defence, and Cork (creditably) have been very quick to test it. Seán Powter draws another foul for Brian Hurley. 1-6 to 0-5. David Clifford shows a fraction too much of the ball to Daniel O'Mahony and is robbed. O'Mahony repeats the feat a minute later after a good run by Gavin White. The Cork supporters are loving this.

Diarmuid O'Connor wins a free and Seán O'Shea, as is his wont, makes a difficult one look very easy indeed. David Clifford solos a little too high and once again O'Mahony gets a pickpocket's hand in. Matty Taylor gathers from lan Maguire and curls over off his left. Lads, we started five natural midfielders in the two O'Connors, O'Brien, Spillane, and Burke – how is Maguire lording the middle third? I'd want Barry Dan for the second half; he's at least block off that space for Maguire to drive through.

Seán O'Shea splits the posts with a fantastic bit of skill. The same players wins a great turnover and it ends up in a point for David Clifford, who also won and pointed a free. In fact, Kerry had a chance to go level, but can't take it. A one point game? Cork will surely be very disappointed not to be at least five ahead.

#### Half-time Cork 1-7 Kerry 0-9

I was expecting more changes at half-time. Absolutely a forward was coming off, our conversion rate wasn't good enough in the first half. But I was happy enough with Cillian Burke; I'm assuming that management were being careful about his recent injury. I felt that



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we needed a defensive midfielder to block Cork's direct running. They were hurting us in straight lines, largely down their left flank. We were doing the same to them, especially, Tom, Graham, and Gavin's runs from deep, but we always required an extra body to contest around the middle.

Brian Hurley is their most consistent scorer in a generation and his free after good work by Seán Meehan is reminiscent of Colin Corkery. However, Paul Geaney feeds Dara Moynihan for the Spa man's second score. A lovely jink by Seán O'Shea opens space and he floats it over – like Hurley, he has an aura of confidence here. Switch by Cork. Powter off (he did damage to us) and Ruairí Deane on. Cork have more depth to their bench than in recent years.

A foul on Paul Walsh by Diarmuid O'Connor draws a yellow card – that's grand, it was more of a rough and tumble than what I would call a 'bad (malicious or injurious) foul but the card was deserved. Brian Hurley knocks it over and Cork have their noses in front again.

A good Kerry move carves out Space for Tom O'Sullivan and that's the kind of invitation that doesn't need an RSVP, another fine score for Kerry. The tide is beginning to turn now. I can't point to any one thing, but Cork just don't seem to have the same drive or fire anymore. They are passing backwards more than they are driving forward. There's more a sense of controlled certainty about Kerry rather than concern. That's not just my opinion; supporters on both sides are in agreement.

Tom O'Sullivan drives forward again and lays off to David Clifford, who promptly splits the posts. Graham O'Sullivan, as prominent driving forward as in defence all day long, takes his own score with a fine effort.

Brian Hurley trims it back to a one point game, but the margin feels a lot bigger. David Clifford and Tom O'Sullivan link up for Seán O'Shea to fist over the bar.

Conor Corbett takes a superb mark and fires over. Dara Moynihan, who is having a superb game here, sets up Tom O'Sullivan for his third point. It's Dara's last part of the action as Tony Brosnan replaces him, but he deserved every bit of the applause as he departed the field.

Kerry are deliberately slowing it down now, with murmurs of disapproval from a few of the crowd. Too bad about ye; it's exactly what I'd be doing. Mind you, one thing concerns me. Shane Ryan is out around midfield for a Cork kick-out. Ummmm....two point lead, dying minutes of a game? Shane, you are unquestionably one of the best goalkeepers in the country and I personally felt that you were robbed of an All Star last year (Cluxton is the GOAT, but Shane was better last year - check that Mayo game again), but I want to show you a video clip. No, not Odhran Lynch, though that's certainly relevant to the discussion (and Derry will take that lesson board - we haven't seen the last of them). This video clip is about a man named Seamus Darby.....

Seán O'Shea slots another free after David Clifford is fouled. Seán is announced as man of the match, and he and Brian Hurley make the GAA Team of the Week. I honestly thought Matty Taylor deserved to be in that discussion. A section of the large crowd in attendance at the Munster Semi Final Kerry V Cork last Saturday Photos: Fitzgerald Stadium PR



Paul Geaney added a point after Stephen O'Brien slips it off to him. Brian Hurley does tap over one last Cork free. I'm a bit surprised so deep in injury time he didn't lob it in for a goal chance. It might not be Seamus Darby territory, but I haven't forgotten Mark Keane from four years ago either!

The game is ending with more of a whimper than a roar. That's grand. Cork put up a great battle for the bones of 50 minutes. Good. That's way better than a cruise for Kerry, and I've always maintained that Kerry and Cork need each other to hone the edges. At this stage, I would like a little bit more certainty about Kerry's selection – there are too many jerseys up for grabs.

I know that there are a lot of Kerry supporters getting a bit concerned right now. "That performance won't win an All Ireland". You are absolutely right. It won't. Nor does it need to. It's April. I promise, check it. We played Cork in a Munster-semi-final in April. This particular train is not hurtling down the tracks because it is still building a head of steam. That's not green and gold tinted sunglasses on my part. Kerry, absolutely correctly in my opinion, haven't opened the throttle yet.

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Paul Murphy, Tadhg Morley, Tom O'Sullivan (0-3), Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), Gavin White, Seán O'Brien, Diarmuid O'Connor, Joe O'Connor, Adrian Spillane, Paudie Clifford, Cillian Burke (0-1), David Clifford, Seán O'Shea (0-6, 3f), Dara Moynihan (0-2). Subs: Paul Geaney 0-1 (for Cillian Burke, half-time), Stephen O'Brien (for Adrian Spillane, 48 mins), Mike Breen (for Seán O'Brien, 62 mins), Tony Brosnan (for Dara Moynihan, 64 mins), Barry Dan O'Sullivan (for Joe O'Connor, 71 mins).

Cork: Christopher Kelly, Kevin Flahive, Daniel O'Mahony, Maurice Shanley, Luke Fahy, Tommy Walsh, Matty Taylor (0-1), Ian Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan, Paul Walsh (1-0), Seán Powter, Brian O'Driscoll, Chris Óg Jones (0-1), Conor Corbett (0-2, 1m), Brian Hurley (0-8, 4f). Subs: Seán Meehan (for Maurice Shanley (35 mins), Ruairí Deane (for Seán Powter, 45 mins), Steven Sherlock (for Chris Óg Jones, 53 mins), Mark Cronin (for Paul Walsh, 58 mins), Kevin O'Donovan (for Tommy Walsh, 60 mins). Referee: Noel Mooney (Cavan).

#### KERRY HURLERS STUN WESTMEATH - AND EVERYBODY ELSE MCDONAGH CUP Westmeath 1-14 Kerry 1-20

I could have been there. I could have put my hand up to report on that game, and I'm pretty sure there would have been no objections. But I won't lie, I didn't want it. Kerry were not coming into this one from a good place.

And that's being generous. Kerry are down a huge amount of bodies from last year and that showed in the League. Then you take out Shane Conway and Dan Goggin, and you're travelling away to a Westmeath team that ran Limerick to within six points. Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh once mentioned the Lapland and Antarctic in a GAA commentary (my favourite is and always will be the Rabbitte and the Fox, it's worth googling right now). Well, I'd say if you asked any native of either place about Kerry's chances last Sunday morning, they'd have said Westmeath by at least ten.

Stephen Moloney tried to tell us that things are actually going okay in the training camp. Ah, God love us, we said to ourselves, but the poor man has to say something. We'll be gentle in our reporting. Aren't they doing their best?

I'd say they are roaring laughing at us right now, and they are absolutely right to do so.

I listened on Radio Kerry. I'm not sure who was with Mike O'Halloran – Andrew Morrissey at a guess? They were fantastic, and it was brilliant coverage.

Strong start by Kerry. Ronan Walsh with a point after good work by Luke Crowley. Walsh is one of those players who has come on in leaps and bounds. Maurice O'Connor with a free. Kyle O'Connor nails another from long range. Maurice makes it 0-4 to 0-0. What exactly is happening here?

Kerry have Daithí Griffin sweeping – good, the veteran is a brilliant reader of the game and always best in a free role. It means that Westmeath are sending 50/50 balls in to their inside line – and Eric Leen, Evan Murphy and Flor McCarthy are winning those duels hands down.

Then Westmeath, or more particularly Killian

Doyle, spark into life. He hits three points (2f). One point game, and I assume this is a rising tide, especially with Owen McCabe narrowly wide of goal after Kerry coughed up a poor puck-out.

Except that it's not. Maurice slots another free and Ronan Walsh sets up Darragh Shanahan for a point. Westmeath drive in for goal but Fionán Mackessy gets in a strong and clean hit to snuff out the danger. Ronan Walsh notches his second point and Maurice makes it 0-8 to 0-3. Killian Doyle slots a brilliant sideline but Fionán replies from play. Niall Mulcahy almost gets in on goal for Kerry, but Noel Conaty does well to save. Westmeath do finish the half strongly with two points from Tommy Doyle and Shane McGovern.

#### Half-time Kerry 0-9 Westmeath 0-6

Killian Doyle and Maurice O'Connor traded two frees each to start the second half. Flor McCarthy gathers a lovely pass from Luke Crowley and sends a rocket towards goal but it's cleared. Doyle and O'Connor swap more frees – this is turning into a shooting contest. That would be absolutely fine with me.

Aonghus Clarke and Killian Doyle with Westmeath points. Just one point in it now. What's more, Westmeath's Joey Boyle really should have goaled instead of driving his shot narrowly wide. I have to admit to a bit of a sinking feeling. There was too much time left; I expected the universe to recalibrate itself and normal service to be resumed. I.e the hot favourites to lift a gear and start landing more of their shots.

Oh ye of little faith. Kerry took over completely, and this was a brand of hurling they had talked about but certainly hadn't shown us at any stage this year. This was genuinely phenomenal. Killian Haye as split the posts. Gavin Dooley fed Fionán Mackessy for a great score. Maurice and Fionán both swung over frees as confidently as if they were lifting a sod with a sleán. Killian Doyle did interrupt proceedings with a free but Ronan Walsh replied instantly. 0-17 to 0-12.

I was determined not to start hoping. It's the hope that'll hurt you. But five points clear? I was actually at a club football match listening to the radio through earphones, a very good game in its own right, but I had to walk away and sit in the car to hear the rest of the hurling.

And, of course, as soon as I started hoping, the universe turned around and bit me on the behind. As usual. Tommy Doyle with a cracking goal for Westmeath. Two points in it and quarter of an hour left. I almost got out of the car, turned off the radio, and went back to the football match.

Maurice O'Connor nudged the gap out to three. I'd have shaken your hand on a draw right then; I really would. Hould on. Fionán Mackessy with a long range free....he puts it over! Four points is different. Four points is two scores including a big one. Underdogs or not, we have a real chance of pulling off a huge shock here ('we' might be a bit cheeky, in these circumstances!). Killian Doyle with another free. No point in hoping a player like this will miss a clutch one, and sure enough he doesn't. A goal in it and two minutes to play of normal time, plus whatever the referee adds on for injuries. About three days, it feels like. But no matter. Maurice O'Connor gathers a great ball from man of the match Fionán Mackessy and drills it home, and there's no way back for Westmeath. If Radio Kerry were completely on the ball, it would have been the perfect time to play 'Redemption Song' by Bob Marley.

We could do caveats if we wanted to. Everything went right for Kerry, and that's usually a confluence of circumstances as well as good preparation. Westmeath may have been a bit over-confident. They were definitely too slow to adjust to Kerry's good defensive strategy. Kerry's conversion rate was much higher than it has been all year, and Westmeath's was much worse.

But I'm not doing caveats today. I refuse to. Most of the time in sport, it's important to stay grounded. But sometimes either it's okay to fly, or you shouldn't bother following sport at all. This is one of those days.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Evan Murphy, Flor McCarthy, Dáithí Griffin, Kyle O'Connor (0-1), Fionán Mackessy (0-4, 2f), Eric Leen, Darragh Shanahan (0-1), Colin Walsh, Rónán Walsh (0-3), Killian Hayes (0-1), Niall Mulcahy, Luke Crowley, Michael Leane, Maurice O'Connor (1-10, 10f) Subs: Gavin Dooley (for Niall Mulcahy, 44 mins), Brandon Barrett for L Crowley, 55, David Woulfe (for Michael Leane, 55 mins), Bill Keane (for Flor McCarthy, 71 mins), Bill Keane (for Eric Leen, bs, 67-70 mins)

Westmeath: Noel Conaty, Johnny Bermingham, Tommy Doyle (1-1), Kevin Regan, Darragh Egerton, Aonghus Clarke (0-1), Charlie McCormack, Robbie Greville, Shane McGovern (0-1), Niall Mitchell, Killian Doyle (0-11, 7f), Owen McCabe, Darragh Clinton, Joseph Boyle, Jack Gillen Subs: David Williams (for Darragh Clinton, 29 mins), David O'Reilly (for Jack Gillen, 29 mins), Peter Clarke (for Shane McGovern, 41 mins), Eoin Keyes (for Owen McCabe, 49 mins), Ciarán Doyle (for Joseph Boyle, 29 mins) Referee: Seán Cleere (Kilkenny)

#### O'LEARY STARS AS KERRY LADIES DISMISS TIPP CHALLENGE MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND TWO

#### Kerry 2-14 Tipperary 0-5

Kerry went into this one as strong favourites, but actually it took a while for us to settle against a blanket defence by Tipperary. That may not be the most entertaining style of play, but we all know by now that it's a good strategy for underdogs and, after the two games against Armagh, I'd worry that we are going to see a lot more of it.

Kerry actually made a fast start, with Danielle O'Leary clipping over the opener after good work by Niamh Carmody and another after Mary O'Connell superbly gathered a Tipperary kick-out. Some days you just know within minutes whether a top player is on song, and Rathmore's dual star was definitely on song here.

Aishling Moloney notched a free to open Tipperary's account but O'Leary replied with her third score. Emma Morrissey made it 0-3 to 0-2. We're into the second quarter. That's not great scoring, but Tipperary are defending in numbers and the play is a bit scattered. That's alright; it'll settle. Games always do.

They just can't handle Danielle and she notches another brace. Kerry a goal clear. Tipperary hit back, Aishling Moloney (f) and Emma Morrissey splitting the posts. Kerry are on top in general play, but it's not showing on the scoreboard.

And then it does. Regular readers of this column (God bless yere patience) will know that I am not in favour of keepers coming outfield – it's a high risk/low reward strategy to me. Last weekend was certainly not a good one for the tactic.

There are certain truisms about this Kerry team. You do not ever, ever, send high ball down on Lorraine Scanlon and expect to retain possession. Likewise Kayleigh Cronin go around her, there is no direct route. If Cáit Lynch has the ball, cut off the space. Don't ask if she will run it, she will, and it will hurt you. Mark Louise Ní Muircheartaigh. I literally don't care if she is sitting in the top row of the stand. You send a player right up there to mark her. And understand that any risk with possession in the vicinity of Kerry's half forward line.....you'd have a better chance arm wrestling with octopi. Nobody told the unfortunate Tipperary keeper, who made the mistake of emerging from goal in possession. Niamh Carmody read her intended pass perfectly and laid off to Louise Ní Muircheartaigh and....Louise in possession and no goalkeeper in situ? I'll let you guess the ending of that particular tale yourself!

#### Half-time Kerry 1-5 Tipperary 0-4

Ciara O'Brien opened the second half scoring with a great point. Kerry looked a lot more assured now. They were starting to ring the changes now, looking to get minutes into players, and the truth is that they could afford to. A blanket defence strategy is obviously pointless when a team is facing a deficit, and Tipperary had to play the game on Kerry's terms now.

Danielle O'Leary stretched the lead. Louise Ni Muircheartaigh notched a point. So did Niamh Carmody. Unfortunately, given that this was a double header and a chance to showcase the game to supporters who might not otherwise have watched a ladies' game. Danielle O'Leary made it 1-10 to 0-4.

Anna Rose Kennedy got Tipperary's lone score of the second half but it barely raised a cheer.

Lorraine Scanlon kicked a good score. The same player almost notched a goal, but Lauren Fitzpatrick made a great save. Aoife Dillane swooped on the rebound to fist over.

Emma Dineen notched a Kerry goal that had a certain sense of inevitability about it. Niamh Ní Chonchúir and Danielle O'Leary (her eighth point from play closed out a convincing Kerry victory.

Next weekend in Brosna, where Kerry face Cork, will be a tougher test.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Ciara Murphy, Eilis Lynch, Ciara O'Brien (0-1), Aishling O'Connell, Kayleigh Cronin, Cáit Lynch, Mary O'Connell, Deirdre Kearney, Anna Galvin, Niamh Carmody (0-1), Amy Harrington, Katie Brosnan, Louise Ní Mhuircheartaigh (1-1), Danielle O'Leary (0-8).

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Louise Ni Mhuirceartaigh in action on Saturday last. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

Subs: Hannah O'Donoghue (for Katie Brosnan, 38 mins), Niamh Ní Chonchúir 0-1 (for Ciara O'Brien, 42 mins), Emma Dineen 1-0 (for Amy Harrington, 45 mins), Lorraine Scanlon 0-1 (for Anna Galvin, 48 mins), Aoife Dillane 0-1 (for Ciara Murphy, 52 mins).

Tipperary: Lauren Fitzpatrick, Elaine Kelly, Lucy Spillane, Emma Cronin, Cliona O'Dwyer, Maria Curley ,Sarah English, Laura Morrissey, Anna Rose Kennedy (0-1), Emma Morrissey (0-2), Angela McGuigan, Aishling Moloney (0-2, 1f), Neasa Towey, Katelyn Downey, Emer McCarthy. Subs: Clara English (for Neasa Towey, 38 mins), Sarah Ryan (for Emer McCarthy, 56 mins), Heather Spillane (for Katelyn Downey, 58 mins), Anna Downey (for Aishling Moloney, 60 mins). Referee: Patrick Smith (Waterford)

#### KERRY GIRLS WIN U16 CROWN MUNSTER U16 A FINAL Kerry 0-14 Cork 0-12 (aet)

Kerry's U16 girls won an absolute thriller of a Munster U16 Final, finally seeing off an equally impressive Cork side in extra-time.

Cork made the better start, leading 0-4 to 0-1, but Jessie Lynch's second score and Muireann Lynch left it 0-4 to 0-3 to Cork at half-time. Cork's Laura Walsh had three early points in the second half, with Kerry's Muireann Lynch notching two and Seoladh Flynn keeping the gap to a single score. Naoise O'Donoghue brought Kerry level. Laura Walsh edged Cork ahead again, only for Naoise O'Donoghue to find an equaliser two minutes into injury time. Doireann O'Neill put Kerry in front for the first time in extra-time. Cork replied through Walsh. Keeva O'Riordan restored Kerry's advantage but once again Walsh negated the gap. Walsh nudged her side ahead again but Doireann O'Neill and Keeva O'Riordan reversed that lead and Vilte Paulauskaite put Kerry two clear. Laura Walsh (she was absolutely superb) hit back once more but a final Kerry score from Naoise O'Donoghue was enough to secure a hard-earned victory.

Local players on the Kerry panel included Anne and Lily O'Shaughnessy (Fossa), Keeva and Lily O'Riordan and Eabha McEvoy (Beaufort), and Bríd Curtin (Currow).

Congratulations also to Zara McCarthy (Fossa) and Nessa O'Donoghue (Beaufort) on winning a Munster U14 A Final with Kerry against Waterford, making it a clean sweep for the Kerry cailíní.

#### CAMOGIE

Commiserations to the Kerry minors, whose brilliant All Ireland campaign came to an abrupt end at the hands of Kildare last weekend. Tirana Dineen, Kathryn Ryan, Hannah Ryan, Megan Gillespie, Martha O'Sullivan, Orla Cronin, and Yasmin O'Brien (all Killarney) and Áine Walsh (Sliabh Luachra) were all on Kerry panel. Congratulations to Killarney's U15 Girls, who

defeated Abbeykillix in the Kerry Féile Divison Two Final to qualify for the National Féile in Roscommon on June 22nd.

#### KERRY MINOR PANEL NAMED

Wayne Quillinan and his management team have named the Kerry minor football panel to face Cork next week. I recognise a fair few of the names from the minor county league and the post primary schools. There's a lot of great talent in there. Aodhna Ó Beaglaíoch, Ben Murphy, Ronan O'Carroll, Seán Ó Cuinn, and Ruairí O'Connell were all on last year's panel. Several more had trained with them and came very close to making it.

There are a few real stand-out names, and as always there are relatives of predecessors in the green and gold. It's hard to make any predictions. Back when you had three grades to draw from , U12, U14, and U16 (and of course, most lads of Kerry minor quality were playing club minor) as well as development squads, you could have a much better idea of the kind of quality coming through. Likewise, most lads with ambition to play minor county were making their school's senior team, but the simultaneous extension of those to U19 and reduction to U17 for minor has skewed all of that sideways. I'm not going to make any tentative predictions about the Kerry minors, let alone Cork. I defy anyone, Wayne and his management team excepted (there has certainly been one of them at every game that I have been at and I'm sure many more) to do so. The best of luck to them all.

Adam O'Neill (Laune Rangers), Aodhna Ó Beaglaoich (An Ghaeltacht), Ben Murphy (Austin Stacks), Brian Dineen (Beale), Cian Mac Gearailt (An Ghaeltacht), Conor Moynihan (Rathmore), Conor Sweeney (Listowel Emmets) David Sargent (John Mitchels), Donncha O'Sullivan (Tuosist), Éanna Murphy (Listry), Eoin Moriarty (Ballymacelligott), Eoin O' Flaherty (Ardfert), Fionnán Ryan (Austin Stacks), Gavin Casey (Austin Stacks), Gavin O'Keeffe (Finuge), Gearóid White (John Mitchels), Jack Joy (Ballymacelligott), Joey McCarthy (Spa), Kacper Robak (Dr. Crokes), Killian Dennehy (Cordal), Michael Horan (Scartaglin), Michael Lynch (Milltown\Castlemaine), Ned Ryan (Dingle), Oisín Fleming (Killarney Legion), Pat Brosnan (Moyvane), Pierce Moynihan (Glenflesk), Ronan Carroll (Austin Stacks), Ronan Sheridan (Duagh), Ruadhan Donovan (Annascaul), Ruairí O'Connell (St. Senans), Ruairí Brosnan (Currow), Ryan O'Driscoll (Austin Stacks), Seán Ó Cuinn (An Ghaeltacht), Shane Kelliher (Cordal)



Paul O'Brien, centre, winner of the Gleneagle Squash Club Maurice O'Donoghue memorial perpetual award with Eamon O'Donoghue (son of the late Maurice O'Donoghue) and Keith Cronin, Torc Precision Engineering, sponsor of the club's final monthly competition of the season. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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LOTTO

Results 15/4. Numbers drawn were: 11, 17, 21, 22. No jackpot winner. 5x €30: Patrica O Riordan, Farranfore; Joan O Sullivan, Currans; Leish Bird, Currow; Elaine O Donoghue, Dromore; Dermot O Connor, Firies. Next week's jackpot €3100 COISTE NA NÒG RESULTS U13

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Div 10 : Firies Dev beat DR Crokes B Div 2: Firies 2-14 V's DR Crokes 1-08

#### **SENIOR RESULTS**

Credit Union Division 3 Round 4 Firies 2-15 Tarbert 1-16

Match report by Robert Kelly

Firies made the long trip up north in sweltering heat and came out on top against a Tarbert side who led for the majority of the game.

Tarbert opened the scoring, then Darragh Brosnan responded followed by a Mike Daly score and another Darragh Brosnan from close range. Then two more Mike Daly scores had Firies up 0-6 0-5 after the first guarter.

Firies almost got a goal through Liam Brosnan but the shot went Narrowly wide. But Tarbert after this dominated the next 15 minutes kicking a goal and two points without reply. Then Firies responded with 3 scores from Cian Doe before half time.Ht 1-8 0-9

Tarbert started the second half the best, dominating the third quarter at one point having a six point advantage. Firies scores from Mike Daly(2) Jake Flynn and Niall Donohue kept us in the game and in the final quarter Firies started unloading the bench and ended the game brilliantly. Diarmuid O Mahony rifling the ball off the underside of the crossbar for a goal and great work by Tommy Clifford found sub Stephen Palmer who dummied the keeper to find the back of the net two further late scores from Mike Daly and Diarmuid Brosnan ended the game. Ft 2-15 1-16

This was a great game between the top two teams in the Division where Firies now find themselves in a great spot to challenge for promotion and will be hoping to keep the record going at home to Ballydonoghue next week. **SENIOR FIXTURES** 

28/4 - 2:00pm Firies V Ballydonoghue 28/4 - 2:00pm Austin Stacks V Firies

#### **KERRY LGFA**

MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

Kerry v Cork, Brosna 2pm - Saturday 27th April MUNSTER U14 B CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Cork v Kerry, Saturday 27th April. Time and Venue TBC

#### MUNSTER SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Kerry v Limerick, Saturday 27th April. Time and Venue TBC

#### FOSSA

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The numbers drawn on 21/04/2024 for a jackpot of  $\in$  11,250 were 3, 4, 12, 19. There was

no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Miriam O'Connell, Online; Geraldine O'Mahony, Online; Eileen Hickey, Dublin; Mick Clifford, Barleymount; Frances Cronin, Gortacopola. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link https://fossagaa.clubforce. com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto

#### COUNTY LEAGUE DIV. 2

Our seniors played out an exciting draw away to Listowel on Sunday afternoon. Played in glorious sunshine, this was a cracker of a game with brilliant scores from both sides and a draw was a fair result in the end. The teams traded scores early on before Fossa got their goal on 15 minutes when Killian Buckley crashed home a great goal after good build up play. Listowel took over after that and kicked five points in a row and they lead at the break on a score of 0-11 to 1-07. Listowel started the second half well but an Emmett O'Shea point and a brilliant left footed effort from Matt Rennie kept Fossa in touch. Listowel scored a goal in the 15th minute to put them four points up but with Matt Rennie winning some great ball at midfield, Fossa reeled in the lead and Emmett O'Shea, who was deadly accurate all through, kicked the last four scores of the half to secure a very valuable point. Kieran O'Sullivan had an outstanding game at centre back and attacked at pace given every opportunity, Matt Rennie was instrumental in keeping Fossa in this game, winning great ball around the middle of the field and Emmett O'Shea was a thorn in the opposition defences side all day long. Final score, Fossa 1-14, Listowel 1-14.

#### **COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 6**

Fossa B recorded another great win in the county league on Friday evening when they beat Legion B in Direen. The foundations for this victory were laid in the first two minutes when Rocco Sheehan found the net twice to give Fossa a dream start. They added to their advantage with points from Ryan O'Leary, Kevin McCarthy, Cian Doyle and Michael O'Dwyer before Legion got their first score of the game. Legion had a purple patch and kicked a couple of points but Fossa were leading at the break, 2-08 to 0-04.

Legion kicked the first four scores of the second half but Kevin McCarthy settled Fossa with a pointed free and one from play. From there on, as both sides ran the bench Fossa maintained their lead and with Cian Doyle, Anthony O'Keeffe, Sam Buckley, Mark Donnellan and Ted O'Gorman attacking at pace at every opportunity, Fossa ran out winners on a score of 2-14 to 0-11. It was a very entertaining game played in a sporting fashion with some great scores by both sides.

#### **U-16 GIRLS**

On a nice evening for a game our U16 girls hosted Scart / Cordal in Rd 2.

Two new players tried the No.1 jersey for the first time and both contributed positively to a fine win. We started brightly and struck the 1st goal but we were uncharacteristically wasteful thereafter. However, at the other end our backs were ferocious in protecting our new No.1's and we went in at the break leading, 2-04 to 1-01. In the 2nd half things seemed to change with

a few switches and we built on our lead and powered on and ran our ready winners.

Well done to the new Scart/Cordal team who played a nice brand of football. Well done to all our own girls who as ever worked tirelessly to achieve the win.

#### **FOSSA MINOR LADIES**

In our 2nd game for this makeshift team, it was Legion away. On a very unpleasant night to be out, the showers of driving rain and a gale of wind made playing conditions tough.

We played 13 aside which guaranteed plenty of space and lots of running for all! With our 6 minors and the balance of younger girls we won the toss and played with the wind and scored freely, notching 4-07, Legion also kept themselves in it with 2-05.

It was very difficult against the wind in the second half and the 0-8 point lead at half time didn't look like it was going to be enough. Unfortunately it wasn't as Legion laid siege to our goals for long periods and bagged 1-11 in the 2nd half but our girls also battled hard, with goals on their minds they were always doing just enough. While Legion narrowed it to a point with less than 10 minutes to go, Fossa found the energy to make our breakaway attacks count.

In the end we ran out seven point winners. Hard luck to Legion who played well and you don't often lose when you score 3-16. Well done to all our warriors old and young, next up we have a bye

#### **U15 BOYS ROUND 3 COUNTY LEAGUE**

Fossa travelled to their near neighbours Spa in the third game of the county league. The game started tight with both defences on top before Spa converted an early penalty. The Fossa boys responded with a Luke Rennie point from distance. Spa then took over and hit 1-4, before Luke Rennie scored his and Fossa's second point of the half. Spa still had time to score another 1-2 to leave the half time score 3-6 to 0-2. The second half continued where the first half had let off with Spa firmly on top adding another 1-4. Luke Rennie and James O'Meara added a point each for Fossa. Spa hit two more goals and a point, before Luke Clancy converted a free for Fossa to leave the final score 6-13 to 0-5. It was a tough night for the Fossa boys but they were up against a very strong Spa team. Despite the result there were some notable performances from Oisin Cryan and Paddy Myers, along with Ben O'Sullivan and Ben Kavanagh. Mikey Moroney put in a good shift in midfield but special mention for Donnacha O'Sullivan who excelled from start to finish despite what was thrown at him.

#### U13 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 5 Na Fianna 1-05 Fossa 0-08

Our Under 13's made the long trip on the Ring of Kerry to Sneem to face the Divisional side of Na Fianna who comprise of the 4 clubs of Templenoe, Tuosist, Sneem and Derrynane. Played on a balmy sunny evening, an evening borrowed from the summers of old on the well presented Sneem pitch. Fossa won the toss and elected to play with the slight breeze, however the locals were fastest out of the blocks and led from the off. By half time Na Fianna were leading by 1-04 to 0-03. Fossa's first half scores



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coming from Gerry Moroney, Ryan Lynch and Charlie O Meara. Fossa kicked some bad wides in the opening period and now had an uphill battle to fight after the break. But our lads dug really deep in the last 25 minutes and drove forward from the back, the opposition were now tiring in the Mediterranean temperatures of Sneem and continually fouled our Fossa forwards.

For this they paid a heavy price, as Fossa marksman Ross Cronin was unerring from frees, kicking 3 pointed frees and one from play. And wing back Aaron O' Sullivan also got in an the act by kicking a fine point of his own. When excellent referee Paul O'Sullivan from Dromid Pearses blew his final whistle both teams could not be separated on a final score Line of 1-05 to 0-08. Well done to both teams for providing an excellent game of football, played in a most sporting manner. And thanks to all 16 players and their parents for making the very long trip into the deep South to keep the Fossa flag flying high. Our Under 13's have now played all 5 games in Phase 1 of the County League. Phase 2 will follow soon.

#### **UNDER 13 COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 4** Kerins O' Rahillys 3-10 Fossa 1-08

Our U13 Boys were on the road again in County League action. They heading for Tralee to take on league leaders, Kerins O' Rahillys on their home turf in Ballyrickard. This was always going to be a very tough assignment against a home side that have convincingly defeated every side in the league this season. Fossa started with a team of six 13's and 9 U12's whereas Rahillys had a full compliment of Under 13's to start. From the start the Strand Road outfit were physically very strong on the ball and uncompromising in their tackling, but as the 1st half wore on our Fossa lads were growing more into the game. We kicked three great points in that opening half from the boots of Ryan Lynch, Eoin Murphy and Gerry Moroney. At the short whistle we trailed by 5 points on a score line of 0-8 to 0-03. Fossa made a great start to the 2nd period with a well taken goal by Ross Cronin to reduce the Strand Road side's lead to only two points. At this stage the home supporters were getting nervous as Fossa were attacking in numbers and clicking into gear. Ross followed up his goal with a nice point. But unfortunately, Rahillys would score three goals of their own mid-way through the 2nd half to put them well ahead and out of reach. But our gallant Fossa lads never surrendered and continued to play with great heart and skill. Our captain fantastic Gerry Moroney kicked 2 massive points and led the team throughout. Mark O' Connor kicked a beautiful point off his left side, Aaron O' Sullivan tore through the heart of the Rahillys defence to kick a great point. At the final whistle Fossa were to lose by 8 points against their illustrious opponents, but our brave boys didn't go down without a massive fight. Next up for this young side is another away trip to Sneem on this Sunday evening where they face the divisional side of Na Fianna who are made up of players from the clubs of Sneem, Templenoe, Kilgarvan and Tuosist.

#### CONGRATS

Congratulations to Zara McCarthy and the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football U14 team and managment who won the Munster U14 A Final beating Waterford in Mallow. Also, congratulations to Anne and Lily O'Shaughnessy and the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football U-16 team and managment who are Munster A champions after a titanic tussle with Cork. Tied at full time 0-08, tied at half time of extra time 0-10, our resolute Kerry Ladies prevailed with a score line of Kerry 0-14 to Cork 0-12.

#### SENIOR LADIES

Another great result for the Fossa Senior Ladies and new management as they travelled to Ballyrickard to play Kerins O'Rahillys. There wasn't much between these teams in recent meetings and this was another tough and competitive encounter. On a glorious day for football Fossa had the bare 13 to start and many players had to take on new duties. With the reduced numbers there was a lot of running to be done and space to be covered. Fossa worked hard with and without the ball and went in at the break 0-2 points up on a score of 1-02 v 1-04.

It could have gone anyway but Fossa were more efficient in front of goals and a few nice stops at the other end allowed Fossa to build a lead. KOR applied plenty of pressure but a few scores late on against a tiring opposition saw Fossa run out ready winners 4-15 v 2-07 a score which didn't reflect the overall competitiveness of the contest

#### **U14 COUNTY LEAGUE**

Fossa v Ballymac

Our U14 Girls got their County League Campaign off to a good start in Fossa this sunny evening. A determined team performance against Ballymac saw them get the win and their first points of the campaign.

#### **KILLARNEY LEGION**

#### **SENIOR MEN**

All the drama in the round 4 of this County league game was in the final.moments as an injury time goal by Kilcummin helped them earn a share of the spoils . Final score Killarney Legion 0-11 Kilcummin 1-8.

Milltown is the destination for Round 5 with the game throwing in at 6.30pm in the Mid Kerry venue.

The Senior B team found Fossa a tough nut to crack on Friday night in Direen. Two early goals were the foundation for a 2-14 to 0-11 win for Fossa. Ballylongford are next to Direen, the game pencilled in for Friday night, April 26th. **SENIOR LADIES** 

Our senior ladies kept their unbeaten start to their Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup campaign in tact away to Firies on Sunday afternoon. On a day perfect for football, they ladies dug deep to etch out a one point win on a scoreline of Firies 2-09 Legion 2-10. Next up is a home game against Inbhear Sceil Gaels.

#### **U11 BOYS**

The second game in the U11 GO Games saw us welcome Fossa to Direen on Thursday night. Twenty five players lined out and with the recent dry spell the pitches were in much better shape. Well done to Evan Cox and Aindi O Cathasaigh who refereed and facilitated two great games.

#### **U13 BOYS**

The U13 White team was in action Friday night in Templenoe ehere they played a combination of clubs from the area under the banner of Na Fianna. The boys gave a great team performance from the start and played a nice brand of football with all 16 players contributing to a comfortable victory.

#### **U15 BOYS**

The Green team continued their good run of form with an impressive win Over Na Gaeil during the week. Kicking some great scores towards the end of the game they ran out impressive winners. There on the road again in the next round against Kerins O Rahillys/ Blennerville.

#### **U17 BOYS**

The two U17 teams will be busy in the coming weeks. In Division 1 we face games against Dr Crokes, Kenmare, Spa and Rathmore in a very strong group. All five teams competed in the top division in the county. The second team has fixtures against Gneeveguilla, Kenmare B, Beaufort and Fossa. All games are to be played on Monday nights, with the second team first up this Monday April 22nd.

#### **U12 GIRLS**

The girls continued their Go Games on Tuesday evening back the road in Fossa. With 32 donning the green and white there was plenty to enthuse about in two competitive games. Our neighbours Dr Crokes visit Direen this week.

#### **U14 GIRLS**

The U14 Girls played right to the final whistle as a goal in the last throes of the game earned them a great win over a gallant Beaufort. Movvane is their opponent, the team no doubt buoyed by this 4-10 to 3-11 win.

#### **KERRY U16 LADIES**

Congratulations to Jason Stack who was a selector with the Kerry U16 team who had a satisfying win in the Munster Final, defeating old rivals Cork in Mallow over the weekend. **GOLF CLASSIC** 

Sean Murphy and his team are delighted to announce that our Annual Golf Classic is back with a bang with Friday May 3rd pencilled in as the date. What an opportunity to play on one of Ireland's most picturesque courses, the famed but equally fair O'Mahony's Point where you will still enjoy the track regardless of your skill level. We are committed to providing our members and the broader Killarney community with the best facilities possible to enhance their health and wellbeing. Every week, hundreds of families use the facilities in the Club and over the past few years, these facilities have been upgraded substantially including excellent floodlighting, upgrading and resurfacing of our 2 main pitches and installation of a 3rd smaller training pitch as well as upgrading of gym facilities to incorporate all ages and sections of the Club. To continue to be able to fund this we are running our Classic and if you would look to support us now is your chance. GAA | AROUND THE COUNTY





The victorious Killarney Camogie U15 feile team, with captain Doireann Kelly receiving the shield

A team of three is 300 Euro and a tee box can be sponsored for 100 Euro. We are delighted also to welcome the GlenEagle Hotel and Apartments as the main sponsor of our Classic and we are very grateful to Patrick and the O Donoghue Family for their marvellous support. For more details you can contact John Bowler, 087-2464651, David Randles, 086-2595765, Sean Murphy 087-2461780, Liam McGuire 086-2370865, John Foran 086-3907722, Justin Healy 086-3684108.

#### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Michael O Sullivan. Michaels son Anthony is a generous club sponsor while grandsons Peter and Brian are members of our respective Senior teams. May Michael Rest in Peace.

#### LOTTO

Results Monday 15/4/24. Numbers were 2, 10, 18, 26 Bonus 7. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Caolim O Sullivan, Shanacloon, Beaufort 2. Joan Culloty, O Sullivan Place 3. Steve c/o Lake Hotel 4. Helena Kent Barry 5. Desiree Crowley online

#### EAST KERRY NEWS

#### U17 EAST REGION LEAGUE 2024

Division 1 Round 2 Monday 29nd April 7pm Legion V Dr Crokes, Kenmare V Rathmore, Spa Bye

Division Two Round 2 Monday 29nd April 7pm Glenflesk V Currow, Kilcummin V Firies, Cordal Bye, Division 3

Round 2 Monday 29nd April 7pm

Gneeveguilla V Kenmare B, Fossa V Beaufort, Legion B Bye

MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to the Kerry team and management on their victory in the Munster semi Final over Cork on Saturday.

#### MUNSTER LADIES FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Kerry-Senior Ladies on their opening round win over Tipperary in the Munster Championship.

#### MUNSTER U16 A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

Well done to the Kerry Ladies U16 team, who were crowned Munster Champions after beating Cork in the final.

#### JOE MCDONAGH CUP

Congratulations to the Kerry hurlers, who opened their Joe McDonagh campaign with a resounding win over Westmeath on Sunday. SYMPATHIES

Condolences to the family of Gerard (Gerdie) Murphy, Knockananlig, Castleisland, Kerry on his recent death.

#### **DR CROKES**

#### SFL Dr. Crokes 2:13 An Ghaeltacht 0:08

Our senior footballers put on a fine display of football in round 3 of the SFL away to An Ghaeltacht on Sunday last. A team mixed with youth and experience went in at the break leading 1:06 to 4 points. Goals coming from Michael Burns and a Daithi Casey penalty helped give us a comprehensive win over our West Kerry opponents. Next up we have Glenflesk at home on Sunday 28th April.

#### SHL Dr. Crokes 0:14 Crotta O'Neills 2:21

The darkest hour is just before the Dawn and so it was when we hosted the reigning County Champions in Lewis Road last Friday night. The first half of this County League Fixture does not bear much discussion other than to say it was a severe mauling for the homeside. However, we emerged for the second half a team transformed. Right from the resumption the boys in Black and Amber set about their task with vigour and determination, personified by Nathaniel Doncel who led imperiously from the back. He was supported in his efforts by fellow defenders Conor Murphy and James Murphy. Upfront the ageless Kevin Landers and Davy Carroll led the line. Having failed miserably to mount any sort of a challenge in the opening half, we blitzed our opponents with a succession of marvellous points. The last ten minutes was pure champagne hurling featuring some outstanding team scores as our boys showed an aptitude and skill not previously seen this Season. While this was another defeat the second half performance offers hope and encouragement for the road ahead. Our next fixture is away to St. Brendans in Arfert on Friday the 26th of April. Throw in 7pm.

LGFA Dr. Crokes 0:12 Scartaglin 3:09

Our Senior ladies went down to a well organised Scartaglin team in glorious sunshine in Cordal on Sunday morning. Next round is at home to Southern Gaels.

#### ACADEMY

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

#### MEMBERSHIP

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

**GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASSES** with Kathleen continue every Monday from 11am. You do not need to be a member to join and all are welcome.

**PILATES** classes return on Thursday 11th of April and finish on 16th May. (there will be no class on the 25th of April).

**LOTTO** took place April 22nd. Numbers drawn were 2, 14, 14, 28. Jackpot of  $\in$ 5,300 was NOT WON. 5 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive  $\in$ 80 each. Jackpot for draw on April 29th will be  $\in$ 5,600. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play\_newa.asp?ll\_ id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/ play\_newa.asp?ll\_id=734#Anchor)

#### **DR. CROKES SHOP**

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#### BINGO

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

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Annie Brosnan and Síofra Randles on winning the U16 All Ireland Basketball Championship with St. Pauls. **CONDOLENCES** to Brian O'Callaghan and Family on the recent passing of Brian's sister-inlaw, Bridie Moynihan, Rathmore. Condolances also to everyone in Castleisland Desmonds GAA on the recent passing of both Gerdie Murphy and Derry Sheehan. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanamacha.

#### NOTES

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

#### **KILLARNEY CAMOGIE NOTES**

#### UNDER 8 & UNDER 10

Training continues next Monday from 6-7pm in Spa. Age 5 upwards. Hurleys & helmets provided. Please come along and try out a few sessions. Only need to bring runners and water. Contact Secretary Eimear Flynn for more information 087-6481736

#### **2024 UNDER 15 FÉILE**

Huge congratulations to our Under 15 Feile team and their coaches, who are back to

back Division 2 champions, after overcoming Abbeykillix in Ardfert last Friday evening. They will now progress to the Regional Feile Finals in Roscommon on 22nd June.

#### REGISTRATION

Commiserations to the Kerry Minor Panel & Management on their All Ireland semi final defeat to Kildare last weekend, especially our Killarney players Hannah Ryan, Kathryn Ryan, Tiarna Dineen, Megan Gillespie, Martha O'Sullivan, Yasmin O'Brien and Orla Cronin

# KILLARNEY TRIATHLON CLUB Supporting the Kerry Stars

#### JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING INDOOR TRIATHLON EVENT!

Get ready for an action-packed afternoon at the Coral Leisure Centre (The Aura) this Saturday as Killarney Triathlon Club hosts an Indoor Triathlon in support of the Kerry Stars!

#### Date: Saturday, [27/04] Time: Starting at 1pm Location: Coral Leisure Centre (The Aura)

Supporters Welcome from 1-4pm This fantastic fundraising event promises excitement and adrenaline as our members take on the challenge of swimming, cycling, and running indoors. It's a great opportunity to witness the thrill of triathlon and support a worthy cause!

#### Come and Cheer Us On!

If you're curious about triathlon and want to experience the fun firsthand, come down and chat with our members taking part. We're more than happy to share our passion for the sport and answer any questions you may have.

#### Fitness Made Fun

At Killarney Triathlon Club, we believe that fitness should be enjoyable and inclusive for everyone. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just dipping your toes into the world of triathlon, our club offers a warm and welcoming environment to help you reach your goals.

#### **Triathlon or Adventure Racing**

No need to be a master of all trades! Our club training sessions cater to a variety of interests and abilities. From fully coached track running sessions to invigorating pool swims and dynamic brick sessions, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Our run and bike sessions will have you ready to for your upcoming events! Plus, our strength & conditioning sessions will help you build the foundation for success in all disciplines.

#### Weekly Training Schedule

TRACK RUNNING - Fully coached interval sessions Mondays from 8-9pm Killarney Valley AC Arena POOL SWIMMING - (Recommencing 07/05/24). Fully coached sessions Tuesdays @ 8pm The Aquila Club, Gleneagle Two groups available (beginner and advanced)

BRICK SESSION 20-25km cycle followed by optional 3km run Wednesdays @ 6.30pm (roll out at 6.45pm) Meet at carpark across from Liebherr

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING Coached sessions Thursday night @ 7.45pm B-Well Fitness Club, Park Rd. @bwellfitnessclubkillarney

CYCLING Club Spin Sunday morning @ 8.30am Meet at carpark across from Liebherr All abilities welcome, with groups split to cater for different speeds and distances.

Join Us Today!

Come and be a part of our vibrant community! New members are welcome to attend any of our training events over the next couple of weeks to see if they would like to join the club. Simply contact us via our social media channels on Facebook and Instagram or email killarneytriathlonclub@gmail.com to let us know to expect you.

For more information, connect with us on social media to follow our weekly training and events. Let's make fitness fun together, Killarney!

#### **KTC Notes**

Celebrating Our Members Achievements over the past couple of weeks: In the meantime, let's celebrate the achievements of our club members who have been making waves both on and off the track! Last weekend, we had members participating in various events, from triathlons in Limerick to half Ironman events in Valencia. A special congratulations to those who completed their first ever, tri a tri, sprint and half Iron distance! We also had members tackling the offroad cycling courses in Westport and achieving podium finishes in National Series Championships in Dublin. Plus, kudos to those who recently conquered the Berlin Half Marathon and Paris Full Marathon! Join us for an unforgettable day of triathlon action and community spirit. See you #KillarneyTriathlonClub there! #IndoorTriathlon #CommunitySpirit



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Qualifying degree courses for the scholarship include engineering, mechanical electrical engineering, structural mechatronics, engineering, automation, business information systems, computer science, software development, and data analytics. Successful scholarship have recipients will the opportunity to work on innovative technology projects at Liebherr, contributing to advancements in the ever-changing industry.

Charlie McCarthy, the Managing Director - Engineering at Liebherr Container Cranes, expressed his

enthusiasm for the programme, stating, "At Liebherr Container Cranes, we're excited to announce the

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in the fields of engineering and IT. With six successful years behind us, this year's programme continues

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St Brigid's Killarney student council representatives, Muireann Spillane, Caoimhe O Neill and Sarah Nell O Donoghue recently attended the CEIST Student Leadership Conference hosted by St. Patrick's DCU. The students gained insights into student-led initiatives from other schools and explored ways to empower and amplify the student voice at St. Brigid's. Many thanks to the members of the student council who represented us so well at this occasion, and to Mr Colgan for accompanying them.

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Welcome back dear student, we often hear the phrase... 'it's a hopeless situation'. Three words with the power to quench the fire in the strongest of hearts. Words can deflate and suck the life out of a person, but good words bring life and hope (Proverbs 12:18; Proverbs 15:4). "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18:21). Words released from our mouths have incredible power that can literally bring life or death. The fruit of negative, evil words - especially about others, will affect and becomes reality in the lives of those who spoke them and boomerang back on them. We need to be incredibly careful with our mouths. David prayed "set a guard 0 Lord over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips - keep me from speaking thoughtlessly" (Psalm 141:3 Amplified Bible).

Negative talk is a habit we need to be aware of - criticising ourselves, our families, and others is not from God. Watch too how others speak about you – don't let people curse you, or talk down to you – renounce and break the power of those evil words (even words spoken long ago) and refuse to receive the fruit of them in Jesus' Name (Isaiah 54:17). "Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another, and the Lord listened to what they said. In His Presence a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared Him and always thought about the Honour of His Name" (Malachi 3:16). The reality is most people don't even hear themselves speaking negatively, slandering, gossiping, using the Name of Jesus with swearwords – the flesh just spouts off, but God listens to every word, and Satan uses our thoughtless words as ammunition - giving him an access point into our lives, and our future generations - resulting in sickness, curse and failure. This is what's known as the iniquities of the fathers and mothers (Jeremiah 32:18). Satan is never just interested in defeating you alone, he wants your seed: your future generations, which is why we must be watchful in prayer, obeying God's Word, and alert to the tricks of the devil (1 Peter 5:8).

The Word of God is full of His promises - it's up to us to learn and release them as proclamations from our mouths, instead of giving the enemy power with negative talk. We can declare that our children are not born for destruction - they are blessed by God (Isaiah 65:23; Psalm 112:2). Pray that God will deliver your loved ones from evil and perverse people, for not all have faith (2 Thessalonians 3:2-3). Believe God to speak His Wisdom, giving you insight and favour far beyond your own power. Maybe things are difficult. Perhaps you are battling a disease or family difficulties but know this friend: that is not our Father's portion for you (Psalm 103). Close the doors that have been opened to the enemy through repentance in prayer. Talk to the Lord Jesus. Ask Holy Spirit for His help. Come to a Bible study - for God's Word arms us for the battle (Psalm 18:32-39; 2 Chronicles 20:15-17). Life at times may be a battle, but defeat doesn't have to be the outcome for 'the battle is the Lord's' and He is our Faithful Deliverer!

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#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1st Anniversary

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHEAL HICKEY



KNOCKRAHA, CO CORK AND LATE OF DALTONS KILLARNEY WHO DIED ON THE 25TH APRIL 2023.

As we lovingly remember Mike on his first anniversary I, Miriam, his daughter and his grandchildren Stacy and Shane and Shane's partner Ana would like to thank most sincerely all their fantastic friends, neighbours and work colleges.

Thanks to all those who sympathised with us on our very sad loss. We would like to thank all those who attended his funeral, who sent Mass card, flowers, posted condolences on RIP, called to the house, and supported and helped us in any way during this very difficult time.

Special thanks to Fr Pat Nugent for the beautiful funeral mass and for his very touching words of comfort, guidance and support you made dads final farewell so personalised thank you so much.

A huge thank you to Richard Butler for the amazing music at the funeral mass. Also Fionn and Saoirse for their beautiful song. I would like to also thank Lorraine, Mikes niece and Sean O'Donoghue, Mikes brotherin -law for everything ye did for him.

We would like to thank Dr Marie O'Callaghan and the staff at Innishannon medical centre. Thank to Fr Finbar Crowley from Innishannon for all your help.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and thanks to Mr Derek Power and all his team in the Mercy Hospital for the compassion and care ye gave my dad.

Thanks to Marymount Community care team for ensuring dad was comfortable at all times.

Thanks to Gabriel and O'Donovan Funeral home Bandon. Thanks to Jerh O 'Connor funeral home Glanmire for the kindness and professionalism ye showed dad and us as a family. Thanks to the staff and management at the Killarney Court Hotel for everything.

As we cannot thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

We miss Dad every day but we take comfort in knowing he is reunited with my mother Noreen and his sister Eileen.

Mass for Mike will be in Cork.



Kathleen who died on 10th May 2014 and Dan who died 29th March 2020. Late of Boulicullane,

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Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 27th April @ 7.30pm in St. Gertrude's Church Firies.

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Heavenly Father and for the good of souls. With confidence I ask You to grant me, through Saint Padre Pio's intercession, these special requests... (Mention here).

#### **3RD ANNIVERSARY** IN LOVING MEMORY OF

### MICHAEL O'CONNOR



#### LATE OF FAUGHCULLIA, Muckross & St Brendan's PLACE, KILLARNEY.

Sometimes in my life there are losses that can never be replaced, Losing you has been the hardest thing I've ever had to live with. I wasn't ready to say goodbye, I wasn't ready to let you leave. I would give anything for just one more day, Just one more second. But I've learned to trust in unconditional love, Because the profound thing about death is that love never dies. Some bonds cannot be broken, Because even though you're not physically here, Your heart is - it lives on within me. I carry your heart inside mine, I carry it on days when beauty unfolds in the most unexpected places. I carry it on days when I find courage to heal and to grow. I carry it with me always. Someday we will meet again, And we will no longer be separated by time or space. But until that day, I'll find comfort in knowing that you are still with me. Your heart safely tucked inside mine. Some hearts just belong together and nothing will ever change. I loved you then, I love you now, always did, alwavs will. Forever in my mind, forever in my heart, I will carry you.

> Always remembered by your loving wife, Bella.

Anniversary Mass on the 27th of April at 9.30am in the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road.

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